



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

July 24th & 25th 2021

Saturday, 24th	8:00 pm	James Maloney	Tavnabeg [Ticket Only]
Sunday, 25th	11:00 am	Sarah & John McNicholas	Tavna [Ticket Only]
Monday, 26th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday, 27th	10:00 am	People of the Parish Community	
Wednesday, 28th	7:00 pm*	Sheila Walsh	Bristol
Thursday, 29th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday, 30th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday, 31st	8:00 pm	People of the Parish Community	[Ticket Only]
Sunday, 1st	11:00 am	The deceased of the Parish Community - Cemetery	[Ticket Only if in Church]

*Please note - the later time of Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the evening.

We remember in our prayers – the soul of Michael McGrath, Chicago (nephew of John Murphy, Aughaward) who died recently. May he Rest In Peace.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, which takes place for the first time on Sunday, 25th July 2021.

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.
Lord Jesus, help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents and the
elderly.

May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents and the elderly constantly in your
care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Cemetery Mass – will be held in the New Cemetery at 11.00 am on Sunday, Aug 1st weather permitting. Max of 200 can attend on a first come basis. If weather does not permit, Mass will be in the Church. 50 can attend. Tickets needed.

Silence is Sacred – Please make sure mobile phones are turned off while in the church, especially during Mass times. Please, also, refrain from talking at any time while in church. Remember, while in church we are in God's presence.

Offertory Boxes for 2021/22 – have now been distributed and became effective from the beginning of July. Many thanks to all who have helped with the distribution. If you have not received a box, or would like to receive one, please let Fr. Martin know. Once again, many thanks to all who support the running costs of the Church.

First Communion & Confirmation Dates - Subject to Public Health Guidelines they are as follows:

First Communion on Saturday, September 11th at 11.00 am; Confirmation on Saturday, September 25th at 12.00 pm.

Have you an interest - in working with people with a learning disability and / or autism?? Western Care Association are recruiting Relief Staff to work in our Services based across Co. Mayo. More information at www.westerncare.com

Offertory Donations – can be made entering or leaving the church by using the Offertory Boxes at all entrances/exits.

Readers for August – are listed below. Readings and Prayers are available on the altar rails for collection.

Readers for August:	First Reading / Psalm	Second Reading / Prayers of the Faithful
Saturday Evening	John McHugh	Annie McHugh
Sunday Morning	Deirdre Coleman	Sarah Canning

PLEASE - only take tickets for weekend Masses if you are sure you are going to use them.

Altar Society for August - Noreen Doherty, Bridie Mulroy & Jane Mulroy

Thought for the Day: Without a foundation we can never build a house. The foundation of life is Memory. (Pope Francis).

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

Moy Davitts News - Congratulations to Evelyn Durcan on winning €302 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound – has recommenced for those who have been fully vaccinated (for at least two weeks) and who would like a visit. Contact Fr. Martin if you wish to be added to the monthly Visitation List.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People – ALONE Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Revised Coronavirus Guidance for Churches – as of May 10th

Masses: Up to 50 people can be present – ticket system in operation for weekend Masses (and some weekday Masses also). The church will be open, as usual, for private visits. All Masses will continue to be live streamed from the parish website– www.straideparish.com

Baptisms: These can go ahead with a minimum present. Gatherings in homes afterwards subject to HSE guidelines.

Weddings: Up to 50 people can be present. Gatherings in homes / hotels afterwards subject to HSE guidelines.

Funerals: Up to 50 family members can be present. All stages of the funeral to be private for family members only.

Please Keep Safe in the church: Use sanitizer gel; wear face covering and keep a safe distance from one another.

Socially distanced seating – must be observed in the Church.

All attending Mass – must be seated. Under no circumstances can people stand at the back of the Church throughout Mass. People standing at the back of Church are not socially distanced from those in the back seat.

Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service - Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094-9005150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (Monday - Friday) or email mayo@locallink.ie.

Tickets - for the weekend Masses of July 24th & 25th are available to be picked up from the back of the Church from the morning of July 17th. Admission to weekend Masses (and some specified weekday Masses) is by “Ticket Only” and has to be strictly enforced to guarantee numbers attending do not exceed 50.

Anniversary Masses on Weekdays - It may also be necessary to have a “ticket system” in place for some weekday Masses if it is thought that the numbers attending may exceed 50. This may arise, especially, for anniversary Masses for the recently deceased etc. Please check the weekday Mass schedule listing where such information is available.

Anniversary Masses at Weekends – Weekend Masses are, first and foremost, public Masses for parishioners to attend. A careful balance must always be struck between facilitating some family members of the bereaved to attend and also, at the same time, allowing regular weekend Mass-goers to be present. Since reopening on May 10th, it has not always been possible to get this balance right. It is proposed that, until the numbers attending Masses can be increased above 50, all new bookings for anniversary Masses will be taken for weekdays only (morning or evening).

Mass intentions already booked for weekend Masses - will be honoured for the original dates booked.

Hopefully, all the above will be temporary measures.

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.

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

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 extremely hard at this time.

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

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.

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.