



# Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Feast of the Holy Family – December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Masses

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Kathleen Earley (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) and Joe Earley	Knocksaxon
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Mary Ellen McHugh (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)	Blanemore
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Mary & Tom Deacy / Charlie & Nora Deacy / Charlie & Mary Deacy and deceased of the Deacy & Doherty families	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	New Year's Day – Feast of Mary, the Mother of God – Day of Prayer for World Peace	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Sean Deacy (First Anniversary)	Straide
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Bertie Rainey, son Dominic and wife Carmel & deceased of the Rainey family	Blanemore
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Patrick, Agnes & Delia Mulroy	Gurranard
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Celia Devaney	Umoon



**Christmas Collection** – Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas collection. Your great generosity is, as always, very much appreciated – especially at a time when so many other demands are being made on family finances. Thanks again.

**The Sick & Housebound** – will be visited on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> after 10.30 am.

**A BIG THANK YOU** - to all who helped make the Christmas Liturgies so very dignified and elevating and to all who help out throughout the entire year and give of their time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm in helping to run our parish. Without your help and support it would not be possible to have the very vibrant parish community we are so proud to have here in Straide. Thanks to the Altar Servers, the Altar Society, the Choirs and guest singers & musicians, the Cleaners, the Collectors, the Counters, the Finance Council, the Fundraisers, the Grounds Men, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Musicians, the Pastoral Council, the Readers, those who pray the Prayers of the Faithful, the Safeguarding Children Personnel, the Staff of the Primary School, those who donated flowers, those who decorated inside & outside of the Church for Christmas (especially the flowers, the lights & the trees), those who made, donated and erected the two cribs (one inside and one outside the Church), those who clean the brass, the silverware & altar linen in the Church and all those others who help quietly behind the scenes and whose good deeds are known only to God alone. May God Bless you all and reward you for your work. ~~Special thanks, also, to Santa for fitting in~~ Straide Church on Christmas morning and making many young (and not so young!) people very happy.

# Happy New Year!

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

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** - The above takes place on September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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/>**

**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)

**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.

**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.

**Moy Davit's News** - Congrats to Clara and Ian Lavelle, Bohola who won €737 in this week's 50/50 draw held in *The Copper Beech*, Straide on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Next draw takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> in *The Riverbank*, Foxford. Thanks to everyone for supporting the club throughout the year. Wishing you all best wishes for 2019.

<b>Eucharistic Ministers Sat 29<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	Grainne McHale	<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Joanne Jordan
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	Hugh Rainey	<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Jane Mulroy

**Thought for the Day:** Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm (Winston Churchill)

**Newsletter:** Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email [pp@straideparish.com](mailto:pp@straideparish.com).

**Additional News Items** - are included in the online Newsletter on [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com)



## Happy New Year & God's Blessings to all in 2019



**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.

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**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.

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**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.