



## Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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### Masses

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Tom & Nora McHale	Loughkeerane, Ballyvary
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Nora McHale (Month's Mind)	Oughtoose
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Mary McLoughlin / Anthony, Mike, Paddy, Martin, Mary, Jack & Agnes Deacy and all deceased members of the Deacy family.	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Michael Joe Smyth	Blanemore
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Special Intention	

**We remember in our prayers** – the souls of Bridie Cox, Ballylongford, Co. Kerry (sister-in-law of Noreen Hennelly, Ummoon) and Margarita Matte, New York (mother of Janine Flynn, Gurteen) – both of whom died recently. May they Rest In Peace.

**Church Christmas decorations** – a word of sincere thanks to all who helped to take down the Church decorations on Monday evening last. As always, the help is much appreciated by all of us. Our beautifully decorated Parish Church had been visited by people from far and wide throughout the Christmas season. Well done to all involved.

**Prayer Service for Christian Unity in Killasser Church** - On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm, an ecumenical service will be held in All Saints Church, Killasser as part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The Church of Ireland Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Rt. Revd. Patrick Rooke, will preach at the service which is organised by the Fr Peyton Cluster of parishes. Everybody is invited to attend and also to invite your friends from the Church of Ireland and from other Christian communities to come along. The theme of this year's service is *Justice in the World*.

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

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

**First Confession** – will take place on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. (Please note the change of date).

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

**Asthma Church Gate Collection** – last weekend raised €168.80. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**Balla Secondary School:** Open/Enrolment Night for incoming first years will take place on Tuesday 22 January at 7 pm. All prospective students and their parents / guardians are welcome to attend.

**Dancing Classes** – in Parke Community Centre (beside Parke Church) on Thursdays (8.30 pm to 10.00 pm). A very enjoyable and fun night. Cost: €8.

**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/>**

**Operation Transformation** — Starting this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January “*Straide Sunday Strolls*”. Meeting at the Green 12 pm. 3K at your pace. Let's get Straide Moving !!!

**Moy Davit's News** - Congrats to Thomas Conlon, Bohola who won 402 Euro in this week's Moy Davitt's 50/50 draw held in Clarkes, Bohola on Sunday afternoon 6th Jan. Our weekly draw continues in Jordan Foxford on Saturday 12th and on Saturday 19th in Guirys of Foxford. Remember you can also play the 50/50 online each week by visiting our website. Many thanks for your excellent support of our fund raising activities.

**Weather Report for December** - Total rainfall for the month was 6.2 inches, which was well above average. The wettest day was on the 17<sup>th</sup> when 1 inch of rain fell. The average temperature for the month was 7.3 °C which was well above average. The warmest day was on the 5<sup>th</sup> when the temperature climbed to 13 °C. The coldest night was on the 4<sup>th</sup> when the temperature dropped to minus 2 °C. There were 4 air frosts and 13 grass frosts. The total sunshine for the month was 16 hours and was well below average. The sunniest day was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with 4 hours of sunshine. The total rainfall for the past year was 47.7 inches, which was 2 inches below the average. There was a record high temperature for Straide of 31 °C on June 27<sup>th</sup>. (Data courtesy of Martin Sweeney)

**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)

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	Mary Kelly	<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Geraldine Hynes
	<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm)</b>	John Walsh	<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> (11.00 am)</b>	Jimmy Mooney

**Altar Society January:** Mary Roche, Kathleen Bourke & Mary Lennon

**Thought for the Day:** Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you might look back and realise they were the big things!

**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)

**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)

**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](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie)

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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>.

**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.

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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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**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.