



# Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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## Masses

January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	P.J. Ruane / Mary, John, Paddy & Michael Joe Murphy / Mary & Bob McCallum	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity Week in Church of Ireland, Foxford	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Kate & Pat Lavelle and daughter Bridget & husband Francis	Coolkeeveaune
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Michael Joe Smyth (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)	Blanemore
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<i>Do This In Memory Mass</i>	

**We remember in our prayers** – the soul of Tom Burke, Killasser (brother-in-law of Andy Neary, Knockshanbally), for Bridget Foyle, Birmingham (sister of Josie Neary, Knockshanbally), for Richard O’Neil, Castlecomer Kilkenny (brother of Sinead Murphy) Ummoon and for Catriona Butcher, Watford (married to a cousin of Anne Maloney, Tavnabeg) – all of whom died recently. May their souls Rest in Peace.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Week of Christian Unity** – takes place in the Church of Ireland, Foxford on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. The guest preacher will be Bishop Patrick Rooke, Church of Ireland Bishop of Tuam, Killable and Achonry. The theme of this year’s week of prayer is “*Crossing Barriers – Reconciliation – the Love of Christ compels us* – (2 Cor. 5:14-20.)”

**New Parish Magazine** – *Historic Straide Celebrates 2016: A Souvenir Publication* is now on sale from local outlets. The magazine documents the many historical local anniversaries that took place this year in Straide and how they were celebrated. It has 112 pages in full colour with over 400 photographs (many rare and previously unpublished).

**Church Christmas decorations** – A huge *Thank You* to the many who turned up in the Church on Monday evening last January to take down and put away the Church decorations. With so many volunteers, the work was completed in a little over an hour. Thanks, also, to those who took down and stored the two cribs. Again, many thanks. Much appreciated.

**Seeking volunteers** – to make St. Brigid’s Crosses for St. Brigid’s Day (Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>) and following weekend. To be available in the Church. Optional donation. All funds to go to Mayo Roscommon Hospice. Crosses will be made in the Church on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00 pm if you would like to come along and help or learn how to make them. Bring rushes.

**Pastoral Council Suggestion** – a recent meeting has suggested that the past tradition of holding a May Procession be revisited. (Some stunning photos of May processions in Straide in the past are included in the recent parish magazine). A volunteer to design / make a statue carrying platform is required. If interested, contact Fr. Martin.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – The diocese is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in the Pastoral Centre Charlestown on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11 am (finishing at 12.30 pm). Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details or contact Fr. Martin.

**Health & Safety Concerns** – The tarmac area in front of the Church main entrance is intended for pedestrian use only. Car drivers are asked not to use this space to exit the grounds – especially after weekend Masses, funeral etc., The safety of parishioners exiting the Church is paramount.

**Quiz Night in Aid of Foxford Walking Festival** (3-4th June 2017) - to be held on Thursday 19th January at 9pm in Guiry's Pub Foxford. Quiz Master James Larkin. Table of 4 €20, winners prize, raffle for spot prizes.

**Foxford Social Services** (meals on wheels) annual Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group** - will meet in The Mayfly Hotel on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.15pm.

**Straide & Foxford Utd AGM** - will take place this Sunday January 15th at 6pm in Foxford Sports and Leisure Centre. All Senior and Masters players and parents of underage players should attend. 2017 should be a great year ahead for all involved with the club at all levels. All who are interested and can contribute in any way are welcome at the AGM.

**GMIT Mayo, Castlebar, Open Day** - Tues. 17th January, 7pm - 9pm for information on all courses including new BA in History and Geography (Hons - Level 8), CAO Code GA887.

**Anam Cara** (the national organisation that supports bereaved parents) - is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 19th of January from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Family Centre, Chapel Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. The guest speaker for the evening is Brid Carroll. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 18th January or call the Information Line on (085) 2888 888.

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

**Family Carers Ireland** - are proving the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One Day workshops also available on Mental Health & Falls Management also available. Contact (057) 9322920.

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

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	John Walsh	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Karen Hynes
	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	Barbara Horcan	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Maggie McNulty

**Altar Society:** **January:** Mary Roche, Kathleen Bourke & Mary Lennon

**Thought for the Day:** If the devil ever reminds you of your past, make sure to remind him of his future!

**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

**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

**Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples:** Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 10th – 12th February 2017. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie).

**Creative Writing Classes** beginning at Yeats Memorial Building, Sligo. Morning course starts Tuesday 17th January for 8 weeks: 10.30am -12.30pm. Evening course starts Thursday 19th January for 8 weeks: 6.30pm – 8.30 pm. Courses are run in a friendly and encouraging environment and are suitable for all levels of writing including beginners. Instructed by Gerard Beirne, an award-winning writer, with over 25 years of creative writing teaching experience. Ph: 083-8561559 for more information.

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**RHS Home Care** requires carers in the Castlebar, Newport, Westport, Ballina, Cloontia, Ballina, Claremorris, Swinford, Kiltimagh and Gurteen areas. A FETAC Level 5 Healthcare qualification, transport and flexible working hours are essential. To apply email [jobs@rhshomecare.ie](mailto:jobs@rhshomecare.ie) or call 090 66 25988.

**Enable Ireland Mayo Services** – require volunteers to work with children with difficulties in a variety of settings: sports and social activities and in-home support. If you would like to become involved, please contact Helen. Full training is provided. Tel. (094) 9060234 or (087) 2163971 or email [hdoherty@enableireland.ie](mailto:hdoherty@enableireland.ie) for more details.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - **September 13th for 7 nights, flying from Knock to Mostar. Limited places available. Phone Isabel on (086) 2151338 for full details.**

**Come along** - and enjoy an evening of traditional Irish music, song, dance and storytelling in the company of Bofield Céili Band, in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, Thursdays at 9pm. Adults €10, no charge for children. Refreshments provided.

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**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) 9 54944 or Lo-call 1850 201 878 or email [accordcharlestown@gmail.com](mailto:accordcharlestown@gmail.com).

**Knock Marriage Introductions** - has been operating since 1968 as a means of helping people find suitable marriage partners. Last it had eleven marriages bringing to a total of 911 since its foundation. For further information, contact Fr. Joe Cooney (Director) 09 9375960 Tues. and Thurs. 9-5pm or visit our website [knockmarriageintroductions.com](http://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.

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**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](http://www.accord.ie).

**Knock Shrine Faith Renewal Events** - continue at the shrine. For more information, visit [www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal](http://www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal).

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