



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

January 19th & 20th 2019

Saturday 19th	7:30 pm	Michael Joe Smyth	Blanemore
Sunday 20th	11:00 am	Special Intention	
Monday 21st	10:00 am	People of the Parish Community	
Tuesday 22nd	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Service & Rosary	
Wednesday 23rd	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Thursday 24th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday 25th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday 26th	7:30 pm	Kate & Pat Lavelle	Coolkeevane
Sunday 27th	11:00 am	James, Edward and Una Gallagher	Ardcloone

We remember in our prayers - the souls of Michael Rooney, Turlough and Marie McDonnell, Castlebar who were buried during the week and, also, John Kelly, Westport (Father of Sean Kelly, Redhill) whose funeral takes place in Westport on Sunday. R.I.P.

Do This In Memory Mass – takes place next Sunday at 11 am. We wish the children God's blessings in their preparation.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity in Killasser Church - On Thursday 24th 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*.

St. Brigid's Crosses – anyone who makes St. Brigid's Crosses at home can bring them to Church either weekend before or after St. Brigid's Day to have them blessed – i.e. the weekends of Jan 26th / 27th and Feb 2nd / 3rd. Always good to keep this tradition.

Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers – takes place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sunday 24th March, 3-5pm. If attending, please let Fr. Martin know by March 17th as places are limited and have to be booked in advance through the parish.

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

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

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.

Mayo Cancer Support - are holding a workshop on Mindfulness and Emotional Freedom in the Family Resource Centre, Ballina, from Tuesday 5th February 2019 for 4 weeks, 10.30am - 12.00, Contact Jean at 087 2804164.

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.

A folklore Project - will commence shortly in the parish of Straide. A meeting regarding same will take place before the end of January and your attendance would be most welcome. It is hoped that some parishioners will agree to be recorded by a folklore professional. For further information or if you would like to be a participant, contact John on (087) 937 1827.

Mayo Cancer Support Group Meeting - takes place at Rock Rose House, Castlebar on Thursday 31st January at 7pm. Guest speaker on Nutrition and a Healthy Lifestyle will attend. Contact 094 9038407.

Dancing Classes – in Parke Community Centre 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.

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

Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group will meet in *Guirys Bar* on Thursday January 31st, at 9.15pm. All welcome

Operation Transformation continues this Sunday 20th "*Straide Sunday Strolls*". Meeting at the Green 12 pm. 3K at your pace.

Moy Davit's News - Congrats to Cyril Ormsby, Foxford who won €410 Euro in this week's Moy Davitt's 50/50 draw held in *Jordan's*, Foxford on Saturday 12th January. Our weekly draw continues in *Guiry's*, Foxford on Saturday 19th and on Saturday 26th the draw moves to *McDonaghs* in Bohola. Please note can you can play our 50/50 online by visiting the Club website and that annual tickets are available by contacting Willie Byrne at (087) 2517858.

Eamon McNicholas & Friends Christmas Concert – held in aid of two good causes, recently had the proceeds shared equally between the Declan Smyth Recovery Fund and the Church Conservation Fund. The Church received €500 during the week. Many thanks to Eamon & Friends and all who helped make the evening so very enjoyable. Thanks, also, to those who organized and helped out with mulled wine and mince pies beforehand. If you weren't there you missed a brilliant evening's entertainment!

Eucharistic Ministers **Sat 19th (7.30 pm)** John Walsh **Sun 20th (11.00 am)** Jimmy Mooney
 Sat 26th (7.30 pm) Deirdre Reid **Sun 27th (11.00 am)** Maggie McNulty

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

Thought for the Day: Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

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

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

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

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

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 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.