



Ss. Peter & Paul Church Straide

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Masses / Events

Second Sunday of Lent February 22th and March 1st 2015

Saturday 28 th	7.30pm	Patrick Needham	Yorkshire / Islandeady
Sunday 1 st	11.00am	People of the Parish Community	
Monday 2 nd	10.00am	Private Intention	
	8.00pm	Passion Play Rehearsal	
Tuesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
Wednesday 4 th	10.00am	Private Intention	
	7.00pm	First Confession for First Communion Class	
Thursday 5 th	10.00am	Private Intention	
Friday 6 th	7.00pm	Private Intention	
Saturday 7 th	7.30pm	Bridget Hall (First Anniversary)	Castlebar / Blanemore
Sunday 8 th	11.00am	<i>Do This In Memory Mass</i>	

Do This In Memory – The next *Do This in Memory* Mass for the children in the parish preparing to make their First Holy Communion next May is on Sunday, March 8th. On Wednesday, March 4th, the children make their First Confession.

The Stations of the Cross – are prayed before Wednesday evening Masses throughout Lent. All are welcome to join.

The Sick and the housebound – will be visited on Thursday, March 6th next after 10.30am. Please advise of anyone who is in hospital and who would appreciate a visit.

Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus,

You came among us to show us how to live life to the full
and to prepare for that work you went into the desert for forty days.

During this season of Lent

Help us to set aside time to reflect on what it means for us to live life to the full.

Help us to see ourselves as we are and not to be afraid to make changes.

Help us to be generous and open to your Spirit who prompts us to do the right thing.

Help us to look at the big picture and to know that each of us has a part to play in making the world a better place.

Lead us along the path to Easter and a true understanding of the depth of your love. Amen

Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place throughout Lent after Friday evening Masses. This time of prayer and quiet concludes with Benediction at 8.00pm.

Passion Play Rehearsals – commence on Monday, March 2nd at 8.00pm. This will be the 10th successive year for the parish to perform the Passion on Good Friday. Everyone involved over the years are very welcome to join again this year – as are new members. This 10th anniversary promises to be a very special performance.

Trocaire Boxes – are available at the exit doors. Please take one on the way home.

Lenten Pledge – Those who wish to take the Pledge for Lent can find further details on the Church notice board.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Diocesan Annual Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage which took place last weekend. The amount raised, to date, is €256.77. Envelopes for this purpose are in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose Envelopes are also available at the exit doors for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system. All funds raised are used exclusively to assist sick & incapacitated from the diocese to go on the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Afternoon of Prayer & Reflection – (suitable for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist) will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sunday, March 1st. It is primarily for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers from the five Cluster Parishes. The afternoon will be directed by Fr. Steve Gibson of the Fr. Peyton Centre. Runs from 2.30pm to 5.00pm.

Charity Tax Rebate for 2014 – Thanks to all who supported us in our *Tax Rebate on Charitable Donations Scheme* for 2013. Many thanks to all who co-operated and to all who helped administer the scheme. The CHY3 forms, which were signed by participants last year, are valid for a five year period and (unless advised otherwise) will be used again in relation to their charitable donations made to the Church during 2014. Additional forms are available at the exit doors for those who were not part of the scheme for the 2013 tax year and who did not fill up a form last year.

Moy Valley Over 55 Club will have an evening of Irish Music and Dance in the Kennedy Glasgow Centre on Thursday 12th of March starting a 7pm til-10.30pm. Music is by members of the Bofield Ceilí Band, light refreshments on the night and there will be great prizes to be won. All are welcome, a great night of entertainment is guaranteed.

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

Altar Society: March: Nora McNicholas & Marian McHale

<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	Saturday 28 th	Marian Tighe	Sunday 1 st	Jane Mulroy
	Saturday 7 th	Mary Kelly	Sunday 8 th	Geraldine Hynes

Thought for the Day: All our fret and worry is caused by planning without God.

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

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.

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.

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

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 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.