

# Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday) – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> .	11.00am <b>Straide</b> 8.00pm <b>Straide</b>	First Holy Communion. Patrick & Agnes Mulroy & their daughter Delia, Gurranard, Straide.
Sunday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Bohola</b>	For all the People. Martin Doyle, London and Killasser. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Monday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am <b>Straide</b>	Liam Stenson, Knockshanbally.
Tuesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> .	11.00am <b>Straide</b>	Margaret Mary 'Peggy' O'Donnell (née Burke), Grallagh. (4 <sup>th</sup> Aniv.)
Wednesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am -12 noon 5.00 – 9.00pm 7.00pm <b>Straide</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. ( <i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> ) Maisie Walsh, Blanemore. (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Thursday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Saturday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> .	11.00am <b>Bohola</b> 3.00pm <b>Bohola</b> 8.00pm <b>Straide</b>	First Holy Communion. Confirmation. Tom Lavin & John McKeon, Aughaliskea. Jim & Moya Molloy, Knockshanvalley. Baby & Tom Mchale, Pullagh. Gemma McHale, Castlederg, Tyrone. (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Patrick & Margaret Roache & dec'd of Roache family, Muckanagh.
Sunday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Bohola</b>	James & Mary Hall, Knockatemple. Tom McEvaddy, Bohola. (Month's Mind)
<b>All Masses in <b>Straide</b> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/">www.churchtv.ie/straide/</a>) and <b>Bohola</b> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/bohola/">www.churchtv.ie/bohola/</a>) are live-streamed.</b> <b>Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</b> <b>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b>		

**Recent Death:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ethna Williamson, Kent, England, whose funeral took place in England on Friday. Ethna was niece of the late Tom O'Neill of Ardacarra. May she rest in peace.

**Pope Leo XIV:** God bless Pope Leo XIV and give him the wisdom and courage he needs for his new mission as Vicar of Christ. The fact that the election was completed as quickly as it was tells me that there was significant unity among the Cardinals about what the Church needs.

Quoting Saint Augustine, Pope Leo said: “with you I am a Christian and for you I am a bishop”. In that way he seems to signal his commitment to a synodal Church in which we walk together, listen to one another, and listen to the Word of God, but also a Church which recognises the particular pastoral and teaching mission of the Bishop of Rome.

Born in Chicago, a missionary from Peru, living and working in Rome, Pope Leo communicates well in many languages. His motto as Bishop was “One in the One”, meaning that, as Christians, we find our unity in the person of Jesus. With the help of God, he will be a Shepherd who gathers together the scattered children of God.

Pope Leo's focus on peace and on dialogue gives me great hope. His choice of the name Leo is significant, because the previous Pope Leo (Leo XIII) is the Pope who, in very troubled times, initiated the Social Teaching of the Church, which focuses on the dignity of human work, on rights and responsibilities associated with property, justice and peace, integral development and care of the earth.

I encourage all our Catholic people to pray for him and, in whatever way possible to work with him. (Bishop Kevin)

**Bohola Pastoral Council Report:** Bohola PPC met on Wednesday evening and the following items were discussed: **1.** Review of Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – some parishioners felt that too few of the ceremonies were held in Bohola. **2.** Review of tea/coffee after Mass - would love to see more joining us and next date was considered. **3.** Corpus Christi Cristi Procession on June 7<sup>th</sup>. **4.** Letter from Foxford Parish Pastoral Council inviting all in Bohola to join with them to celebrate Fr Padraig Costello's Golden Jubilee of Ordination on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Details follow. **5.** Jubilee Year events.



3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€757.

**Straide:**

€708.

Thanks for all your contributions.

**Vocation Sunday 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope:** This Sunday marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a special time to reflect on the call that God places in each of our hearts. A vocation, whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or committed lay service—is a gift of love and hope, calling us to make our lives a generous offering for others.

Are you discerning your path in life? Do you feel God may be calling you to a life of service in the Church? You're not alone on this journey. We are here to accompany you with prayer and support.

For more information please contact: Fr Paul Kivlehan, The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. Mobile 087-3683535, E-mail [pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org](mailto:pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org) or contact your local priest for more information. Let us pray together for new vocations and encourage one another to say “yes” to God's call with faith and joy.

**First Holy Communion** took place in Straide this Saturday. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Connor Butler, Sophia Jordan, Isabelle Rose, Dáire Tighe and Seán Tighe who received their First Holy Communion—a very special milestone in their faith journey. We are incredibly proud of each of you for the reverence and joy you brought to this sacred occasion. Your families, teachers, and parish community celebrate this important step with you. May God's love continue to shine in your hearts today and always.

A special ‘thank you’ to Mrs. Finnerty and Mary Dempsey for their kind and dedicated guidance in preparing the children for this holy Sacrament. Your support and care helped make this moment truly memorable. Special thanks also to Mrs Murrihy and all the staff of Straide NS and to all those who prepared the church for this joyous occasion.

**Attmass Parish Mission of Hope** takes place from Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, given by Fr. Michael McCullagh CM and Fr. Aidan Galvin CM. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>: *A Journey of Faith*; Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>: *A Journey of Love*; Friday 16<sup>th</sup>: *A Journey to Wholeness*; Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>: *A Journey of Hope*. Morning Mass at 9.30am, Evening Session 7.30pm Wednesday to Friday. Early Morning Mass on Thursday at 7.00am. Babies and Young Children Blessing Ceremony at 2pm on Saturday. Closing Mass on Saturday at 8pm, also Exam Mass for 2025.

**Fr Padraig Costello's Golden Jubilee Celebration:** Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in St Michael's Church, Foxford, followed by reception immediately afterwards in the Sports and Leisure Centre, Foxford. All are welcome.

A *Memory Book* is being created to commemorate Fr Padraig's years of service in Achonry. Those who have photos of his time in Bohola are asked to email them to [foxfordparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:foxfordparishcouncil@gmail.com).

**Lough Derg One Day Pilgrimage** on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May leaving from Kilmovee Church at 7am. All parishioners and friends welcome to join us. Cost is €50 towards Lough Derg. Please contact Fr Joseph Gavigan on 086-160 5373 for details.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:** The Achonry and Elphin dioceses' three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. See contact details on church notices.

**Breakthrough Cancer Research Croagh Patrick Climb** takes place on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for people affected by cancer. Spaces are limited so please email [edel@breakcancer.ie](mailto:edel@breakcancer.ie) for more information and to get signed up.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Monikia Rys who won a jackpot of €350 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who supported the draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by playing on the club app (Moy Davitts GAA).

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

**Bealtaine Cois Tine Night – Kilmovee Community Centre:** All are warmly invited to a special Bealtaine edition of Cois Tine, our much-loved evening of music, storytelling, and community connection, on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Kilmovee Community Centre. This month's celebration will include live music, dancing, song, and stories – with a special invitation to our older community members to take part: share a song, tell a story, have a dance, or simply come and enjoy the night. Homemade baking, a warm welcome, and some great raffle prizes await. Admission is free (donations welcome). No booking required.

**Parke Active Age Group Outing:** Parke Active Age Group is having an outing to the Great Northern Hotel, Donegal from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May with trips out each day and nightly music. If you'd like to join them, please call Marian on 087-2758084.

**Dovida Mayo are Recruiting Care Assistants** in all areas of Mayo. Call 094-9044785 or email [siobhan.brennan@dovida.ie](mailto:siobhan.brennan@dovida.ie).

**Fr. Peyton Centre, Attmass, Opening Hours** are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. The Centre will be opened on Saturdays from 10<sup>th</sup> May until the 27<sup>th</sup> September from 12.00pm until 5.00pm. Tel: 096-45374. Fr. Peyton Mission Office, Main Street Knock, F12 Y8 H2 opening Hours: Wednesday till Sunday 10am- 3pm.

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2025:** Please return your Trócaire Box or envelope donation as soon as possible and it would be greatly appreciated if you could convert coins into notes.

**Gianna Care** provides help to anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, or who needs help following an abortion. Their trained client advocates, counsellors, nurses and doctors are there to help. See [giannacare.ie](http://giannacare.ie).

**Mindspace Mayo:** Mindspace Mayo offers a free support service to young people (12-25yrs) in Co. Mayo, presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to emerging mental health difficulties like mild depression and anxiety. Mindspace is located in Market Square, Castlebar and anyone can make a referral. Visit [www.mindspacemayo.ie](http://www.mindspacemayo.ie) or call 094-9067001.

**God's on the line. Don't hang up! Vocations are everybody's business.**

# Extended Online Newsletter

**Dementia Activity Club:** Come join a new Early stage Dementia Activity Club for a journey of fun, adventure, day trips, social outings and much more. It is for people with dementia and their family/carers. Come and join us to be part of a community that celebrates life and creates memories. The club commences on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Lough Lannagh Village Main Hall, F23 VW73. You can contact Marie Philbin on [087-1708706](tel:087-1708706) or [marie.philbin@alzheimer.ie](mailto:marie.philbin@alzheimer.ie).

**Achonry / Elphin Jubilee Year Adult Pilgrimage to Rome** takes place from October 22<sup>nd</sup> for five nights led by Fr Vincent Sherlock and Fr Tom Hever. The cost is €1,499 per person sharing, single supplement €300, limited availability. For bookings, please contact Joe Walsh Tours on [01-2410800](tel:01-2410800). Early booking is advisable. Further details are on notice in churches.

**Breakthrough Cancer Research Camino Walk:** Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research is taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of June this year. Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk towards Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact [edel@breakcancer.ie](mailto:edel@breakcancer.ie) or phone [\(021\) 4226655](tel:021-4226655) for more details.

**Foróige Youth Mentoring:** Would you have an hour to spare in the week? Adult Mentors are required for Foróige's Youth Mentoring Programme across the Mayo area. If you are interested in supporting a young person, this is an enjoyable way to spend your time and have a positive impact in a young person's life! We have many young people waiting to be matched to a Mentor and would be delighted to hear from you! Call [086-3835859](tel:086-3835859) / [086-0471420](tel:086-0471420) for more information about recruitment.

**Nia Classes.** Enjoyable, healthy movement barefoot to music. Great for balance, flexibility and overall well-being. Mondays 10am at Swinford Cultural Centre. Contact Siobhan at [089-4182740](tel:089-4182740).

**Warmer Homes Scheme:** Clár I.C.H. Ballyhaunis Rd, Claremorris, delivers the Free Energy Scheme funded by The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). It provides free home energy upgrades to homeowners who get certain social welfare payments. These upgrades help improve the energy efficiency and warmth of your home and are also known as the Warmer Homes Scheme. Contact us on [094-9371830](tel:094-9371830) for more information or an application form.

**Home Instead Mayo** is urgently looking for Care Assistants in all areas of Mayo. Help us provide care to someone in need near you today! Training and support provided. Call [094-9044785](tel:094-9044785) or email [siobhan.brennan@homeinstead.ie](mailto:siobhan.brennan@homeinstead.ie).

**St. Josephs Secondary School, Foxford Lotto:** Please support the NEW St. Josephs Secondary School, Foxford lotto. Contact [094-9256145](tel:094-9256145) for more details. Link to enter (€2.50 per line): <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stjosephsfoxford/>.

**Ballina Bereavement Support Group:** Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely especially as we approach Christmas. Sometimes spending time, talking and sharing with others who share that experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a monthly Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Newman Institute on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. All are welcome.

**Counselling** is available at Convent Rd., Ballaghaderreen and at Moneen, Castlebar. Enquiries to [087-9972503](tel:087-9972503).

**Become a Volunteer for Children with a Disability:** Have you some free time on your hands or have you always been thinking of becoming a volunteer to help those in your community? Enable Ireland Mayo Services require volunteers in all areas of County Mayo to work with children with a disability. Our volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at our centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are required per week. We work around your availability to make this exciting opportunity suit your lifestyle. Training is also provided. If you are interested please email [sduffy@enableireland.ie](mailto:sduffy@enableireland.ie) for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Volunteers are very positive about their experience.

**FACT Social Club:** We are an independent community-based service here in Foxford, Co Mayo, and we support people living with Dementia or in rural isolation. We are open Monday to Friday and provide social interaction, activities and much more in a safe and supported environment. If you would like more information on the services we offer, please contact us at [factsocialclub1@gmail.com](mailto:factsocialclub1@gmail.com) or telephone [094- 9256662](tel:094-9256662).

**Free Advertising with Mayo PPN:** Are you holding a community event/activity? Email your details with a Jpeg poster to [mayoppn@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie). We will circulate via the PPN social media platforms to our 1,000 plus community groups.

**Ireland's 2025 Jubilee "Sacred Heart Crusade of Love & Hope"** culminates in Knock Shrine on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> where Mass will be offered by Archbishop Eamon Martin and he will be renewing the Consecration of Ireland to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a consecration first made over 150 years ago. As this Jubilee Year begins, we are also reminded that this is the 350-year anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, which we contemplate with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his most recent encyclical, "Dilexit Nos".

**Bereavement Support Group:** Life after bereavement can feel empty and lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly bereavement Support Group meeting at the Family Centre, Knock each Wednesday at 11am. No booking required. Further information from Monica Morley on [094-9375320](tel:094-9375320).

**Prayer Group Silent Servants of Divine Mercy:** Colum and Seosamh are two young men with non- verbal autism. They spell to communicate. They have had a prayer ministry for some years now and recently made a Facebook page called [Silent Servants of the Divine Mercy](#). They invite people to like the page and send their prayer intentions to them. They then pray and offer their sufferings for all the prayer intentions. They also recently started a sodality called [Silent Servants of the Divine Mercy Sodality](#). The Sodality holds a monthly online prayer meeting on Zoom. Seosamh spelled: "The sodality is for silent people and others who cannot go to a prayer meeting in person. We have a prayer meeting once a month and silent people and others could join the meeting online". The hope is that other people can join them in praying for the intentions of the Silent Servants. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes. Please send a text to [086-4134847](tel:086-4134847) if you are interested in attending the meeting. The day before the meeting we will send out a Zoom link for the meeting. It is for people who cannot attend prayer meetings in person, special needs people, sick people, and elderly people-anyone who can't get to a prayer meeting but who would like to pray with others.

**Preparing for Marriage?** Weekend residential courses are available from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May or 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September. Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org).

**Mayo Cancer Support** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call [\(094\) 9038407](tel:094-9038407).

**North West STOP** offers a [free counselling](#) service with no waiting lists. Call or text [086-7772009](tel:086-7772009) to arrange an appointment.

**Hospital & Home Visits/Family Deaths:** *If you wish the priest to visit relations or friends in hospital or at home or to put a notice of family deaths outside the parish in the weekly newsletter – please make contact by phone or email.*

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See below the date of the next meeting of the Mayo Stoma Support group. Would it be possible for you to add it to your local events section?

When you see it as suitable

**Mayo Stoma Support Group**

**Venue: The Ellison Hotel Castlebar**

**Time 7pm-9pm**

**Date 12-June-2025**

**Refreshments Provided**

**SMS / WhatsApp 0862444376 to book your place for numbers only**



**SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS:**

**Designated Liaison Persons:**

***Diocese of Elphin:***

•Mary Nicholson, St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo. Tel: 086 3750277.

•Anne Leonard, c/o St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo. Tel: 087 6474136.

***Diocese of Achonry:***

•Helen Diskin, Bishop's House, Convent Road, Ballaghaderreen. Tel: 087 0516888.

***TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) – Duty Social Work Contact Details:***

Sligo 071-9155133.

Leitrim 071-9650324.

Roscommon 090-6637528.

Galway 091-546366.

Athlone 090-6483106.

Mayo 094-9042283.

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1800 555 222

**PRAYER FOR HEALING OF  
SURVIVORS /VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

*God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.*

*Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
Enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy*

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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