

STRAIDE CELEBRATES 2016

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
at the Grave of Michael Davitt

MASS IN THE OLD CHURCH (Museum)
First time in 100 years

**COMMEMORATION OF
STRAIDE'S WAR DEAD**
Unveiling of a Memorial Monument

CENTENARY MASS
Church of Ss. Peter & Paul

**LECTURE ON STRAIDE NATIVE
GEORGE MOORE**

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING
BARN DANCE & SOCIAL (in Straide)**
and

BARDIC POET COMPETITION
STRAIDE ABBEY COMMEMORATION
COMMEMORATIVE TREE PLANTING
FASHION SHOW

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**STRAIDE
ABBAY**
765 YEARS OLD

MOORE HALL
220 YEARS OLD

**STRAIDE
CHURCH**
100 YEARS OLD

**MICHAEL
DAVITT**
110th ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS DEATH

**STRAIDE
WAR DEAD**
1914 – 2016

**BARD OF
STRAIDE**
(MATCH STICK MAN OF
STRAIDE)
425th ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS DEATH

**OLD PENAL
CHURCH**
100 YEARS SINCE LAST
USED AS A CHURCH

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Straide has many anniversaries and events to celebrate in 2016. They include the following:

765 years since the founding of Straide Abbey

- A special **Dawn Mass** will take place at **6.00am on Easter Sunday morning** (March 27th) in the grounds of the Abbey to commemorate this event.

110 years since the death of Michael Davitt

- To commemorate this event, a Mass will be said in the Old Penal Church at **3.00pm on August 7th**. This is the building in which Michael Davitt was baptised in 1846 and now home to the Davitt Museum. This will be the first time Mass will be celebrated in this building in 100 years. Afterwards, a wreath will be laid on Michael Davitt's grave. He died on May 30th 1906

100 years since Ss. Peter & Paul's Church was opened on August 27th 1916

- To celebrate this event, Bishop Brendan Kelly will celebrate a **Centenary Mass at 11.00 am on Sunday June 26th** and will also plant two commemorative trees (dedicated to Saints Peter & Paul) in the Church grounds.
- The **Benefactors of Straide Church** (living and deceased) will be remembered in the **Cemetery Mass at 11.00 am on Sunday, July 31st**.

220 years since Moore Hall was built on the shores of Lough Carra by Straide native George Moore.

- Moore Hall was the family home of the legendary Moore family who hailed from Straide. The remains of many family members rest in the family burial vault at Ashbrook House. To commemorate the building of Moore Hall, a talk on George Moore will be given by Fiona White (lecturer in Heritage Studies at GMIT) in the Davitt Museum.

Straide's War Dead 1914 - 2016

- A monument will be erected and unveiled to commemorate and remember those from the parish (or connected to the parish) who, since 1914, have fought in various wars throughout the world. The monument will be located on the hill at the entrance to the old cemetery (to the left hand side) overlooking Straide Abbey. For further information, and for inclusion of verified names on the monument, contact John Reid in the Davitt Museum – (087) 9371827.

425 years since the death of the Bard of Straide (Match Stick Man of Straide)

- To mark this anniversary, and in order to keep the name of *Tadhg O'hUiginn* alive in our community, a *Bardic Poet Prize* will be awarded for school project work in a competition confined to the pupils of Straide National School. Book tokens will be awarded to the winners.

Harvest Thanksgiving Barn Dance & Social

- To commemorate and celebrate all of the events listed above, this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration will be expanded to include a **Harvest Thanksgiving Barn Dance & Social at 9.00pm on Saturday, September 10th**. The event will take place in a large marquee in the grounds of the Church and will include live music, a four course meal and a bar. All proceeds will go jointly to Straide Church and to Straide National School.

Fashion Show in the Davitt Community Hall

- The last Fashion Show to take place in Straide was held in 2008. Eight years on, another Fashion Show will take place in the autumn (late October / early November). All proceeds raised will go jointly to Straide National School and towards the refurbishment of the Davitt Community Hall.