



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

Feast of the Epiphany – January 5th & 6th 2019

Saturday 5th	7:30 pm	Patrick, Agnes & Delia Mulroy	Gurranard
Sunday 6th	11:00 am	Celia Devaney	Ummoon
Monday 7th	10:00 am	People of the Parish Community	
Tuesday 8th	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
Wednesday 9th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Thursday 10th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday 11th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday 12th	7:30 pm	Tom & Nora McHale	Loughkeerane, Ballyvary
Sunday 13th	11:00 am	Nora McHale (Month's Mind)	Oughtoose



Church Christmas decorations – will be taken down on Monday, January 7th at 7.00 pm. The help of any volunteers who might be free for an hour would be much appreciated.

The Fr Peyton Cluster Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity Week – will take place, this year, in Killasser on Thursday, January 24th 2019. The world-wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from the 18th to the 25th of January. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20. All welcome.

Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers – takes place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sunday 24th March, 3-5pm.

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.

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

Recruiting Altar Servers – After an absence, due to Church renovations taking place, we hope to welcome back our faithful former altar servers and, also, to recruit new ones. It always adds so much to the Mass to have altar servers present. Volunteers will be sought through the National School over the next few weeks. Please consider having your child serve Mass.

Best of luck to all students and staff – returning to school after the Christmas break. We wish them all the very best throughout the new term. We also extend a warm welcome to new school principal, Mrs. Cathriona Murrphy, who replaced Mrs Kelly upon her retirement. We wish Mrs. Kelly a happy and healthy retirement and we thank her for her years of service in our school.

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

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.

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

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.

Epilepsy Association – Church Gate Collection last weekend (December 29th / 30th) raised €193.50. Many thanks for your contributions.

The Asthma Association of Ireland – is holding a Church Gate Collection this weekend (January 5th / 6th).

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/>

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

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 Joe King, Straide who won €523 in this week's 50/50 draw held in the *Riverbank*, Foxford on Saturday 29th December. Next week's draw will be held in *Clarke's*, Bohola at 12.30 pm on Sunday 6th January and the following Saturday the draw will be held in *Jordan's*, Foxford. Many thanks for your support.

Eucharistic Ministers Sat 5th	(7.30 pm)	Hugh Rainey	Sun 6th	(11.00 am)	Jane Mulroy
			Sun 13th	(11.00 am)	Geraldine Hynes
		Mary Kelly			

Thought for the Day: A stumbling block to the pessimist is a stepping stone to the optimist (Eleanor Roosevelt)

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

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/refreshers 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.

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.

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.

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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 or telephone 0949022214 if you would like more information.

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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.