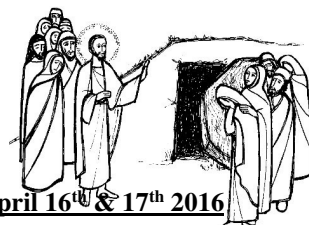




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April 16th & 17th 2016

Masses

Saturday 16th	8:00 pm	People of the Parish Community	
Sunday 17th	11:00 am	Anthony & Bea Kennedy	Knockafall
Monday 18th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 19th	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
Wednesday 20th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Thursday 21st	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday 22nd	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday 23rd	8:00 pm	People of the Parish Community	
Sunday 24th	11:00am	Patrick & Mary Ruane, daughter Mary Browne & grandson Damian Murray	

Do This in Memory Mass – Thanks to all who were part of last Sunday's Mass for the children preparing for First Holy Communion on May 8th. We wish the children the best of luck in ongoing their preparation.

Vocations Sunday – is this weekend. A collection for the education of priests for the diocese is being taken up at the weekend Masses. An envelope for this purpose is included in the Offertory Envelope Box.

Pope Francis - has asked for a special collection to be taken up in all parishes throughout the world on Sunday 24th April next to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of the Ukraine. Because of the dire situation in parts of that country, children & the elderly are being particularly affected. The Pope has asked that Catholics participate in this collection with particular generosity

Thanks again – to all who participated in the Holy Week & Easter ceremonies. Pics and video are on www.straideparish.com – including the wonderful Passion Play performed on Good Friday.

Parish One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg –takes place on Tuesday, August 23rd. This follows a most enjoyable trip last year. Limited number of places, so book early. Cost for bus, admission and light lunch is €50. Deposit of €20 secures your seat.

Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead a Christian solidarity pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 9-17, 2016, on a direct flight from Dublin. It will be an opportunity to visit holy sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem. €1,495 (approximately £1,168) per person sharing. Details & itinerary on www.maptravel.ie or call (01) 878 3111.

The Icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help - will arrive in the Cathedral in Ballaghaderreen on Friday 22nd April for a Mass of Welcome at 7.30pm celebrated by the Bishop. This will be followed by a Healing Service at 9pm and will conclude with Prayer around the Icon at 10.30pm. On Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated at 10am in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join in these events in the cathedral.

Killala- Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - led by Bishop John Fleming, Bishop of Killala and Bishop Brendan Kelly, Bishop of Achonry. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Tom Doherty, Killala Diocese and Fr. John Maloney Achonry Diocese. From the 23rd-28th August 2016, departs from Ireland West Airport Knock. 5 nights in full board accommodation in the Hotel Agena. Price €710 - (single rooms available, supplement applies). To book a place on this pilgrimage, please contact the following: Pilgrim Section: Michael Walkin, JWT representative on (086) 6080763. Assisted/Invalid Pilgrim Section: Eileen O'Brien on (087) 4431325.

Anam Cara - is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 21st of April from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Harlequin Hotel, Castlebar. The guest speaker for the evening is Peter Mc Cartan. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday, 20th April or call us 01 4045378.

Thanks – to all who contributed so generously to the church gate collection in aid of MS Ireland which was held on March 5th & 6th. The amount raised was €288.25.

Mayo Stroke Support Group meeting is on Thurs. 28th April 2016 @ 11.30am-1pm in the Tennis Club, Castlebar. Topic: "Entitlements & Driving post Stroke." For further information, please contact: Barbara 096-80451 or Niamh 094 9049342.

Joe King is cycling in the Pink Ribbon cycle on Saturday 30th April. Anyone who wishes to contribute contact (087) 9137572 or donate to Sponsorship Card in the Copper Beech.

1916 Historical Talk - As part of "Swinford Celebrates 1916" NUIG Special Collections Librarian and Callow native Marie Bohan will deliver a talk entitled "1916: The View From The West - Evidence from the Military Archives" on Monday April 18th in the Gateway Hotel at 8pm. This will be a great start to Swinford's 1916 Commemoration.

Memory & Music - Swinford Comholtas will host an evening of "Memory and Music" in The Cultural Centre on Saturday April 23rd at 8pm as part of the "Swinford Celebrates 1916" weekend. This community event, which is open to all, promises to be a most enjoyable evening. The historical pageant will include music, narration, song and dance. To lead into the evening's entertainment Midfield Pipe Band will march through the town, starting at the church grounds after 6.30pm Mass.

Commemorative Parade - Plans and preparations continue for a Commemorative Parade on Sunday April 24th as part of "Swinford Celebrates 1916" weekend. The parade will be held after 12 o'clock Mass, led by Midfield Pipe Band through the town, concluding with a tree planting ceremony by Swinford and District Gardening Club. After the Parade, Swinford Court House will be open to the public. Swinford Handball Club will stage a handball exhibition in the alley at Sancta Maria at 2.45pm.

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 16th (8.00pm)	Mary Kelly	Sunday 17th (11.00am)	Geraldine Hynes
	Saturday 23rd (8.00pm)	John Walsh	Sunday 24th (11.00am)	Karen Hynes

Altar Society: April: Marian Tighe & Kathleen King

Thought for the Day: Some days you just have to create your own sunshine.

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

Seeking Old Photographs – With the Church Centenary approaching in the autumn of 2016, photographs relating to the Church, the Abbey or the old Penal Church (the present Davitt Museum) are now being sought. If you have photographs which relate in any way to any of these buildings (weddings, Christenings, Communions, Confirmations) please advise Fr. Martin. Photographs will be scanned / copied and returned immediately. Thanks to all who have provided many wonderful photographs already.

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.

Knock Shrine Faith Renewal Events - continue at the shrine. For more information, visit www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal.

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

Bereavement Support Group - Each Wednesday morning at 11am a Bereavement Support Group meet at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine for an hour. It's a place and time to remember and find support when dealing with the loss of a family member. All are welcome to drop in any week and further information is available from Monica Morley at the Centre on 094-9375320.

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.