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ST PATRICK'S STRANDHILL

Mon 15 th Jan	10:00 am	Mass
Tue 16 th	10:00 am	Mass
Wed 17 th	10:00 am	Mass
Fri 19 th	10:00am	Lena Mannion Anniversary RIP
Sat 20 th	7:30pm	Peter and Mary Laffey Anniversary RIP
Sun 21 st January 2018	9:30am	John Keane Anniversary RIP
	12:30pm	Frank Cullen RIP Ethne and Cepta Kilcullen Anniversary RIP

STAR OF THE SEA RANSBORO

Sun 21 st January 2018	11:00am	Brid Dillon RIP
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Please Pray for: John Murtagh, RIP, husband of Peig, Dorrin's Strand; Jim Egan, RIP, husband of Noreen, Cullenduff, Culleenamore and all those recently deceased. May they Rest In Peace. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sunday 21st January 2018:
Denise Cadden, Marie Chrystal, Geraldine McHugh, Rose Cawley.

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES Today Sunday, January 14th, we pray especially for all migrants and refugees throughout the world. In our own country we ask God to guide us in care and concern for all who are displaced.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK January 18th – 25th. A week of prayer for reconciliation amongst Christian Churches. "The love of Christ couples us".

WHO IS JESUS? Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am" (Luke 9:20). Vince Murray, retired Director of Religious Education at St. Angela's College, Sligo will facilitate participants in coming to their own personal response to this question by exploring the ideas of four contemporary Christian thinkers/theologians: Jose A. Pagola; Peter McVerry S.J; Daniel J O'Leary; Cynthia Bourgeault. Vince had journeyed a deepening and widening spiritual path and wishes to present this course in the hope that it will awaken in the participants an awareness of Jesus' message of the divine beauty within us all. 6 Thursday evenings 7.30-9.30 starting 1st February. Cost €60 St Michael's Family Life Centre: 071 917 0329, email stmichaelsfamilylifecentre@eircom.net

www.churchservices.tv/strandhill www.stpatrickstrandhill.ie

THE WAY OF GENTLENESS
A personal enrichment journey for Lent.
Mondays At 8:00pm , February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th and 19th
in St Patrick's Church Strandhill.

St BRIGID'S CROSSES Anyone who would like to make St Brigid's Crosses please contact 071 9168079.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP Sligo do you or a member of your family suffer from Parkinson's@ You are welcome to come and join us at our support group at St Michael's Family Life Centre. All are most welcome.

RETRouvaille A Lifeline for Married Couples: 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. Contact Tony or Ann at 01 4953536, Mika&Ann 01 450 922, text/call 086 413 5400. email info@retrouvaille.ie

ST MICHAEL'S FAMILY LIFE CENTRE Church Hill. Brochure available with interesting courses/workshops. Contact: 071 9170329, email stmichaelsfamilylifecentre@eircom.net or check out our website stmichaelsfamilylife.com or pick up a copy in the Centre or at back of Church.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks..." if you think God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, email vocations@elphindiocese.ie

ELAINE O'HALLORAN MEDICAL FUND Thank you very much to all who contributed to recent church gate collection. €1292.

STRANDHILL ACTIVE RETIREMENT will hold its meeting at 11.00am next Thursday 18th in the Strand Celtic Clubhouse. New members are very welcome.

MITCHELL SISTERS INDEPENDENT LIVING PROJECT
Hilary and Kathleen, the girl's parents send this open letter to the people of Sligo (extract) "Dear People, The fundraising Project is now complete. An extraordinary success... -We cannot believe the tremendous support – monetary, emotional, social and psychological-- have been heartened and humbled by the community spirit... we pay tribute to you, committees, communities. Do not underrate yourselves. You are real and true... loving, caring, giving, generous neighbours, friends and strangers that reached out in plenty. Your effect on us, in our time of need ..incredibly profound and unquantifiable. You have opened up possibilities and hope for the future for our two girls. We are speechless at your actions and efforts. ..cherished , valued beyond words by Maíread and Aobheann.. and . family. made our world a better place. We thank you most sincerely from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Hilary and Kathleen Mitchell.

Full Text: Mitchell Sisters Independent Living Project Hilary and Kathleen, the girl's parents send this open letter to the people of Sligo "Dear People, The fundraising Project is now complete. It has been an extraordinary success. You heard our story and responded in abundance. We cannot believe the tremendous support – monetary, emotional, social and psychological that we have received. We have been hearted and humbled by the community spirit here in Coolera, throughout Sligo, my home community in Westport, and all of Ireland.

We would like to pay tribute to you, our committees, and communities. Do not underrate yourselves. You are real and true. You are the loving, caring, giving, generous neighbours, friends and strangers that reached out to us in plenty. Your effect on us, in our time of need has been incredibly profound and unquantifiable. You have opened up possibilities and hope for the future for our two girls.

We are speechless at your actions and efforts. Please know that they are cherished and valued beyond words by Máiréad and Aoibheann, and by our whole family. You have made our world a better place. We thank you most sincerely from the bottom of our hearts.

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TOWARDS PEACE In 2009, at the request of survivors of abuse by Church personnel in Ireland, the Irish Bishops and the Religious and Missionary congregations established **TOWARD PEACE** to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Full details of how to access the service of Towards Peace can be found on www.towardspeace.ie

SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES are looking for volunteers to help in their Meals on Wheels kitchen for 1.5 hours per day on a rota basis. If you are interested please contact Lorna on 071 9145682 for further information.

CHOOSE LIFE The family has a special role to play throughout the life of its members, from birth to death. It is truly "the sanctuary of life: the place in which life –the gift of God-can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic growth". Consequently, the role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable.

- (Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 92)

EUCHARIST TO THE HOUSEBOUND Parishioners are asked if they know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive the Eucharist in

their homes throughout the year, to please submit their names and addresses to the priests. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Let us pray for the children who are preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

COELIAC'S Please note that for the reception of the Eucharist, Coeliac's may receive the Precious Blood either from the priest or at the altar during Mass.

Prayer for Christian Unity in the Cathedral on Thursday 25th January 2018.

SPORTS MASS in St Patrick's Sunday, April 22nd 2018 Clubs are encouraged to keep this date free for this encouraging event for our youth.

FIRST COMMUNION Special Meeting for parents in Scoil Asicus, Wednesday 17th in preparation for First Holy Communion.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

The following are some of the recommendations which Pope Francis made to his Vatican employees.

"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."

"Take care of your family life, giving your children and your loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."

"Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."

"Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."

"Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker, the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."

NEW YEAR'S PLEDGE Pledges suggested for Catholics for 2018.

- Give generously to those in need at home/abroad.
- Advocate for public policies that protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's creation and build peace.
- Encourage others to work for greater charity, justice and peace.

Please discuss with your family/friends the above suggestions for inclusion in your personal pledge.

ST. PATRICKS STANDING ORDERS If parishioners are not using the envelope system they may avail of the Standing Order facility. Payable to Bank of Ireland, Stephen's St. St. Patrick's IBAN: BOFI 90544020656744; BIC BOFI IS 2D; A/C Strandhill Church St.Patrick's

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners, Welcome Team etc. Leave your name and phone no. into the Sacristy with Fr. Niall or any member of Pastoral Council. If you know of any housebound person who would like a visit from the priest please leave your name and phone no. into the Sacristy.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR 2018

Let us pray for God's Blessing on our family.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, giver of life;

Give your strength and wisdom to the father of our families.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, bearer of love;

Give your compassion and understanding to the mother of our families,

Blessed are you, Son of God, eternal wisdom;

Give your knowledge and truth to the children of our families

Blessed are you, Holy Trinity, eternal and almighty;

Shadow with your protecting wings the absent or departed members of our family.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen