

St. Peter & St. Paul's Church Straide

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Masses

February 22nd & 23rd 2014

Saturday 22 nd	7:30pm	Michael Smyth	Blanemore
Sunday 23 rd	11:00am	People of the Parish Community	
Monday 24 th	10:00am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 25 th	7:00pm	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
Wednesday 26 th	7:00pm	Private Intention	
Thursday 27 th	10:00am	Private Intention	
Friday 28 th	10:00am	Private Intention	
Saturday 1 st	12:00pm	Brigid Cogger (Month's Mind)	Knockshanbally
Saturday 1 st	7:30pm	Jim & Mary Jennings	Blackfort

Your prayers are requested – for Micheál Killeen who was buried during the week. May he Rest In Peace. Amen.

Do This In Memory – Thanks to all who organized and participated in last Saturday evening's *Do This In Memory* Mass for the children preparing to make their First Holy Communion next May.

A Pastoral Council Meeting - will be held on Wednesday, 26th at 7:30pm. All members are asked to attend.

Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection – is taking place this weekend in the diocese as a Second Collection.

Congratulations and Best Wishes - to Agnes McNicholas, Tavna, who celebrated her 90th Birthday recently. We wish her continued health and happiness.

2014: Year of Prayer for the Diocese - This week we pray for the neighbouring Cluster Parish of Bonniconlon.

Mayo Cancer Support Association - would like to thank all those who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection.

The collection was very successful raising €238.91 in Straide. It is only with your help and generosity that we can continue to offer support to people living with cancer, their families and friends.

A meeting of the Cancer Survivors Support Group - will take place at Rock Rose House, St Patrick's Ave, Castlebar on Thursday 27th February at 7pm. All welcome. Contact (094) 9038407.

Temperance Sunday – will be celebrated worldwide on Sunday, March 2nd next. The value and witness of temperance in all aspects of life is very important in today's world. As part of our Temperance Thanksgiving Sunday, this year we hope to acknowledge parishioners who have exercised temperance in relation to alcohol and who have served as Pioneers / non drinkers (either formally or informally) for any length of time. Please give names / details to Fr. Martin by Sunday 23rd. Pins / Medals will be presented at Mass on Sunday March 2nd to those who wish to be part of this celebration. Special acknowledgement will be given to those who have achieved Silver or Gold Pin status. All others will also be acknowledged.

"A People's Church" - by Fr. Liam Swords will be officially launched in St. Nathy's College on February 28th at 7:30pm.

Straide Community Alert Text Group – are holding a meeting in the Community Centre on Monday, February 24th at 8.00pm. The meeting will be attended by garda Pat Coleman. A Progress report will be given on how the Text Alert Group are progressing in the setting up of the system. It is desirable that a member of each household attend this meeting.

A General meeting to form a Straide Community Hall Committee - will take place in the Community Centre on Monday, March 3rd at 8:00pm. The meeting is open to all. It is important that all groups & organisations in the parish are represented. For further information - contact Jimmy Maloney on (087) 7980886 or Brendan Maloney on (086) 2427040.

Mayo Stroke Support Group - The Mayo Stroke Support Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday 27th February in The Tennis Club, Castlebar between 11.30am - 1pm. This support group is for adults living with the experience of stroke and their families/carers and friends. Free Admission. For further information contact Niamh Murtagh on (094) 9049342.

TAI CHI - Free Introductory Class in Foxford Sports & Leisure Centre, Monday 24th February at 2.30pm. All are Welcome. For further information please call Marian on (094) 9031541.

Ballyvary Hurling & Camoige Club - Registration Evening takes place on Sunday March 2nd from 5-6pm in Ballyvary Central NS. The Club is also looking for any unwanted Hurleys and Helmets. Contact Tomas on (087) 9227554 .

Church Rotas for March are listed below. Readers can pick up readings & Prayers of the Faithful in the sacristy after Mass

Rosters for March 2014

<u>Ministers of the Word:</u>	March:	Saturday Evening:	Sarah Canning & Anthony Ruane
		Sunday Morning:	Carmel Murphy & Esther Bourke
<u>Prayers of the Faithful:</u>	March:	Saturday Evening:	Lisa Reid
		Sunday Morning:	Louise Johnson
<u>Offertory Collectors:</u>	March:	Saturday Evening:	Michael McNicholas & John Walsh
		Sunday Morning:	Michael Jordan & Denis Canning
<u>Altar Society:</u>	March:	Nora McNicholas & Marian McHale	

<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	Saturday 22 nd	Marian Tighe	Sunday 23 rd	Jane Mulroy
	Saturday 1 st	Mary Kelly	Sunday 2 nd	Geraldine Hynes

Altar Society: February: Noreen Doherty, Bridie Mulroy & Jane Mulroy

Thought for the day: To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

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 version on www.straideparish.com

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

Straide N.S. Celebrates Fifty Years / Centenary of Laying of Church Foundation Stone

As well as Straide National School this year celebrating 50 years of the present building, Straide Church also celebrates 100 years of the laying of its foundation stone. Both events will be celebrated over the summer months. Photographs relating to the school / church (from any era) are being sought. If you are in possession of any please contact the school or Fr. Martin. Next planning meeting for the school celebrations will be held in the school on Thursday, March 6th at 7:30pm. To co-incide with the school's 50th celebrations, a fund-raising campaign to raise funds to build a much needed General Purpose Room at the school will also take place. Details will follow shortly.

Provisional Programme of Events:

Sunday, June 29th – Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul – Anniversary Mass of Laying of Church Foundation Stone (11:00am)
Saturday, August 2nd – Open Day in the National School (2:00pm – 5:00pm)
Sunday, August 3rd – Cemetery Sunday – Mass for deceased of Parish including deceased past pupils, staff and benefactors of both National School and Church (11:00am)
Sunday, August 3rd – Parish Community Social in Hotel Ballina (7:00pm): commemorating 50th anniversary of the opening of the present National School building and 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Straide Church.
Friday, Sept. 12th – Anniversary Mass and Celebration to mark the opening of present school building.

2014: Year of Prayer for the Diocese

This week we pray for the parish of Bonniconlon. The village of Bonniconlon is situated close to the Windy Gap in the Ox Mountains and near to the Sligo border.

Bonniconlon is one of many town lands which make up the parish of Kilgarvin. The name 'Bonniconlon' means 'the thicket or woodland of Conlon. The name Kilgarvin means the church of Garbhan. In the seventh century, St Feichin built a church in Kilgarvin and it was named after the local saint, saint Garbhan.

The parish of Kilgarvin contains ample evidence of pre-Christian habitation. In recent years, the Mayo Historical and Archaeological Society discovered an Ogham stone in Kilgarvin cemetery. Traces and evidence of pre-Christian settlements have also been discovered in the townland of Glenree.

The famous Rosary Priest, Fr Peyton, may well become most recent saint associated with the parish of Kilgarvin. For some time he attended Bonniconlon N.S. and served Mass in Bonniconlon Church. His cause for canonisation continues.

Each year, Bonniconlon makes a nationwide appearance as it hosts the largest Agricultural Show west of the Shannon.

The Bonniconlon Show is synonymous with the August weekend holiday, as it is also with an enjoyable day out for the family.

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

Mayo Roscommon Hospice - invites you to take part in a walking adventure in the *Camino De Santiago* or 'Way of St. James' in Spain from 26th April – 3rd May 2014. All expenses covered by fundraising. For details contact (094) 9388666; email: info@hospice.ie or visit www.hospice.ie

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>

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.

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.