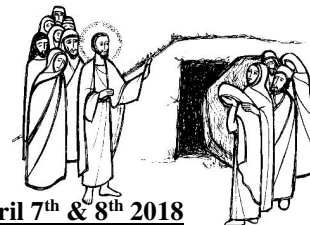




Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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April 7th & 8th 2018

Masses

Saturday 7th	8:00 pm	Bridget & Francis O'Grady	Coolkeevane
Sunday 8th	11:00 am	Helen Johnson (20 th Anniversary) & James & Madge Mulroy	Gurteen
Monday 9th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 10th	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
Wednesday 11th	7:00 pm	Martin King	Knockshanbally
Thursday 12th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday 13th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday 14th	8:00 pm	Tom Lavin & John McKeown	Aghalusky
Sunday 15th	11:00 am	Edward, Mary, Paddy & Mick O'Donnell	Springhill

Do This In Memory Mass – takes place on Sunday, April 15th at 11.00 am. It is part of the Preparation Programme for the children within the parish who will make their First Communion next May. We wish them God's Blessings.

Blessing of cars - takes place after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend.

Easter Collection – Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this collection last weekend. Your generosity and support is, as always, very much appreciated – especially at a time when so many other demands are being made of you. Many thanks.

Trocaire Boxes – Please remember to return Trocaire Boxes as soon as possible. €589.50 has been returned so far. Last year this collection raised €807.00.

First Anniversary Mass – for Fr. Dermot Burns will be at 11.00 am on Sunday April 22nd. R.I.P.

Ss. Peter & Paul N.S. – are now taking enrolments for September 2018. Enrolment forms are available from the school. Tel. (094) 9031267, (087) 1508840 or email straidens@gmail.com. Please return completed enrolment forms by Friday, April 20th.

Meeting of Ticket Sellers – will take place in the Church on Tuesday, April 17th at 8.00 pm. Please have info. on ticket sales etc.

Tax Rebate Application - on 2017 donations to the Church is now being calculated and processed. Due to the additional income last year from the yellow *Church Conservation* envelopes, more parishioners have now become eligible. During the coming week I may need to correspond with some homes for whom I don't have up to date tax details. Please bear with me while I do this work.

To mark Organ Donor Awareness week 2018 - Mass will take place at Knock Shrine on Sunday 8th April at 12 noon. Darren Cawley will share his experience of receiving a transplant. All donors, recipients, as well as family members who donated the organs of deceased family members, are all welcome.

World Meeting of Families 2018 – To attend the Festival of Families in Dublin during the 21 – 26 August you must register on-line for tickets to the events and to the closing Mass with Pope Francis. Please visit www.worldmeetingoffamilies2018.ie to register as early as possible as booking is essential. Only those who will have tickets will be admitted to the various events.

Sincere thanks - to all to attended and participated in the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies or who, either directly or indirectly, helped out in any way. It is a great credit to the parish that the ceremonies were so well attended, with so many parishioners giving of their time and getting involved and doing so much for the Church. Your devout participation made the ceremonies very dignified, very uplifting and very moving. Thanks to the Readers, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Offertory Collectors, those who prayed the Prayers of the Faithful as well as those who brought up the Offertory Gifts. The 12 men who volunteered for the washing of the feet, the altar servers who were so faithful in turning up and attending to their duties with such care and attention, the choirs who made the ceremonies so very dignified and uplifting, those who provided commentaries throughout the various ceremonies, those who helped to create an appropriate atmosphere within the Church for the various ceremonies by way of providing visual displays in the sanctuary, those who made, erected and decorated the outdoor and indoor crosses, the Altar Society members who always have the church looking very beautiful with so many flowers and spotlessly clean altar linen, the parishioner who polishes the brass and silverware, those who distributed, at the Church doors, the palms on Palm Sunday and the candles and holy water at the Easter Vigil, the parishioner who sourced and supplied the Church with the palms for Palm Sunday, those who helped set up for the Dawn Mass and, finally, those who oversee the rostering for the Church ceremonies. All in all, it has made for a truly Holy and Enriching Holy Week experience. May it bring all many blessings throughout the year.

Queen Bee Amiee's Social Dance – in aid of Bumbleance – children's ambulance service. Great National Hotel, Ballina on April 15th. Doors open at 7 pm. Starts at 8 pm. Starring Declan Nerney and special guests – Kelly's Heroes, Band of Brass, Ciara's Danceblast, Stephen Gallagher and Pat's Country Roadshow. Organised in conjunction with the Men's Shed. Tel (087) 4432512.

Fashion Show Fundraiser for Moy Davitts Ladies, will take place on Saturday 14th April at the Leisure Centre Foxford. Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets €10, available from Leisure Centre Foxford, Clarke's Checkout Bohola, Tara O'Brien, Gayle Commons, Marie McGahon 087 645 5292.

Moy Davitt's News - Congrats to Pauraic Walsh, Ballyvarry who won €749 in this week's 50/50 draw held in *The Copper Beech* Lounge Straide on Saturday 31st March. The weekly draw continues in *McDonaghs, Bohola* on Saturday 7th April and the following Saturday the draw moves to *Doherty's Lounge* in Straide.

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 7th (8:00 pm)	Hugh Rainey	Sunday 8th (11:00 am)	Jane Mulroy
	Saturday 14th (8.00 pm)	Mary Kelly	Sunday 15th (11.00 am)	Geraldine Hynes

Altar Society: April: Marian Tighe & Kathleen King

Thought for the Day: Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young.

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

Western Care Association - is looking for groups or individuals to take part in the West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon in Castlebar on Sunday, May 6th. Full support provided, funds raised may be allocated to local services; Call 094 – 9029144 or email fundraiser@westerncare.com for further information. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Killala - Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Bishop John Fleming, Bishop of Killala and the Very Rev. Dermot Meehan, Administrator of Achonry. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Tom Doherty, Killala Diocese and Fr. John Maloney Achonry Diocese. From the 2nd to 7th September 2018, departs from Ireland West Airport Knock. 5 nights in full board accommodation in the Hotel Agena. Price €723- (single rooms available, supplement applies). To book a place on this pilgrimage, please contact the following: Pilgrim Section: Michael Walkin, Ballina, JWT representative on 086-6080763. Assisted/Invalid Pilgrim Section: Eileen O'Brien on 086-4013897.

World Meeting of Families Amoris Programme - There will be a meeting for facilitators of this programme to begin shortly in the four clusters of the Diocese. The initial training for the facilitators will be held in the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Monday 16th April at 7pm. Hannah Evans from the WMOF office in Dublin will conduct the meeting. We would ask that there would be at least four facilitators from each cluster area who will then present the programme in the four clusters in the coming weeks. This programme looks, through a series of short 5 minute video clips, at Pope Francis' letter to families called *The Joy of Love* and it is hoped that many families and individuals will come along for conversations around some of the ideas Pope Francis has for family life.

The charitable organisation CanCare4Living (www.cancare4living.ie) - is hosting an important meeting for survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer, which is to be held in the Harbour Hotel, Dock Road, Galway city on the evening of Tuesday 24th April next.

The Poor Clares in Galway - are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, April 21st 2018 from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact: Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

Accord Counselling - professionally trained, for couples & individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationship. Evening appointments, at the Accord Rooms, the Pastoral Centre, Charlestown. Contact, in confidence, 094-9022214. See www.accord.ie

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses - take place in McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris - Fri. 7 - 10pm & Sat. 9.30 - 4.30. Feb. booked out; March 23 & 24; May 25 & 26; Sept. 21 & 22; Oct. 19 & 20; Nov. 30 & 1 Dec. Delivered by Charlestown Centre (Achonry Diocese). www.accord.ie. Book online, or to 094-9022214. See Courses offered by other Accord Centres on website.

Do This in Memory Mass Dates 2017 / 2018 – *Do This In Memory Masses* will take place at 11.00 am on the following Sundays: October 1st 2017, December 3rd 2017, February 11th 2018 and April 15th 2018. First Communion Day will be on Sunday, May 13th 2018. First Confessions on Wednesday, March 7th 2018.

Life after a bereavement - can feel empty and lonely. A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine every Wednesday at 11am. Anyone is welcome to attend. Further information from Monica Morley on (094) 9375320.

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

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

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Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? 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 2nd – 4th February 2018. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call (086) 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie

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.

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.