

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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St Patrick's Day – 17th March 2024



The Week Ahead

Saturday, March 16 th .	7.00pm Straide	Thomas & Mary Tuffy, Ballinaculla. Owen & Ellen Mulroy & deceased of Mulroy family, Coolkeevaune. Bríd Roche, her sister Mary Murphy and their parents, Mary & James Roche, Straide.
Sunday, March 17 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	For all the People. Charlie Groarke, Castlebar, formerly of Clooneen. (1 st Anniversary)
Monday, March 18 th .	10.00am Straide	Michael & Martin Tuffy, Ballinaculla.
Tuesday, March 19 th .	7.00am 7.00 – 8.00pm	Private Intention. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, March 20 th .	10.00am 5.00 – 10.00pm	Alfred (Alfie) Carroll, Treenduff, his father John, uncle & aunt Tom & Marie, their parents Tom & Ellen Carroll and Chris & Mollie O'Toole. (Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, March 21 st .	7.00pm	John & Bridget Byrne, Rathruane.
Friday, March 22 nd .	7.00pm Straide	Annie & P.J. Ruane, Ballylahan.
Saturday, March 23 rd .	7.00pm Straide	Michael Halligan Jnr., Straide & Castlebar (9 th Anniversary). Fr. Dermot Burns (7 th Anniversary). Pat & Bridget Mulroy & dec'd of Mulroy family, Bohergloss, Straide.
Sunday, March 24 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	For all the People. Johnny Durkan, Carroward (4 th Anniversary), his wife, Mary and parents, Matt & Mary Lizzie Durkan.
<p>The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend. Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above) All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel. 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:

Teresa Campbell (née Ruane), Birr, Offaly and late of Mullingar and Clongee, Foxford who died on Saturday last, 9th March and whose funeral took place in Birr on Wednesday. She was the sister of Nancy Rainey, Blanemore.

Molly Philbin, Barnsley, England, who died on Thursday, 7th March and whose funeral will take place in Barnsley on April 4th and Mass will be offered for her in Bohola on April 6th. She was the wife of the late Johnny Philbin, Carrowkeel.

Eddie Hosty, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, and formerly of Irishtown, who died on Tuesday last, 12th March and whose funeral took place on this Saturday in Holycross Abbey, Thurles with burial in Irishtown Cemetery. He was the brother-in-law of Declan Prendergast, Toughnane.

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

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Ronan Malee, Shanaghy, and Marie Prendergast, Tourmakeady, who were married in Tourmakeady on Friday last, March 15th. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life together.

Straide Passion Play: Rehearsals continue on this Monday night, March 18th at 8.00pm sharp.

Pastoral Council Reports: Both Straide and Bohola Pastoral Councils met earlier this week and each looked at the proposed new clustering of parishes in the diocese and also discussed ways in which **people can be helped to take a more active and responsible role in promoting the mission of the Church** – a question prompted by the synodal process. Some ideas we discussed: Return of stewards in the church to welcome people; Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick; Tea after Mass; Invite children that were baptised in the parish throughout the year to a Mass; More communication through social media (a Bohola Parish Facebook page has now been set up); Setting up of Funeral and Baptismal teams; Setting up email addresses for the PPCs so that parishioners can communicate with them.



9th & 10th:

Bohola:

€740

Straide:

Envelopes - €124.

Loose - €80.35.

Restoration - €50.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Emigrant Collection on 17th March: We take up the annual collection for Emigrants this Sunday, St. Patrick's Day. This funding gives essential support to those organisations providing pastoral, practical outreach to the most marginalised and vulnerable groups of Irish people, many of whom are living lives of quiet desperation. It is a very worthy cause so we ask you to give generously in the envelope provided with the offertory collection envelopes.

Lent/Easter Confessions: A Penance Service for the Fr. Peyton Cluster of Parishes will take place in St. Michael's Church, Foxford, on Tuesday evening next, 19th March at **8.00 pm**. Visiting priests will attend.

In addition "The Light is on for You" in Bohola and Straide churches next Sunday, March 24th from **6.00pm to 7.00pm** where a visiting priest will hear individual confessions. You are encouraged to avail of either opportunity to prepare for the Easter celebration in the best possible way.

Straide Church Meet & Clean will be held again on this Wednesday evening, March 20th at 8.00pm. All materials will be provided and all help appreciated.

The Annual Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers of the St Joseph's Cluster will take place in Kilmovee on Sunday next, March 24th from 3.00 to 5.00pm. It will be conducted by Fr. Stephen Farragher.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024: Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig ó gach duine i Trócaire! Today is a day for celebrating our roots, our history and, for many people, celebrating with our family. In Malawi, Malita is also proud to be part of a strong community. Despite the challenges they face, the community works hard to build a better future for their children through education, savings and loans initiatives and village gatherings. Trócaire is supporting communities in Malawi and around the world to provide basic needs so that families can thrive and enjoy life. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, March 17th: *St Patrick's powerful prayer for protection* The world has probably never been in greater need of protection than it is now. Climate change, war, famine, and fear rage across our planet. St Patrick, whose feast day occurs this 17th March, speaks to us down 16 centuries in what may be the most powerful prayer for protection ever composed. Pray 'St Patrick's Breastplate' (also known as 'St Patrick's Lorica' or 'The Deer's Cry') and learn about the tradition behind the prayer at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

The Chrism Mass - Monday, 25th March at 7.30pm in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen: The Chrism Mass is a special gathering of the "Diocesan family." Bishop Paul has issued an open invitation to all parishioners from across the Diocese. This might be especially of interest to those involved in parish life such as members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Societies, Adoration Groups, Collectors, Members of BOMs, Sacristans, John Paul II Participants, Parish Secretaries, Choirs, etc. Light refreshments will be served in St. Nathy's College after Mass.

Bohola NS Enrolment Evening: Bohola NS will hold an Enrolment evening on Wednesday next, March 20th from 5pm to 6pm. All new entrants and their parents are welcome to attend and to view our excellent facilities. We look forward to meeting you all. Please note that all new infants must be 4 years of age by April 1st, 2024. Enrolment forms are available by email at boholaschool@gmail.com or by phoning [094-9384271](tel:094-9384271).

MS Ireland wish to thank all who contributed so generously to the recent church gate collection in Straide. The amount raised was €305.90. All monies will go directly to the provision of services to persons from Mayo who live with MS.

Social Bingo continues every Monday in The Sheridan Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.00pm for an 8.30 start.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Ciara Ruane, Bohola who won a jackpot of €353 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>

Mayo Stoma Support Group Meeting takes place on Thursday, 11th April at 7.00pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Contact Christopher on [087-6275766](tel:087-6275766) with your name and number of people attending. All are welcome.

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 27th 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. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or [085-2888888](tel:085-2888888) for any queries. For more information see anamcara.ie.

Parke Arts & Drama Group presents 'The Park Bench' - A Two Act Comedy by Ashley Burgoyne on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April at 8.30pm in Parke Community Hall. Doors Open at 8.00pm. Admission: €12.00.

Six Week Mindfulness Class starts on Tuesday, 9th April from 7pm to 9pm in The Moy Hotel, Foxford. More information on www.oilliebrogan.com or contact Ollie on [087-2484187](tel:087-2484187).

Further Notes on Extended Online Newsletter including Kiltimagh Knock United's fundraising clothing collection and Knock Drama Group Presents 'Paige Fright' An Ode to Joy.

**May the enemies of Ireland never eat bread nor drink whiskey
but be tormented with itching without the benefit of scratching!** (Old Irish saying)



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!



Clothes Collection: Kiltimagh Knock United's fundraising clothing collection returns this Easter. You are asked to donate reusable and clean, old and pre-loved clothes - all women's, men's and children's clothing, handbags, belts, all paired shoes, also curtains, bedlinen, towels, blankets and soft toys. No pillows or duvets. The collection days are Saturday, March 30th (11am to 1pm) and Bank Holiday Monday, April 1st (11am to 1pm) at the Kiltimagh Knock United clubhouse, CMS Park, Cloonlee, Knock (F12 HF61). All support appreciated as the club continues to raise funds for its new pitch and lighting. Any queries, send a PM on Facebook or speak to any committee member.

Knock Drama Group Presents 'Paige Fright' An Ode to Joy at Aghamore Community Centre (F35 AT21) on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April at 8pm. Hilarious comedy written and directed by Stephen Flatley. Strictly over 18's. Tickets €12.50 plus booking fee are available online at Eventbrite. (Limited tickets available on the night at the door). Enquiries: Leonie [086-8486924](tel:086-8486924) or Joe [086-2938216](tel:086-2938216).

Play Therapy Service: Are you worried about your child? A new Play Therapy service is now available at Knock Counselling Centre. Play Therapy is an excellent therapeutic response to younger and some older children/adolescents, who experience emotional or psychological distress. For further information please contact [094-9375032](tel:094-9375032) or email: counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie.

'ACCORD Seeks Volunteers: ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and if you have enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, then Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Please contact Aisling on [01-5053112](tel:01-5053112) or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie. See www.accord.ie.

Fr. Peyton Cluster Meetings: In line with Bishop Paul's wishes, it was decided to restart our Fr. Peyton Cluster meetings for laity and clergy. The first meeting will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, on Wednesday, 10th April at 8 pm. Each Pastoral Council is invited to send 2 lay members as well as the priest.

All Married Couples Deserve a WWME Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April. Register online at www.marriageencounter.ie. Good marriages can always be made better!

Free Course: Do you love cooking? Do you want to improve your cooking skills? Are you interested in doing a training course to give you the culinary skills to work in a Restaurant or Hotel kitchen? Are you receiving a DA payment or do you need assistance in finding employment? If so, you can work part-time and keep your benefits. The course will help you develop your everyday cookery skills in a modern purpose-built culinary setting. You will explore a range of classic recipes aimed at breakfast, lunch and dinner options. This course is packed full of hints and tips for the home cook. In addition, a work placement in a local hotel or restaurant will be secured for you and on the job training and support will be provided. Call Ruairi on [087-1202617](tel:087-1202617) or email ruairi.hughes@nln.ie.

CANA Talks – "A Roadmap to Happiness" will take place in the T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Friday, 31st May at 8pm. Six speakers plus Special Guests. Inspiration & Entertainment. Each speaker has just 15 minutes to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music and more. This is not a conference but a show! Tickets €20 plus booking fee at www.ticketmaster.ie. You can pay cash at the door. See www.canatalks.com.

Millions Facing Starvation in Ethiopia: All are encouraged to please pray for the people of Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought and civil war have left many in crisis and in danger of starvation. Mary's Meals feeds tens of thousands of children one meal in each school day in the region. If you feel called to support our mission and help us reach more children, please visit marysmeals.ie or contact [01-8535163](tel:01-8535163). Thank you.