

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent – 10th December 2023



The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 9 th .	12 noon* <i>Bohola</i> 7.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>	Julia Mulderrig, Altbawn. (1 st Anniversary) Michael Corrigan, Carracastle. (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday, December 10 th .	9.30am* <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore, parents Thomas & Kathleen McNicholas, and her brother John. Kathleen Hughes, Knockafall.
Monday, December 11 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People.
Tuesday, December 12 th .	12 noon* 7.00 – 8.00pm	Funeral Mass of Mary Brennan, Gortnasella. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, December 13 th .	10.00am – 12 noon 5.00 – 10.00pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (<i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Thursday, December 14 th .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	P.J. & Annie Ruane, Ballylahan.
Friday, December 15 th .	8.00pm	Holy Souls.
Saturday, December 16 th .	11.00am <i>Straide</i> 7.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>	Fr. John Smyth (1 st Anniversary) & his sister, Teresa (40 th Anniv.). Martin & Annie Groarke, Ballyglass and all family & relations, living and deceased.
Sunday, December 17 th .	9.30am* <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Michael & Catherine Brennan, Boleyard, their son-in-law Jimmy Mullaney & grandson Kieran. Tommy & Molly Walsh, Islandeady and their son Séan, Tralee. Merci Molloy, Dublin & Tavanagh. (11 th Anniversary)
<p>The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend.</p> <p>Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above)</p> <p>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</p> <p>All Straide Masses can be seen live on www.straideparish.com or www.churchtv.ie/straide.</p>		

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

Mary Brennan, Gortnasella, who died on this Friday, December 8th. Her remains will repose in Boland's Funeral Home, Swinford, on Monday from 4pm with removal at 6pm to arrive in Bohola church at 6.30pm. Funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 12 noon.

Josephine (Jo) Golden (nee O'Connell), Moyhenna, Breaffy, who died on Monday last, December 4th and whose funeral took place in Straide on Thursday.

Anne O'Leary (née Earley), Birmingham and Norwich, formerly of Ballyvary and Knocksaxon, who died in Norwich on Monday last, December 4th. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at The Oratory in Birmingham on Tuesday, December 19th. Mass with internment of ashes will take place in Straide at a later date.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

Online Advent Calendar: Now in its tenth year, the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is hosting its interactive digital Advent Calendar. To mark this special season, this year's Advent calendar offers resources for school, parish and home and is accessible behind a virtual door that, as per tradition, can only be opened on each day of Advent. Content include s a short video message, seasonal crafts for children and prayers to assist us in keeping Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations. Advent (from 'ad-venire' in Latin or "to come to") is the Church season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. Advent also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The themes of the Advent Calendar this year are Peace, and Vocations. Visit <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>.

A Candlelight Concert with BellaCapella Choir and the Westport Town Hall Choir in aid of the restoration work at the Church of Ireland, Foxford will take place in the church on this Saturday, 9th December at 7.30pm, followed by a mulled wine and mince pie reception in the Social Services Building. Tickets €20, available on the door. All are welcome.

Christmas Confessions: "The Light is on for You" – There will be a visiting priest in Bohola and Straide churches next Sunday, December 17th from 5pm to 6pm to hear confessions. You are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.



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Bohola:

€620

Straide :

Envelopes - €239.50.

Loose - €158.

Restoration - €136.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Straide Choir: There will be a choir practice the church this coming Tuesday, 12th at 8.15pm. New members will be welcomed with open arms!

Bohola NS Carol Service: The Staff and Pupils of Bohola NS invite you to their Carol Service on Tuesday, December 19th at 7.00pm in the church. This is a lovely way to begin Christmas week and all are welcome.

Church of Ireland, Foxford Carol Service with Foxford Brass Band takes place on next Sunday, 17th December at 5.00pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Choral Music at the Museum: Enjoy a weekend of Christmas carols at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, on Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th December. The Rock 'n' Roses Choir, an inspirational group of cancer survivors, will perform at 3pm on Saturday, 16th. The Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm and the Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 4pm on Sunday, 17th. All are welcome. Admission is free. No booking required.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, December 10th: *James Finley Advent Reflection* James Finley, Ph.D., lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where the world-renowned monk and author, Thomas Merton, was his spiritual director. Finley is a master of the Christian contemplative way, a renowned retreat leader, and an authority on the Christian mystics – old and new. New Pilgrim Path brings you his short but beautiful meditation on Advent and Christmas. Access it at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie. According to St Augustine, "The one who sings prays twice". *New Pilgrim Path* offers superb sacred music choices for each day of Advent. Visit [Daily Music for Advent](#).

The 5st Edition of the Bohola Post will go on sale later this week in all the usual outlets. A snip at €10!

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Mona Brogan, Attymachugh, Foxford who won a jackpot of €465 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. 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>.

Social Bingo takes place every Monday in The Sheridan Memorial Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.30pm. Community fun and a cup of tea is included!

Money Lost and Found! A sum of money was found at the door of Bohola church last Saturday around midday. If you are the one with a lighter pocket, please contact Fr. O'Mahony to redeem your loss.

SVP Annual Collection is taken up this week. Please give as generously as you can to give those in need a brighter Christmas.

Epilepsy Ireland church gate collection will be taken up in Bohola and Shraheens this weekend and in Straide on Sunday next, 17th December. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign: With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement, Mary's Meals, has launched its Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call [01-8535163](tel:01-8535163) / [089-4339592](tel:089-4339592).

Parke Drama Group Presents Parke Variety Show on this Sunday, 10th December at 2.00pm in Parke Community Hall. Admission is €12 on the door. Enquiries: [087 6283140](tel:087-6283140).

Knock Christmas Market takes place indoors at St John's Welcome Centre in Knock on this Sunday, 10th December from 10.00am to 4.00pm. It is always a festive event with wonderful handmade gifts by Irish crafters. For more information you can follow us on Facebook/Instagram: Knock Market or email leoniekiroy@gmail.com.

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 19th December 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. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or [085-2888888](tel:085-2888888) for any queries. For more information see anamcara.ie.

Home Caregivers Urgently Required in the local and surrounding areas and are currently being recruited. For further information, please email cara.hughes@homeinstead.ie or phone our office on [094 9044785](tel:094-9044785).

Free Christmas Advertising for Community Groups with Mayo PPN: Are you holding a community event/activity? Email your details with a Jpeg poster to mayoppn@mayococo.ie. We will circulate via the PPN social media platforms to our 1,000 plus community groups registered with Mayo PPN. To register with May PPN, follow the link: <https://mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn/>.

Living Well Programme 2024: Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme in Westport commences on February 9th (or the online programme will commence on January 30th). The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on [086-0142675](tel:086-0142675) or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com.

Deck the halls and not your family!