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St Patrick's Strandhill. Daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at **10:00am** Sunday at **11:00am**.

On the Web-Cam for the coming weeks. Do join us in Hope and Prayer.

Mon May 18th: Michael Martin Anniversary RIP.

Tue 19th : Bridie Gannon RIP recently deceased.

Wed 20th : Paddy Verdon RIP, Brendan Henry RIP.
Tommy Banks family, living and deceased.

Fri 22nd : Margaret Gilgan. Anniversary RIP. Ascension of the Lord

Sun 24th 11:00am Joseph Gilligan Snr and Jnr Anniversary RIP,

John, Kathleen and Nan Regan Anniversary RIP

CHURCH ENVELOPES AND PARISH DONATIONS May be offered in St Patricks each day 10:00am to 11:00am or at any time at the presbytery. Thank You.

Standing Orders: forms are available in the Church Parch for those who may wish to avail of them for their weekly donations.

STANDING ORDERS Parishioners may avail of the Standing Order facility. Pay Bank of Ireland, Stephen's St. . St. Patrick's **IBAN: IE13 BOFI 9054 4020 656744 BIC: BOFI IE 2D A/C Strandhill Church.**

Collections: St Patrick's Strandhill €240. St Michaels €15.

Easter support of the Clergy €105. Thank You.

Thought: What we need are men and women, laity and consecrated people who are passionate, set afire by their encounter with God, redeemed in their humanity, and capable of proclaiming in their lives the happiness born of their vocation. -(Pope Francis)

Stay with us Lord; for it is almost Evening – Short Online Reflections

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 6.30 pm between now and Pentecost. Each reflection will be by a different guest presenter and broadcast on webcam from a different location. This Sunday 17th May, Dr Máirín Glenn and Mr Redmond Connolly will give the reflection live from St Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina in the Diocese of Killala. Watch live: www.churchtv.ie/ballina

EASTER REFLECTION Christ's Victory is in us:

The power of the resurrection reaches into every place and time. We are called to prepare ourselves with a new mind and heart to grasp his power. What pain and sadness. Our pain and sadness, which so brings us to reject this word of comfort, probably come from the fact that we do not have an exact idea of the liberation which Jesus' resurrection brings us.

We cultivate the fantastic and illusory idea that everything can and must change in the blink of an eye; that from today to tomorrow there can be no more sickness, pain social agitation, injustice and war. When we see that people continue to suffer we feel defeated and despair. We wait for fraternity, peace and disarmament, but they aren't happening. Tomorrow or the day after there will more arms, more violence, more death and destruction. What, then, does Christ's Paschal victory mean? What joy does it bring?

We must understand that Jesus' Paschal Victory, which certainly concerns all the evil in the world – sin, violence, arms and death – must first begin in us.

Christ's victory, already present in the Resurrection, has a time and way for complete fruition but we cannot know them. What is certain, however, is that the victory happens first in us.

It happens in me, It happens in you. Through us it happens in the community, in the city, in society. We are the first work of the Resurrection, we are the revelation of His victory.

If our free will pulls together all our forces to trust in Christ, and to make room for His love, we become the principals of the new world that is founded on each of us as loved, pardoned and renewed persons who witness the living presence of the Risen Christ. –*'Journeying with the Lord'* – reflections for everyday- by Cardinal Martini, Archbishop of Milan.

Prayers at Home In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass. we would encourage you to download and print out this prayer booklet for use at home. Perhaps consider printing off some copies to pass on to people who may not have internet access. While you can pray this at any time. a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish. <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/prayers-at-home-when-gathering-for-mass-is-not-possible/>

Second Anniversary of Bishop Christopher Jones

Bishop Christopher Jones' Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin on Monday 18th May at 7.00pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. You can watch online at www.sligocathedral.ie/live-feed-from-cathedral.