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**ST PATRICK'S STRANDHILL**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	10:00 am	Ruth Cosgrove RIP, Paddy and Fr Johnny Flynn Anniversary RIP
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Mass
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Mass
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Michael Glancy Anniversary RIP
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	9:30am	Leo Mattimoe Anniversary RIP
	12:30pm	Jim Hampson Anniversary RIP

**STAR OF THE SEA RANSBORO**

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Vincent Banks RIP
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	11:00am	Joan O'Kiely RIP, Eileen Banks RIP, Margaret Rooney RIP

**Please Pray for:** Alice Brennan RIP, Pennsylvania, USA, formerly Dromahair, sister of Michael McTiernan; Seamus Martyn, RIP, Knocknarea; Fr James Creaton, RIP, brother of Fr Sean Creaton, RIP; Mrs Kathleen Queenan, RIP, Strandhill Rd, mother of Fr Martin Queenan; and all those recently deceased. May they Rest In Peace. Amen.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>: Denise Cadden, Marguerite Stenson, Geraldine Kelly.  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup>: Ursula Troddyn, Marian O' Hara, Bridie Kelly, Mary Kilfeather.

**Collections:** St Patrick's: Dec 31<sup>st</sup> €1152, Support of the Clergy 25<sup>th</sup> €255.  
Star of the Sea: Dec 24/25<sup>th</sup> €3,398, Support of Clergy, €1,842 Dec 31<sup>st</sup> €1,248  
Support of Clergy - €699. Thank You.

**EUCCHARIST 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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

**CONFIRMATION MASS** All parents and students are reminded of the Confirmation Mass next Sunday Jan 14 at 12:30 pm in St Patrick's.

**FIRST COMMUNION** Special Meeting for parents in Scoil Asicus, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> in preparation for First Holy Communion.

**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)

**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 **TOWARDS 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](http://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.

**Traditional Irish Music Classes** Enrolment, Fred Finn Branch of Comhaltas, Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, Merville Community Centre, 7- 8pm. All welcome

**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."