



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 22nd & 23rd 2018

Masses

Saturday 22nd	7:30 pm	People of the Parish Community	
Sunday 23rd	11:00 am	Mary Murray	Ummoon
Monday 24th	7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Mass	
Tuesday 25th	11:00 am	Christmas Day Mass	
Wednesday 26th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Thursday 27th	10:00 am	Bill & Ellie Hyland	Tavna
Friday 28th	10:00 am	P. J. Freney and parents Bridie & Harry and daughter-in-law Jackie Freney	
Saturday 29th	7:30 pm	Kathleen (2 nd Anniv.) and Joe Earley	Knocksaxon
Sunday 30th	11:00 am	Mary Ellen McHugh (2 nd Anniv.)	Blanemore
Monday 31st	10:00 am	Mary & Tom Deacy / Charlie & Nora Deacy / Charlie & Mary Deacy and deceased of the Deacy & Doherty families	



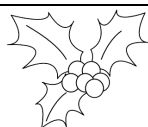
Kevin Hughes Coolegraine Christmas Lights - are wonderfully spectacular again this year. Make sure you visit and pass the word around. Proceeds this year going to Bumbleance Children's Ambulance Service.

Church of Ireland Carol Service - with Foxford Brass and Reed Band will take place in St. Michael's Church on Sunday, December 23rd at 5.00 pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Collection - will be taken up at the Christmas Masses. An envelope for this purpose is located in the box of offertory envelopes. For those who do not use the offertory envelope system, loose envelopes are available at the exit doors.

Best Wishes for a Happy & Peaceful Christmas - to all parishioners and visitors. A very special *Cead Mile Failte* to all who have come from abroad, or from our towns and cities, to spend Christmas at home with their families. Our thoughts and prayers will also be with those who, for one reason or another, cannot be with us at this special time - especially those who are in hospital, or are confined to their homes by sickness or old age. May the Christ Child bless us all at this special time and help us to face, with renewed faith and hope, the various challenges that may lie ahead in 2019. Happy Christmas to all.

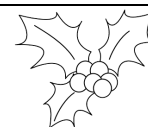
Sincere thanks - to all who helped with out bag pack in Tesco Castlebar on Saturday in aid of the Church Conservation Fund.



Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve 7:30 pm

Christmas Day 11:00 am



Mystery Visitor after Mass on Christmas Day - last stop before he returns to the North Pole!

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - The above takes place on September 19th 2019 group leader Tommy Moran spiritual leader Fr. Tommy Towey PP Ballisodare Co. Sligo. Day flight from Knock Airport € 735 per person. Further information from Tommy Moran at (086) 0815635 Carol Earley (087) 9581495, or Fr. Tommy Towey (086) 8546002.

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

Donations from those living abroad can now be made to our Conservation Fund online at www.straideparish.com.

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

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.

Church Rosters for January 2018 - are listed below. Readers can pick up their readings & prayers from the altar rails after Mass

Rosters for January 2019

Ministers of the Word:	Jan:	Saturday Evening:	Kathleen Canning & Kevin Mulroy
		Sunday Morning:	Marie McDonnell & John McNicholas
Prayers of the Faithful:	Jan:	Saturday Evening:	Sean Mulroy
		Sunday Morning:	Elizabeth Gallagher
Offertory Collectors:	Jan:	Saturday Evening:	Julia Molloy & Maureen Maloney
		Sunday Morning:	Frank Reid & Jimmy Mooney
Altar Society:	Jan:	Mary Roche, Kathleen Bourke & Mary Lennon	



Moy Davit's News - Congrats to Nora Herbert, Knockmore who won €485 in this week's Moy Davit's 50/50 draw held in *The Village Inn*, Bohola on Saturday 15th December. This week our draw continues in *The Copper Beech*, Straide on Sunday December 23rd and moves to *The Riverbank* in Foxford on Saturday 29th December. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Euch. Ministers Sat 22nd (7.30 pm)	Deirdre Reid	Sun 23rd (11.00 am)	Maggie McNulty
Mon 24th (7.30 pm)	Mary Byrne & Hugh Rainey	Tues 25th (11.00 am)	Josie Neary & Joanne Jordan
Sat 29th (7.30 pm)	Grainne McHale	Sun 30th (11.00 am)	Joanne Jordan

Thought for the Day: If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it.

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



Happy Christmas & God's Blessings to all



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 21st, Sunday November 25th, Sunday January 27th, Sunday April 7th. First Confession will be at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, March 27th.

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

Confirmation – will take place in the parish on Sunday, May 26th 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 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

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 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

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 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.