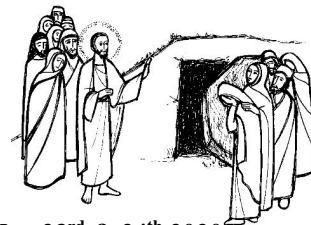




Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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Masses

Saturday 23rd	8.00 pm	Michael Ruane	Knockagarraun
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Ascension Day – Mass for the People of the Parish Community	
Monday 25th	7.00 pm	Private Mass Intention	
Tuesday 26th	10.00 am	Private Mass Intention	
Wednesday 27th	7.00 pm	Alice & Matt Connolly – Mass followed by Holy Hour until 8.00 pm	
Thursday 28th	10.00 am	Private Mass Intention	
Friday 29th	10.00 am	Private Mass Intention	
Saturday 30th	8.00 pm	Gemma McHale (8 th Anniversary)	Castlederg
Sunday 31st	11.00 am	Paddy and Nora McHale & Jackie and Ita McHale	Oughtoose

May 23rd & 24th 2020



Church Live Stream – is now operational. All Masses are available to be viewed live online on www.straideparish.com and on www.churchtv.ie. Many thanks to those who assisted with the set up. **Unfortunately, it is still not possible to have parishioners present at these Masses until later in the summer (from July 20th) when, hopefully, churches will reopen to congregations.**

We remember in our prayers – the soul of Martin Sweeney who was buried during the week. May he Rest In Peace.

Short weekly online reflections – “Stay With Us Lord; for it is almost Evening”

The six Western Dioceses (the Tuam Province) have planned a new initiative as part of the ongoing response to the pastoral challenge presented by COVID-19. One of the important Gospel stories of these Easter days is the account of how the two disciples met the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and how they asked him: “Stay With Us Lord; it is almost Evening”. With this in mind, we are inviting you to join us for a short (20 min) reflection, each Sunday evening at 6.30pm between now and Pentecost. Each reflection will be given by a different guest presenter and will be broadcast on webcam from a different location in the West. The webcam links will be posted each week. On Sunday 17th May at 6.30 pm it will be led by Fr. Declan Lohan of Renmore parish, Galway. Google Renmore Parish Webcam.

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

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 seven days a week, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

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 and times originally requested. These Masses will be live streamed and can be viewed from the parish website – www.straideparish.com. It is possible to reschedule public Mass for after July 20th when, hopefully, public Masses will resume.

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.

Offertory Envelopes - can be returned when Masses re-open to the public again or when your own finances allow. Sincere thanks to those who have already made returns. As previously stated, there is no pressure to do so at this time.

Thought for the Day: If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough (Albert Einstein).

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

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.

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

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.

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.