

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Easter – 4th May 2025



The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 3 rd .	8.00pm Straide	Michael Joe Doherty, Gurteen (Month's Mind) and his wife Pauline (13 th Anniversary). Mary Roche, her uncle Joe Rynne and Tom & Mary Kate Murphy, Gurteens.
Sunday, May 4 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Bohola	For all the People. Frank McNicholas, Lismirrane, and deceased family.
Monday, May 5 th .	7.00pm	Private Intention.
Tuesday, May 6 th .		No Mass. 7.30 – 8.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, May 7 th .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, May 8 th .	7.00pm Straide	Private Intention.
Friday, May 9 th .	7.00pm Straide	Tommy Athy, (2 nd Anniversary), his parents Mary & Thomas and his sister, Nora McNamara.
Saturday, May 10 th .	11.00am Straide 8.00pm Straide	First Holy Communion. Patrick & Agnes Mulroy & their daughter, Delia, Gurranard, Straide.
Sunday, May 11 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Bohola	For all the People. Martin Doyle, London and Killasser. (1 st Anniversary)
All Masses in Straide (www.churchtv.ie/straide/) and Bohola (www.churchtv.ie/bohola/) are live-streamed. Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above) All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.		

Baptism: On Sunday last, April 27th in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome Cillian Jerome Nea, Clonard, Co Meath into God's family. Congratulations to his parents, Michelle and Jonathan, his godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Lara McNicholas, Tavnabeg and Adrian Finnerty, Caltra, who were married in Straide on this Friday 2nd May. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life.

Straide Pastoral Council Report: Straide PPC met on Wednesday evening and the following items were discussed: 1. Review of Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – felt that all went well and thanks expressed to all who contributed. 2. Preparation of church for First Holy Communion to take place on Thursday next at 8pm. All help welcome. 3. It was proposed that a rota be set up for regular cleaning of the church. 4. Healing Mass arranged for Friday, 30th May at 8pm. 5. The possibility of having a Corpus Cristi Procession on June 8th followed by tea/coffee in the Parochial House was discussed. 6. It is hoped that the parish website will go live in the near future. 7. The PPC seek a youth representative (aged 18-25). 8. Straide is to host the next meeting of the Fr Peyton Cluster in the Parochial House on Tuesday, May 27th.

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.

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

The Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2025 Season opens today. All events are posted on church notices.

Attmass Parish Mission of Hope takes place from Wednesday, 14th May to Saturday, 17th May given by Fr. Michael McCullagh CM and Fr. Aidan Galvin CM. Wednesday 14th: A Journey of Faith; Thursday 15th: A Journey of Love; Friday 16th: A Journey to Wholeness; Saturday 17th: 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. Peyton Centre, Attmass, Opening Hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. The Centre will be opened on Saturdays from 10th May until the 27th 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.



26th / 27th:

Bohola:

€829.

Straide:

€521.

Thanks for all your contributions to both the Offertory and to the priest's Easter collection.

Bereavement Course: There will be a 4-week Bereavement Programme, aimed at helping those who are struggling after the death of a loved one, taking place in St John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock Shrine, starting on Thursday 8th May. It will run over 4 Thursday nights, (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May) from 8 to 9.30pm and be presented by Monica Morley. There is no fee for the course but places are limited. For further information or to book a place, contact Monica on 094-9375320.

'Live Life' National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine: On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!' If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group, please email youthministry@knockshrine.ie.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, May 4th: *Stations of the Forest ...* Stations of the Forest is a Columban Education Program from the Philippines that uses the Stations of the Cross to lament the gradual death of part of God's creation, the rainforest. This short and profoundly moving film is a heart-rending reflection of the environmental devastation wrought by humans on planet earth, our common home. Watch at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

The March For Life 2025, organised by the Pro-Life Campaign takes place on Monday, 5th May in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point: Opposite Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! See www.marchforlife.ie.

BREAKING NEWS: Alarming new data on abortion trends will be key focus at the upcoming March for Life. "Since the law took effect in 2019, there's been approximately 51,000 abortions, a far cry from the misleading promise that abortion in Ireland would be 'safe, legal and rare'" – *Eilis Mulroy*.

Straide Church Rotas for May

First Reading: Frances Regan.

Second Reading: Declan Hynes.

Prayers of the Faithful: Servers.

Minister of Communion: Joanne Jordan.

Offertory Collectors: Marian & Paddy McHale.

Opening/Closing Church: Anne & Brian Page.

The Michael Davitt Museum Celebrating Women in Irish History: Our next lecture is taking place at 7pm on Thursday, 8th May titled: 'Through Women's Eyes: two centuries of rebellion in Ireland'. Entry fee €5. Email booking: info@michaeldavittmuseum.ie or book online with [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ie).

As places are limited we ask that you book in advance, those who book in advance will receive priority entry.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Neil Cruise who won a jackpot of €560 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 12th 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.

Dovida Mayo are Recruiting Care Assistants in all areas of Mayo. Call 094-9044785 or email siobhan.brennan@dovida.ie.

Breakthrough Cancer Research Croagh Patrick Climb takes place on Saturday, May 17th to help raise funds for people affected by cancer. Spaces are limited so please email edel@breakcancer.ie for more information and to get signed up.

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

Catholic Mothers Ireland started in 2015 with a mother who saw the challenges both she and her friends were facing bringing their children up in the Catholic faith. She saw a need for somewhere these mothers could go for support and encouragement. As there was nothing that seemed to cater to these needs, she felt called to start a group that would. The aim was simple, a group of mothers getting together to pray, learn about our faith and to talk. It started with a small group of friends meeting every couple of months and through their prayers and enthusiasm it has now developed into a growing community of mothers meeting regularly, praying together and learning together. Learn more at <https://catholicmothers.ie/>.

A midget was left speechless after being pickpocketed.

He never believed anyone could stoop so low!



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 24th 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.

Achonry / Elphin Jubilee Year Adult Pilgrimage to Rome takes place from October 22nd 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 13th to 20th 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 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.

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.

Interested in having the Spotlight on your Community Organisation? Mayo PPN is currently running a series called 'Community Spotlight'. It involves a weekly feature highlighting PPN groups' events and activities and is showcased on the PPN website and social media platforms for one week. Send us a short description of your group –150/250 words and 3 or 4 photographs by email to mayoppn@mayococo.ie. If you would like to find out more about this project have a look at some of the groups that have featured so far, go to: [Community Spotlight - Mayo PPN](#).

Marriage 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 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 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. 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 22nd 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".

Interested in joining Mayo PPN Linkage Group? Linkage Groups are the way that PPN Member Groups can have a real input into policy in their area of operation. Linkage Groups bring together organisations with a common interest to discuss their views and interests in a specific policy area linked to Mayo Co Council Strategic Policy Committees. Community groups must be registered with Mayo PPN. Training Workshops will be delivered in each of the Municipal Districts. Westport/Belmullet MD, Claremorris/Swinford MD, Castlebar MD, Ballina MD. Please register your interest in attending a workshop by email to mayoppn@mayococo.ie.

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 23rd to 25th May or 19th to 21st September. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org.

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.

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.

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 or call [094-9067001](tel:094-9067001).

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.*

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.

Garda Confidential Service:

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.*

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

