

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th January 2024

The Week Ahead

Saturday, January 27 th .	7.00pm Straide	For all the People.
Sunday, January 28 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Private Intention. Mike & Helen McNicholas & dec'd McNicholas & Corcoran families. Tommy Walsh, Ardacarra (3 rd Anniv.) & deceased of Walsh family.
No Mass on Monday or Tuesday.		
Tuesday, January 30 th .	7.00 – 8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, January 31 st .	10.00am 5.00 – 10.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, February 1 st .	10.00am Straide	Feast of St. Brigid.
Friday, February 2 nd .	10.00am Straide	The Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas Day)
Saturday, February 3 rd .	3.00pm* 7.00pm* Bohola	Stephen Brennan, Lismirrane. (1 st Anniversary) Bohola Fáilte Weekend - For all the People. <i>First Communion Grow in Love.</i>
Sunday, February 4 th .	9.30am* Shraheens 11.00am Straide	Noel O'Brien, his sister Ita Sloyan and their parents, Pake & Teresa. Marie McDonnell, Castlebar (5th Anniversary). Brigid Cogger (10th Anniv.) & dec'd of Cogger & Molloy families. <i>First Communion Grow in Love.</i>
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.		

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

Mary (May) Smyth (née Browne), "Wood Cottage" Blanemore, who died on Sunday last, 21st January and whose funeral took place in Straide on Thursday.

Willie McHugh, Clooncondra, who died on Monday last, 22nd January and whose funeral took place in Straide on Friday.

Adam Colgan, Cahir, Kiltimagh, who died on Tuesday last, 23rd January and whose funeral took place in Midfield on this Saturday. He was the son of Brendan Colgan, native of Clooneen, and of Michelle (née Campbell).

Gerald Hyland, London and formerly of Carracastle, who died recently in London. He was the brother of T.J. Hyland, Carracastle. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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

Feast of St Brigid is on this Thursday and Mass will be in Straide at 10.00am. St Brigid's Crosses can be left in the church any time before Mass on Wednesday (Bohola) or Thursday for blessing. Please attach your name so that you can collect them later in the church if you so wish. Crosses will also be blessed at the Bohola Mass on Wednesday morning. I'm sure St. Brigid won't mind doing an early shift!

St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She is the patron saint of poets, beggars, refugees, midwives, those in childbirth, newborn babies and no doubt many more. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord is on Friday and Mass will be in Straide at 10.00am. This day is also known as Candlemas Day when traditionally, candles are blessed. If anyone wishes to have candles blessed, again leave them in the church beforehand with name attached and they can be collected anytime afterwards. Candles will also be blessed in Bohola on Wednesday morning for anyone who wishes to have candles blessed there.

Feast of St Blaise is on Saturday. St Blaise is associated with the blessing of throats and we will endeavour to bless throats at all Masses next weekend.

Workshop for Choirs: Each year the Diocese tries to have some workshops for our parish choirs. This year we are offering one workshop for choirs in Swinford Parish Church on Tuesday, January 30th at 8.00 pm. The workshop will be led by Una Nolan, who is Director of Music at Knock Shrine.



21st:

Bohola:

€815

13th & 20th:

Straide:

Envelopes - €345.

Loose - €83.52.

Restoration - €50.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Bohola Fáilte Weekend: Please join Durkan Bohola Community Park for the inaugural Bohola Fáilte Weekend. There are a number of events planned with the main event kicking off on Friday night next, 2nd February at 9.30pm at the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh. Music by White Diamond is followed by DJ Michael Burke. Tickets available from all committee members or can be purchased on the night for €15. It promises to be a great night.

Mass will be celebrated for all parishioners on Saturday evening at 7.00pm followed by live music in the Village Inn and in Mc Donaghs on the Sunday night. There is a nature trail walk also planned. We look forward to welcoming members of the community over the weekend.

Social Bingo continues every Monday in The Sheridan Memorial Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.00pm for an 8.30 start. Community fun and a cup of tea is included!

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Karen Bowes, Foxford who won a jackpot of €440 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>.

Moy Davitts GAA Full Club Meeting: The Moy Davitts Full Club meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, 4th February at 5.30pm in Bohola Community Centre. All registered club members are invited to attend.

Mayo Cancer Support Church Gate Collection: Mayo Cancer Support Association will be holding a Church Gate Collection next weekend, February 3rd and 4th at Straide Church. We would appreciate your continued support for this local charity that offers free emotional support to people affected by cancer and their families. See www.mayocancersupport.ie for more. If anyone can volunteer to assist with the collections please call Orla on (087)8174546.

SVP Christmas 2023 Annual Church Collection: SVP Foxford and district appreciate your generous contribution to the recent local collection. By doing so many families and individuals in our areas have benefited. Thank you again for your assistance.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust thanks all those who donated to their collection last weekend. Total collected for Bohola and Shraheens was €240.80. All monies go directly to taking young people with special needs to Lourdes this Easter for one week.

The Annual Archdiocese of Tuam Young Adults Night: Mass at 6.00pm on Friday, February 2nd in the Apparition Chapel, Knock Shrine, celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy. It will be followed by guest speakers, Q&A panel, refreshments & more in St John's RC. Featuring Dr Mark Garavan – 'Healing in Today's Complex World', Mary Killeen – 'Reflections from Knock' and Dr Kevin Hargaden – 'Theology Unveiled: Faith in Flux'.

Make a St Brigid's Cross: Get ready for St Brigid's Day with a free, drop-in activity to make a St Brigid's Cross, from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th January, at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park. See some different styles of St Brigid's Crosses on display and have a go at making your own cross to bring home. Free guided tours at 2pm and 3pm on both days with a special focus on objects, customs and traditions associated with St Brigid. See www.museum.ie for further information.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, January 28th: *Poetry as Spiritual Practice* Poetry has been described as capable of making one into a tuning fork of the Divine. Journey with Jesus is a weekly webzine of the global Presbyterian Church, which includes a poetry section offering over 300 poems by writers as diverse as Teresa of Avila, GK Chesterton, John Donne, Thomas Aquinas, Seamus Heaney, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, and many, many more. Access it here: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April to October 2024: 7 nights apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01-4434510, email reservations@med-irishcentre.com or see website www.med-irishcentre.com.

ALONE Volunteer Recruitment Drive for Older People: 'Hi, my name is Paul Stafford and I am the Volunteer Support Officer for ALONE and your local community. I am looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for up to one hour per week and/or telephone support for up to two hours per week. Our befriending programme is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086-0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>.

Full-Time Position Community Employment Supervisor for Swinford Area CE Scheme. Closing date for applications is 31st January. Full job description and application details available on www.jobsireland.ie or email theresadurkin@swinfordce.ie.

Award Winning Claremorris Musical Society returns to the stage of Claremorris Town Hall Theatre with a West of Ireland premiere of the hilarious musical comedy "Young Frankenstein" from January 31st to February 4th at 8pm nightly. Tickets (€18.50 Jan. 31st, €22.50 Feb. 1st – 4th) available from www.townhall.ie or by calling the Box Office on (094) 9310999.

Reincarnation is making a comeback!