



# Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Third Sunday of Advent – December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dublin / Straide

## Masses

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Merci Molloy (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass followed by Holy Hour concluding with Benediction at 8.00 pm	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Mary Murray	Ummoon



**We remember in our prayers** – the soul of Bridie Sheridan, Killasser (mother of Miko Sheridan, Straide) who died on Friday and whose funeral takes place on Sunday at 3 pm in Killasser Church. Also, Nora McHale who was buried during the week. R.I.P.

**Holy Hour** – this week will take place after Wednesday evening Mass, concluding with Benediction at 8.00 pm.

**Advent Penance Service** – thanks to all who availed of this reconciliation opportunity on Tuesday night last and to all who participated.

**Sign of Peace** – The Parish Pastoral Council has recommended discontinuing the sign of peace during the winter months.

**The Chapel Street Gospel Choir** - will perform their Christmas concert at Christchurch on the Mall, Castlebar on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets available from IT Music, Castlebar or from (087) 6230164.

**Readers for December** - can pick up the remaining readings for the month of December from the altar rails after Mass.

**A Carols & Song by Candlelight fundraiser** – well done to all who organised and participated in this wonderful evening's entertainment. If you weren't there you missed a fantastic event. Well done to Eamon McNicholas and all his guests – not least of whom were the Saturday evening Choir who performed superbly along with the other acts. It's great to see such wonderful local talent working together in aid of good causes.

**Mrs. Kelly**, Principal of our Primary School is retiring at Christmas. On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an Open Day in the school from 11.30 am until 3.00 pm. Please feel free to drop in for a cuppa and a chat during that time. If anyone would like to contribute some baked goods they would be much appreciated.

**Kevin Hughes Coolegraine Christmas Lights** - are wonderfully spectacular again this year. Make sure you visit and pass the word around. Proceeds this year going to Bumbleance Children's Ambulance Service.

**Church of Ireland Carol Service** - with Foxford Brass and Reed Band in St. Michael's Church on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5.00 pm. All are welcome.

**Straide Community Development News** - We hope you will join us at the Straide Davitt Community Hall for our Annual Christmas Gathering this Sunday afternoon, 16<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30 – 6 pm. As always, we would be delighted with any offers of your wonderful home baking for the occasion. This is also a final opportunity to view and check your Donor Wall inscription and accept any remaining donors for same. This is our penultimate event in the old Hall before the next exciting steps commence with renovations due to start in January 2019. So, we would love you to join us in saying goodbye to the old and welcoming in the new..... Straide Community Development Group (SCDG) would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Straide Community for all your wonderful support in 2018 and we wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and all the very best for the coming year. Our final event of the year takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December, an opportunity to "clear the cobwebs" with our 5K Fun Christmas Jumper Walk/Run...

**Traditional Music Classes final enrolment call** - A final call is been made by the "Moy Valley branch of *Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann*" who are commencing classes in Fiddle, Banjo and Concertina. David Doocey who is a multi-instrumentalist and has won numerous competitions and All-Ireland's in Fiddle, Banjo and Concertina has been secured by the branch to give classes to both children and adults on Thursday evenings in Ballina. Classes are already in progress for tin whistle and button accordion. Anybody wishing to enrol in the above classes should immediately contact 087-2775317 after 2pm or email: vippiper@eircom.net

**Donations from those living abroad can now be made to our Conservation Fund online at [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com).**

**Tax Deductible Donations can be made in the U.S. at <https://countymayofoundation.org/straidechurchconservationproject/>**

**November Weather Report** – The total rainfall for the month was 5.3 inches and was about average. The wettest day was on the 9<sup>th</sup> when 0.8 inches of rain fell. The average temperature for the month was 7.4 °C. and was about average. The mildest day was on the 14<sup>th</sup> when the temperature climbed to 15 °C. The coldest night was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> when the temperature dropped to minus 3.5 °C. There were 6 air frosts and 19 grass frosts. The total sunshine for the month was 64 hours and was above average. The sunniest day was on the 18<sup>th</sup> with 8 hours of sunshine.

**Genealogy** – Are you interested in tracing your ancestors or have a relative overseas who would like to trace their roots? The North Mayo Heritage Centre, Crossmolina can help. Gift vouchers also available. Contact (096) 31809.

<b>Euch. Ministers Sat 15<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	John Walsh	<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Jimmy Mooney
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	Deirdre Reid	<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Maggie McNulty
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	Mary Byrne & Hugh Rainey	<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Josie Neary & Joanne Jordan

**Thought for the Day:** Christmas can't be bought from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more.

**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](http://www.straideparish.com)

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** - The above takes place on September 19th 2019 group leader Tommy Moran spiritual leader Fr Tommy Towey PP Ballisodare County Sligo. Day flight from Knock Airport € 735per person (note €100 discount if booked before December 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.) Further information from Tommy Moran at 0860815635 Carol Earley 0879581495, or Fr Tommy Towey 0868546002.

**Computer/Internet classes for older learners - 'Get Connected' in 2019** Are you a complete beginner or do you have basic skills you want to refresh or maybe you have a new device and need help? *Age Action* runs beginner/refresher computer classes (iPad/Tablet/Smartphones also) for people aged 55+ who have little or no computer experience or who are apprehensive of technology. Starting again in January 2019 classes will be held in four locations in Mayo on different days, in the libraries in Castlebar, Ballina and Swinford and in the Claremorris Family Resource Centre. Learners are taught on a 1:1 basis (with an individual tutor) so this is a great opportunity to have your own tutor to help you 'get connected' in 2019. Each course cycle runs for 5 weeks (2 hours per week) and there is no fee. Laptops/iPads/iPhones/Tablets/Smartphones all welcome or if you have no device, we can provide one for you. For further information or to book a place on our waiting list, call Age Action on 091 527831 (for enquiries about Claremorris, please call 094 9377838 – mention the Age Action classes). Spaces Limited. (NOTE: these classes are for beginners or for people who wish to refresh/build on their basic skills. One course per person - If you have already taken a course with Age Action since January 2017 you are not eligible to apply.)

**Community Defibrillator** – a defibrillator has been acquired by a number of voluntary groups in the community for community use. It is located in a central location outside of the Davitt Museum and will be available 24 / 7. Thanks to those who sourced funding for this equipment. Later, it is hoped to provide training on how to use it. Please consider volunteering to train.

**House / Station Mass** – If anyone would like Mass celebrated in their home, either as a traditional Station Mass or as a private family / neighbourhood Mass, please let me know. It is always a great blessing to have Mass celebrated in one's home.

**Do This in Memory Masses 2018 / 2019** – will be held at 11.00 am on the following Sundays: Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. First Confession will be at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**First Communion** – will take place in the parish on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11:00 am.

**Confirmation** – will take place in the parish on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am.

**Marriage Preparation Courses 2019**, at McWilliam Park Hotel: Fri. 25th & Sat. 26 Jan. 2019, Fri. 22nd & Sat. 23 Feb. 2019, Fri. 29th & Sat. 30 Mar. 2019, Fri. 27th & Sat. 28 Sept. 2019, Fri. 18th & Sat. 19 Oct. 2019, Fri. 29th & Sat. 30 Nov. 2019.

Courses are delivered by Accord Charlestown Centre. Best to book online [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and to see the all the dates being offered by Castlebar, Ballina, Sligo, Roscommon Accord Centres.

**Bereavement Support Group** - Life after a family bereavement can feel empty and lonely. Sometimes spending time, talking praying and sharing with others who know the experience can be helpful. A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock each Wednesday at 11am. Anyone is welcome to drop in any week. Further information is available from Monica Morley at the Centre on 094-9375320.

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

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service** - has opportunities for committed and enthusiastic people to train to become Facilitators in Marriage Preparation. Volunteers would assist couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church. Please email [accordcbar@eircom.net](mailto:accordcbar@eircom.net) or telephone 0949022214 if you would like more information.

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**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](http://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. 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)

**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](mailto: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.