



Ss. Peter & Paul Church Straide

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August 30th & 31st 2014

Masses

Saturday 30 th	8.00pm	Margaret & Edward McDonnell & deceased family	Knockshanvalley
Sunday 31 st	11.00am	People of the Parish Community	
Monday 1 st	10.00am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 2 nd	7.30pm	Mass in the New Cemetery (weather permitting)	
Wednesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Paddy Deacy	Straide
Thursday 4 th	10.00am	Private Intention	
Friday 5 th	7.00pm	Willie and Nora Conlon & deceased Conlon family	Currane
Saturday 6 th	8:00pm	Eamon McNicholas	Tavna

The Sick and Housebound - will be visited on Thursday morning next (September 4th) after 10.30am.

Lough Derg Parish Pilgrimage – Thanks to everyone who took part in the one day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Tuesday last. It was a wonderful day. It is hoped to have another such pilgrimage next year.

The Harvest Collection - for the support of the clergy will be taken up at Masses this weekend - August 30th & 31st. This is one of four collections (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost & Harvest) held in the year. Envelopes for this purpose are in the Offertory Envelope Box. For those who do not use this system there are loose envelopes available at the Church exit doors.

Good Luck – to all students returning to school this week after the summer holidays. We wish them all a very successful and happy year ahead.

Mass – will be celebrated in the National School at 10.00am on Friday, September 12th to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the present school building. All are welcome to attend this Anniversary Mass.

Nominations to the Community Pastoral Council - are now being taken. The Pastoral Council meets 4 to 5 times a year and advises / assists with the running of the parish. Practically all events associated with the Church over the years have been done in association with the Pastoral Council. Please feel free to nominate yourself or any others you believe would be good to act in this capacity. Names can be written on nomination forms at the back of the Church and dropped into the sealed nomination box. Closing date for nominations is September 14th. New members are very welcome. Existing members are also very welcome to serve again. The term of office for Community Pastoral Council is 3 years.

We welcome into the Christian community – Zac Gavin Walsh who was baptised recently. We wish him and his parents the abundance of God's Blessings at this very special time.

A Public Meeting – will be held in the Davitt Museum on Wednesday 3rd of September at 8.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to establish an appropriate way to honour all those from the parish who fought and, in many instances, lost their lives in the Great War. We especially invite members of the community whose ancestors fought in this conflict and any persons who may be in possession of information, documentation or medals from the period. Indeed, it may be feasible to commemorate all those who participated in all wars and in all armies. All are welcome. For further information contact John Reid at the Michael Davitt Museum on (094) 90 31942 or (087) 9371827.

Mayo Mental Health Association will hold a Church gate Collection throughout Mayo on the weekend of Sept. 6th & 7th.

Mayo Roscommon Hospice - seeks individuals, groups, clubs etc to host a coffee morning on National Coffee morning for Hospice Thursday 18th September. Contact (094) 9388666. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend – Due to the success of last year's event, the weekend Masses on September 13th and 14th will, again, this year have a Harvest Thanksgiving theme. Harvest Thanksgiving is a very old tradition – especially within farming communities. It is appropriate that all peoples (connected to farming or otherwise) give thanks to God for the fruits of the earth and to ask His continued blessing on the land and all it yields. Parishioners are very welcome, and are encouraged, to donate produce of the earth for this Ceremony of Thanksgiving and Blessing. The following are examples of what would be suitable and might be considered for donation: vegetables, fruit, jam, barley, oats, potatoes, eggs, milk, cheese, butter, bread, honey, turf, hay, straw, wool etc., etc. In addition, home garden flowers to decorate the church would be much appreciated. All donated produce will be for sale after Mass on Sunday morning. All proceeds will go towards the Church maintenance fund. The weekend promises to be a very family oriented occasion so make sure to bring everyone along.

Parish Magazine "Moments in Time" is now available from the National School, the Parochial House and from local outlets. The magazine can also be ordered online on the parish website – www.straideparish.com.

Memories Charity Shop – has opened in Foxford. It is a Charity shop where people can donate or buy good quality items. All proceeds are in aid of the Alzheimer's Charity. You can support this worthy cause by visiting the shop, donating items for sale or by volunteering to staff the shop for a few hours each week. For more details please visit the shop.

Community Employment Vacancies with Foxford Development Association Ltd – Vacancies exist in the following areas: Home Care Workers, Carers, Carer/Driver. For further information - phone (094) 9256789 or email foxdevas@gmail.com

Church Rosters for September - Readers can pick up Readings & Prayers in the sacristy after Mass

<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	Saturday 30 th	Marian Tighe	Sunday 31 st	Jane Mulroy
	Saturday 6 th	Mary Kelly	Sunday 7 th	Geraldine Hynes
<u>Altar Society: September</u>	Nora McNicholas & Marian McHale			

Thought for the Day: Never lose sight of the fact that old age needs so little - but needs that little so much!

Newsletter: Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email pp@straideparish.com.

Additional News Items - are included in the online Newsletter on www.straideparish.com

Weekly Mass for the People of the Parish – Every parish priest is obliged by Church Law to offer one Mass each week for the people entrusted to his care. Traditionally, in most parishes, this Mass has been celebrated on Sundays and, thus, no other intention was prayed for during this *Mass for the People of the Parish*. However, due to a reduction in the number of Sunday Masses and in order to accommodate other Mass intentions at weekends, many parishes now say this *Mass for the People* on a weekday rather than on a Sunday. This helps to accommodate people who like to have their dead remembered at weekend Masses when family can be present. Straide Pastoral Council recently recommended that Straide parish should also follow this approach. Thus, the 11.00am Sunday morning Mass will now, like the Saturday evening Mass, be available for Mass intentions. The obligatory *Mass for the People of the Parish* will be said on a week day. Should there not be a Mass intention for the Sunday morning Mass, that Mass will be said for the *People of the Parish* - as is now the case.

Lough Derg - continues to offer a sacred space during September – an oasis of calm from the pressures & challenges of life. One Day Retreats are available on September 2, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20 & 21 (Fasting or walking bare-footed is not required). Booking Essential. For further information contact Maureen or Sharon Tel: (071) 9861518 or email:info@loughderg.org

Accord Charlestown - has places available on its Marriage Preparation courses on 26th and 27th September, 7th and 8th November and 5th and 6th December in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris. To book please contact (094) 9254944 or book online at www.accord.ie.

Western Care Association –Tour of Mayo Charity Cycle - The Tour of Mayo Charity Cycle will take place on Saturday next, September 6th. Start/Finish @ Hotel Ballina, Foxford Road, Ballina. Choice of two routes - 50 or 90Km Entry is via sponsorship card or entry fee of €30. Online registration on www.iregister.ie/tourofmayo. Full support, refreshments & finishers medal provided. For further information call Sarah on 094 9029144 or email fundraiser@westerncare.com All proceeds to Western Care Association Local Services - Your support will be greatly appreciated!

North Connaught College Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo is offering courses certified by QQI, ITEC, CIBTAC & CIDESCO. Advanced Administration, Beauty Therapy, Business Legal/Medical/Retail, Early Childhood Care & Education Level 5 & 6, Community Development, Healthcare Support, Nursing Studies, Security Studies, & Tourism Studies. All course start in September now enrolling – call in for more details. Enrolment Evening on 3rd September 2014 from 4-7pm.

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Castlebar Counselling and Therapy Centre – commencing in October 2014 offers a part time evening course for a Certificate in Psychotherapy / Counselling and Personal Development. Limited number of places. Application forms and brochure available from: The Administrator, Castlebar Counselling and Therapy Centre – tel. (094) 9028746 or email castlebarpsychotherapy@eircom.net. Visit their website – www.dctc.ie.

Calor Sustainable Community Champion 2014 – Calling Communities to make their voices heard

Calor understands the work carried out each and every day by volunteers in parishes across the diocese of Achonry. Following on from the huge success of the previous two years, this year's Calor community champion comes with an emphasis on sustainability. We want communities from across the country to make their voices heard, and help us search for local champions who go above and beyond the call in our parishes, who get things done, and work tirelessly each day to improve the lives of the people around them, and to recognise this work with a prize fund €10,000.

The winner will receive €1,500 and a bursary of €7,500 to give to their nominated charity or local organisation. The two runners-up will each receive €500. Calor will also provide €500 for the person or organisation that nominated them. Nominations to crown this year's champion volunteer will close at the end of September.

For information and to nominate your local champion, please visit and 'like' at www.facebook.com/caloireland or call 1850 812 450 for an application form to be sent by post.

Training Options Programme - Opportunities for people in receipt of disability / illness welfare payments aged 16 to 65 years of age. Improve your personal development, computer skills, try mindfulness or painting - a range of topics to choose from. This course could lead to opportunities to allow you to earn up to €120 per week without your payment being affected. For further details contact Mary or Dawn on 085-1376500 or 087-9118624.

Macra na Feirme - celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year. To mark this, Mayo Macra are holding a Dinner Dance and Reunion for past and present members on Saturday September 13th in Hotel Ballina. Music by The Trevor Moyles Band & Disco. Tickets are €25 if bought by August 16th and are on sale now. To prepare for this, they are looking for any old pictures of Macra dances or field days, newspaper clippings or any promotional material. Please email mayomacra@hotmail.com or contact Sharon on 086-1600395 or the Mayo Macra Facebook page.

Explore God's call for you... 14th September 2014, 2-6pm, St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 & 12th October 2014, 2-6pm, Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL ExploreAway is a programme which provides the opportunity for young, single, men and women between the ages of 21-40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14th September 2014 from 2-6pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12th October 2014 from 2-6pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. It promises to be an informative and relaxed afternoon with some good pizza and chat to follow! Booking is essential; please contact Sr. Gabrielle Farrell on 087-3584447 or Fr. Alan on 085-7664480. www.exploreAway.net, www.vocationsireland.com

Accord Counselling - Challenging times can be rough on relationships. When it comes to protecting your most precious investment (your marriage), talk to ACCORD. Our services, based on your needs, not your ability to pay, can help you get

the most from your marriage. Morning and evening appointments are available. Office hours are from 10 am to 1pm Monday to Friday, contact (094) 92 54944 or Lo-call 1850 201 878 or email accordcharlestown@gmail.com.

Ballyvary Hurling News - U 8 & U10's Hurling training resumes on Monday evening 7pm to 8pm. Camogie training resumes on Tuesday evening 7pm to 8pm for all age groups. Canon Abu continues as normal Wednesday evenings 7pm to 8pm. New players always welcome. A big thank you to those who contributed to our recent Church Gate and Flag day collections. The club would like to wish our leaving certificate students the very best in their future careers.

School Transport – Private Bus available for school run to Straide National School from next September. Contact Martin McHale on (087) 6262372 or (086) 4539540.

Martin McHale Bus Hire - are now taking bookings for the 2014 – 2015 school year to St. Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford from Straide, Toomore and all surrounding areas. To book a seat, contact Martin McHale on (087) 6262372.

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE

Father, You walk always with your people.

In Jesus Christ, you call us to a living relationship with you through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism and Confirmation. I ask you to send your Spirit afresh on me and on each member of the Church in our diocese of Achonry. Draw me into a deeper relationship with you so that I may have a sure sense of your love for me and all the wonderful ways you work in my life. Make me more aware of my vocation to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, dedicated to his mission of making you known among those with whom I live and work. As disciples of Jesus, we ask you, Father, to help us renew our parishes so that all will experience the joy of belonging to your family of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Nathy, pray for us. St. Attracta, pray for us.

Knock Marriage Introductions - has been operating since 1968 as a means of helping people find suitable marriage partners. Last year it had eleven marriages bringing to a total of 911 since its foundation. For further information contact Fr. Joe Cooney (Director) 094 9375960 Tues. and Thurs. 9-5pm or visit our website knockmarriageintroductions.com

Depression/Anxiety self help group - contact Grow @ Ballina Community Centre, Teeling St. Tel: (094) 9026417. All welcome.

Food Addicts Anonymous - 12 step program. Meetings in Hope House @ 8 pm. every Monday. Tel: (086) 3201247 All welcome.

Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy - is available upon request or can be viewed on the diocesan website at: <http://achonrydiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/policyandprocedures.pdf>

Knock Counselling Service – available at (094) 93 75032 or log on to www.knockshrine.ie/counselling.

Troubled by somebody's drinking? -There is help! Alanon /Alateen meetings in Hope House every Sunday at 3pm.

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses – Accord Charlestown courses are held in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on Friday from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Please contact Accord Charlestown on 094 9254944 (office hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm) or book online at www.accord.ie.

Cluster Newsletter – is available at the exits doors and is free of charge. Please take a copy on the way home.