



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

Saturday, 19th	7:30 pm	Owen & Ellen Mulroy and deceased of the Mulroy family Coolkeevane
Sunday, 20th	11:00 am	For the People of Ukraine / for Peace and Stability.
Monday 21st	12:00 pm	Funeral Mass – Patrick (Pake) McLoughlin R.I.P.
Tuesday, 22nd	10:00 am	Private Intention
Wednesday, 23rd	7:00 pm*	Pat and Bridget Mulroy & deceased of the Mulroy family Bohergloss
Thursday, 24th	7:00 pm*	Annie & P.J. Ruane Ballylahan followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 pm
Friday, 25th	10:00 am	Private Intention
Saturday, 26th	7:30 pm	Michael Halligan (Jnr.) 7 th Anniversary Castlebar / Straide
Sunday, 27th	11:00 am	Fr. Dermot Burns (5 th Anniversary) Straide / Ballaghaderreen

***Please note** - the later time of daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm

We remember in our prayers – the soul of Pake McLoughlin, Straide whose funeral takes place on Monday at 12 pm and also Kathleen Hildebrandt, Hagley, England (sister of the late Mick O'Donnell, Springhill) whose funeral takes place on Tuesday next (March 22nd) in England. May their souls Rest in Peace.

Congratulations & Well done - to the seven children who made their First Penance on Tuesday evening last. God's blessings to them, their families and to their teachers who prepared them. Communion day is on May 8th at 11.00 am.

Holy Hour of Adoration and Silent Prayer – continues after Thur. 7 pm Mass concluding with Benediction at 8 pm.

Trocaire Boxes – are available at the exit doors. Please take one home as you exit the church.

Emigrants' Collection – was taken up at Masses on March 16th & 17th. Envelopes for that purpose are located in the Offertory Box of envelopes. Monies raised go to supporting Irish Chaplaincy Services abroad. Please remember them.

Additional readers – are needed for Holy Week. Please let Fr. Martin know asap if you are interested in volunteering.

It would also be great - to have live choir involvement for Holy Week ceremonies – especially on Easter Sunday.

We welcome into the Christian Community – Ivy Meabh Jordan who was baptized recently. We wish her and their parents, Patrick and Linda, the abundance of God's blessings at this special time in their lives.

Eucharistic Ministers – We look forward to the return of Eucharistic Ministers once again. Commissioning takes place on Holy Thursday (April 14th). Please let Fr. Martin know in advance if you wish to be commissioned.

The Pastoral Letter of Bishop Dempsey is available at the exit doors, along with some questions for reflecting upon. Feedback to be returned to the parish by Sun., April 3rd or online at <https://achonrydiocese.org/>

We recommend – that masks continue to be worn in Church for the time being. There is no *legal* requirement to do so.

Please - let Fr. Martin know if you wish to be included on his monthly visitation list which has resumed again.

Following requests of many parishioners – Mass on Sunday, March 20th will be offered for the People of Ukraine.

A nation-wide Church collection for humanitarian aid in Ukraine (organized by the Irish Catholic bishops) is being taken up on the weekend of March 26th & 27th. Special envelopes for this purpose are provided at the exit doors. Envelopes can be returned at the Collection bucket at the back of the church or in the offertory basket. Cash donations (without an envelope) can also be placed in the bucket at the back of the church. Please, if you haven't already contributed (and would like to and can afford to do so), be as generous as you can be.

Over the next few weeks - you are being invited to think about what it means to be a member of the Church, not just in your parish but at a national and international level. The Church is the whole family of believers throughout the world. We are the community of the disciples of Jesus. It is good to take stock and see what does that mean for us in today's world. How is the Church making a difference to people's lives and how might it make life better for people? How is it helping them to get to know God and to show God's love for the world? You might think about these questions during the week. You will find a form in the church, where there are some questions which you might answer and return them to them. You will also find the form and more information on <https://achonrydiocese.org/>

Donations to all collections - can be made securely and conveniently online at www.straideparish.com.

Many thanks - to all who use this facility and to all who contribute to, and support, the running costs of the church.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw - Congratulations to Niamh Mongan who won €615 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

Thought for the day: Every Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when his is busy, then he needs an hour (Frances de Salles).

Newsletter: Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email pp@straideparish.com.

Additional News Items – can be found on the online Newsletter edition at www.straideparish.com

West Be Well (www.westbewell.ie) - offers you information on voluntary, statutory and community groups involved in wellbeing, mental health promotion and suicide prevention initiatives in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

Newman Centre Ballina – is holding a *Taster in Theology* Series of Lectures 'Exploring the Bible and its Worlds'. The lectures will be delivered by Dr. Jessie Rogers, Dean of Faculty of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on March 31st and April 7th & 28th from 7pm to 9.30pm. The cost of the course is €60 and booking is essential. Please phone 096 72066 or email reception@newman.ie to book a place.

Museum Assistants – required to work at the Michael Davitt Museum in Straide. Successful applicants will gain experience in Tour Guiding, Research, Administration and Reception. New entrants may also avail of an opportunity to work on international projects. Free Accredited Training will be provided to support your career. Usual Community Employment Eligibility Requirements and Pay Rates apply. Contact John tel. 087 937 1827.

Anam Cara Mayo (the organisation that supports bereaved parents) - is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 22nd March at 7:15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Foxford Social Club (formerly Foxford Daycare) are now accepting new members. The club is suitable for people in the early to moderate stages of dementia, people with early On-Set dementia, people living in rural isolation as well as people living on their own and in need of company. The club operates weekly Monday to Friday. For more information call (094) 9256662 or email factmanager101@gmail.com.

First Holy Communion - takes place (subject to any restrictions that may be re-imposed) will be at 11 am on May 8.

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.

Rosters for March 2022

Ministers of the Word:	March:	Saturday Evening:	Michael Kelly & Mary Kelly
		Sunday Morning:	Imelda Canning & Katie Barrett
Prayers of the Faithful:	March:	Saturday Evening:	Michael Kelly
		Sunday Morning:	Katie Barrett
Offertory Collectors:	March:	Saturday Evening:	Denis Canning & Paddy McHale
		Sunday Morning:	Michael Jordan & Peadar Lennon
Altar Society:	March:	N/A (Lent)	



A prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen



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Would you like - to improve your personal relationships, raise your confidence and build up your self-esteem, help with setting and meeting goals, learn how to think positively? Then our STEPS course is for you! STEPS runs for two mornings a week over a four week period starting in April 2022 dates to be confirmed. From past experience of running this course places will fill up quickly, so to avoid disappointment, please ring us on 094 9621690 text 086 8099154 or email us on: info@rwn.ie. *The course itself is free of charge to anyone in receipt of a social welfare payment, however we do require a small once off contribution of €10 per participants to secure your place and cover materials and refreshments*

Mayo Cancer Support - offers a range of emotional support to people with cancer and their families. Call 094 9038407 for information.

Bereavement Support Group at Knock Shrine - Life after a family bereavement can feel very lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. A *Bereavement Support Group* meets every Wed at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. More information from Monica Morley Knock 094-9375320.

The HSE Living Well Programme - The HSE are running a health programme free of charge for people living with a long term health condition (mental & physical). This programme helps people develop the skills and confidence to live a healthy and happy life. For more information or to book your place please contact Olga on 086 6078950, or email olga.maguire@mayocil.ie or visit www.hse.ie/livingwell.



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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.