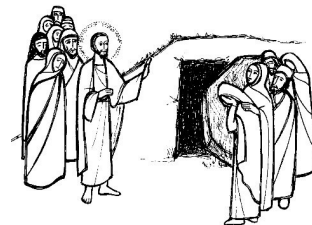




Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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Masses

April 25th & 26th 2020

Saturday 25 th	No public Mass	Private Mass – Tom Lavin & John McKeown	Aghalusk
Sunday 26 th	No public Mass	Private Mass said for the People of the Parish Community	
Monday 27 th	No public Mass	Jimmy Knight (1 st Anniversary was on April 22 nd)	Cloonconlon / London
Tuesday 28 th	No public Mass	Private Mass Intention	
Wednesday 29 th	No public Mass	Private Mass – Martin Ruane	Ardcloone
Thursday 30 th	No public Mass	Private Mass Intention	
Friday 1 st	No public Mass	Private Mass Intention	
Saturday 2 nd	No public Mass	Private Mass – Mary Roche (Gurteen) / Joe Rynne / Mary Kate & Tom Murphy	
Sunday 3 rd	No public Mass	Private Mass said for the People of the Parish Community	



We remember in our prayers – the soul of Benny Bogue, Tempo, Co. Fermanagh (brother of Gerry Bogue, Redhill) who died on April 21st on the day of his 92nd birthday. He was buried during the week. May his soul Rest in Peace.

Congratulations and best wishes - to Fr. Kevin Sweeney (a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York) who Pope Francis recently appointed bishop of the diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. Fr. Kevin is a native of the New York borough of Queens. He is a son of the late James and Agnes (Blewitt) Sweeney. Fr. Kevin visited his relatives in Straide two years ago. We wish him many blessings in his new role and look forward to welcoming him back to Straide in the future.

The Sick & Housebound – will not be visited this month. Urgent sick calls will continue to be attended to.

First Holy Communion – As you are aware, government restrictions brought about to combat the spread of Covid-19 has meant that churches cannot operate fully. The only exception is for funerals, where a maximum of 10 people can be present. These restrictions make it impossible for parishes to hold First Communions, Confirmations etc. While the restrictions are due to be reviewed on May 5th, it is unlikely that churches will be allowed to reopen for full congregations by First Communion Day on May 10th. Thus, it looks increasingly unlikely that First Communion will go ahead, as originally planned, on May 10th.

As soon as churches can reopen for large gatherings, a decision will be made when to hold this very special day. The views of parents will be sought at that time. In the meantime, we keep the Communion Class, and all children, in our thoughts as we continue to pray for all affected by this virus and for all frontline staff who are dealing with this pandemic so well and so bravely.

IF YOU NEED HELP

Many parishioners have volunteered to help those who may not be able to shop, collect medicines, go to the Post Office etc. during this Coronavirus outbreak. If, at any time, you need help with these chores call me on (094) 9031029 and I will liaise with the many volunteers within the community who are very happy to help out.

Keep safe, keep healthy and, at all times, follow HSE / Government guidelines. Say a prayer, too, for all who have caught the virus and for all medical staff, carers and volunteers who are working so very hard at this time. (Fr. Martin)

St. Vincent de Paul (Foxford) – can provide help for those in Straide who may be in need of food or fuel. Contact (085) 8887777

Booked Mass Intentions - Those who have booked Mass Intentions for dates during the period of public Mass cancellation should contact Fr. Martin if they wish those Masses to be deferred to a future date when Mass will be open to the public again. Otherwise, the Masses will be offered (privately) on the dates originally requested. At the moment, it is not possible to reschedule a Mass, as it is not known when public Masses will resume. Other Masses can continue to be scheduled into the future on the understanding that they may have to be said privately if the present restrictions continue to prevail.

Pope Francis Prayer of Protection Against Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Human Race, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test –

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The Consecration and Installation – of bishop-elect, Fr. Paul Dempsey, was due to take place on Sunday, April 19th. It will be rescheduled for a later date when it is deemed safe to resume Church services.

Thought for the Day: Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People - ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Cemetery Sunday (with Mass in the New Cemetery) will take place on Sunday, August 2nd at 11.00 am. Weather permitting. If not, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

Killala - Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 3rd September to the 7th September 2020, departs from Ireland West Airport Knock. 5 nights in full board accommodation in the *Hotel Agena*. Price €739 - (single rooms available, supplement applies). Limited seats available. To book a place on this pilgrimage, please contact the following: Pilgrim Section: Michael Walkin, Ballina, JWT representative on 086-6080763. Assisted/Invalid Pilgrim Section: Eileen O'Brien on 086-4013897

Are you finding it difficult to cope - with life's problems? Perhaps GROW can help you. GROW is a free confidential support group, promoting positive mental health using a 12 step program. Meetings run weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm in the Ballina Community centre. For further information on GROW or other GROW meetings across Co Mayo, you can contact Emily at 086 4183543, www.grow.ie or the GROW information line 1890 474 474

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.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2020 - Fri. 25th / Sat. 26 Sept.; Fri. 30th / Sat. 31 Oct.; Fri. 27th / Sat. 28 Nov. Courses are held in McWilliam Park Hotel, delivered by ACCORD Charlestown Centre. Best to book online at www.accord.ie and there to see all the dates being offered by Castlebar, Ballina, Sligo & Roscommon ACCORD Centres

CCTV – operates 24 / 7 within the Church and in the Church car park. The parish policy concerning CCTV can be found on the parish website (www.straideparish.com) – as can all parish policies.

Ballyvary Post Office New Services -You can now purchase Polish Zloty at the Post Office. This brings to 5, the number of currencies available: American, Australian and Canadian Dollars, as well as UK Sterling and Polish Zloty.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – has implications for parishes, one being that we can no longer publish names of Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society or Collectors in Newsletters / Website without written permission. We hope to phase the regulations in throughout 2019. Forms are available on the altar rails. Please bring one home, fill in and return to the Church.

Alzheimer's Daycentre Foxford – is a day centre for Alzheimer's clients in the Foxford / Straide area. The centre is open to any families with relatives who would like a few hours away from house, to interact with other clients in a warm, fun environment. It also has various activities throughout the day and a full lunch is served. For more information contact (087) 9981061.

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

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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Troubled by somebody's drinking? -There is help! Alanon /Alateen meetings in Hope House every Sunday at 3pm.

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.