

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 25th May 2025



The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 24 th .	8.00pm Straide	Kathleen & Michael Joe Smyth, Straide. (7 th & 10 th Anniversaries) Patrick & Brigid Mulroy & deceased sons, Bohergloss.
Sunday, May 25 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Bohola	For all the People. Patrick & James McNicholas, Althbawn. Mary Heslin (née Ivers), Althbawn. Ellie McDonagh, Sheridan Park. Tom and Teece O'Neill, Ardacarra, and deceased of the O'Neill and McNicholas families.
Monday, May 26 th .	10.00am	Willie Brennan and Paddy & Claire Hope.
Tuesday, May 27 th .		No Mass.
	7.30 – 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, May 28 th .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, May 29 th .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Friday, May 30 th .	8.00pm Straide	Mass for Healing.
Saturday, May 31 st .	8.00pm Bohola	For all the People.
Sunday, June 1 st .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide	Private Intention. Tom & Kitty Bourke (née McGowan), Grallagh and Knocknaculla, & Breege McGowan, Knocknaculla & Lios na Circe , Castlebar. Paddy McHale, Oughtoose & Jackie and Ita McHale & dec'd family. Maisie Walsh, Blanemore. (Birthday Remembrance)
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.		

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

Charlotte Doherty, Cloonconra, who died on Sunday last, May 18th and whose funeral took place in Straide on Wednesday.

Niall Coyle, Clondalkin, Dublin, who died on Friday, May 16th and whose funeral Mass took place in Dublin on Tuesday last with burial in Straide on Wednesday. He was the father of Anita McKeown, Currane.

Myles (Sonny) O'Sullivan, Cashel and Waterville, who died on Thursday, May 8th, and his nephew, Myles O' Sullivan, Waterville, who died on Thursday, May 15th. They were the brother and nephew respectively of Nora Lavin, Aughaliska.

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

Baptism: On Sunday last, May 18th, in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome *Tadh Michael McNea*, Shraheens and New York, into God's family. Congratulations to his parents, Leanne and Aidan, his godparents, and the wider family circle. We wish them every blessing in the future.

First Communion Mass at Knock Shrine: All First Communion children and their families are invited to a special Mass of celebration on Sunday, June 1st at 12 noon in the Basilica, Knock. The children are welcome to wear their communion clothes and will actively participate in the Mass, making it a happy and memorable family occasion.

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

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock on Saturday, June 7th from 9.30am. The keynote speaker, Msgr Steve Rossetti, from the USA and will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass begins at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee.

Dare to Hope, a Young Adult Gathering takes place at Knock Shrine on *Sunday, June 14th*. This event is being hosted by the Irish Bishops' Conference and is aimed at inspiring and encouraging young adults in their faith. Details on notice in churches.



17th / 18th:

Bohola:

€741.

Straide:

€374.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Mass for Healing: At its last meeting, Straide PPC decided to organise a Mass for Healing which will be celebrated in Straide on Friday evening next at 8.00pm when our prayers will focus on all who are sick. Everyone is invited but especially those who are in need of emotional, spiritual, physical or mental healing. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to those who wish to receive it.

Knowing and Living our Catholic Faith takes place in Knock next Saturday, May 31st from 11.30am. It includes: morning conference, outdoor Stations of the Cross at 2pm followed by the Rosary procession, Mass at 3pm in the Basilica with anointing of the sick, Adoration and Confessions throughout the day. See notice in churches and also page 29 of this week's 'Irish Catholic'.

Penance Services will take place in designated churches throughout our two dioceses on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th at 7.30pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Visiting priests will be in attendance and venues are listed on notice in churches.

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.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, May 25th: *Gerard Manley Hopkins: his life and extraordinary poetry..* Gerard Manley Hopkins is regarded as one the Victorian era's greatest poets. Raised in a Church of England family, he studied classics at Oxford. In 1864, he converted to Catholicism after reading John Henry Newman's account of his own conversion. Hopkins soon decided to become a priest himself, and in 1867 he entered a Jesuit novitiate near London.

He became deeply influenced by 13th century Franciscan philosopher-theologian, John Duns Scotus (1266-1308), whose doctrine of 'thisness' - haecceity - is derived from haec, the Latin word for "this." God, according to Scotus, is continuously choosing each created thing specifically to exist, moment by moment. The direct implication of this truth is that love must precede all true knowledge, which was at the heart of all Franciscan-based philosophy. Hopkins' revolutionary poetry is infused by this belief. Watch a terrific 1986 BBC documentary on Hopkins' life and poetry at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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 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.

Commemoration of Michael Davitt: On Friday, 30th May at 10:00 AM we will commemorate Michael Davitt's anniversary with a special wreath-laying ceremony in Straide. The Minister for Social Protection, Rural and Community Development, Dara Calleary will lay the wreath at the ceremony. This will take place at Michael Davitt's grave in Straide cemetery, adjacent to the Michael Davitt Museum. We invite all who wish to attend the commemoration of our local hero to come along.

"Illumination " A Sacred Opus by Kathy Fahey will be performed by Vocalessence Ladies Choir and Mayo Concert Orchestra with guests Andrew Gavin, Tenor, and Anne Marie Gibbons, Mezzo-Soprano, in St Mary's Church, Westport next Friday, May 30th at 8pm. Proceeds in aid of Holy Trinity Church Westport Restoration. Tickets are on Eventbrite.

Federation for Victim Assistance are seeking your help in securing funding from the AIB Community €1 Million Fund which has just been launched. Closing date for nominations is 25th June 2025. Flyer displayed in churches gives all the details needed for your nomination. We would be very grateful to you if you would log onto aib.ie and nominate us, and also to share this with as many people as possible.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Fiona Mountney who won a jackpot of €499 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**.

Community Inclusion Spotlight - Welcoming New Communities into Your Organisations: Would your organisation like to be featured on the Mayo PPN website and across our social media platforms? Mayo PPN is running a new series called Community Inclusion Spotlight. It's a weekly feature on a Community Group highlighting how the group is welcoming New Communities into their area. All we need is a short brief about your group and how you have welcomed 'New Communities' on board. Send a description of your group –150/250 words by email to mayoppn@mayococo.ie. Include 3-4 photographs.

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.

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).

I'm retired. I was tired yesterday and I'm tired again today!

Straide Church Rotas for June

First Reading: Anne Molloy.

Second Reading: Marian Walsh.

Prayers of the Faithful: Servers.

Minister of Communion: Mary Byrne.

Offertory Collectors: Denis Canning & Seamus Maloney.

Opening/Closing Church: Mary Roche.

Extended Online Newsletter

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.

Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, 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.

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 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. Early booking is advisable. Further details are on notice in churches.

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.

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 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 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., Ballagherderreen and at Moneen, Castlebar. Enquiries to 087-9972503.

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.

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".

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.

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 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 course is available from 19th to 21st September. Details: www.qrasta.org or at info@qrasta.org.

North West STOP offers a free counselling service with no waiting lists. Call or text 086-7772009 to arrange an appointment.

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call (094) 9038407.

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.*

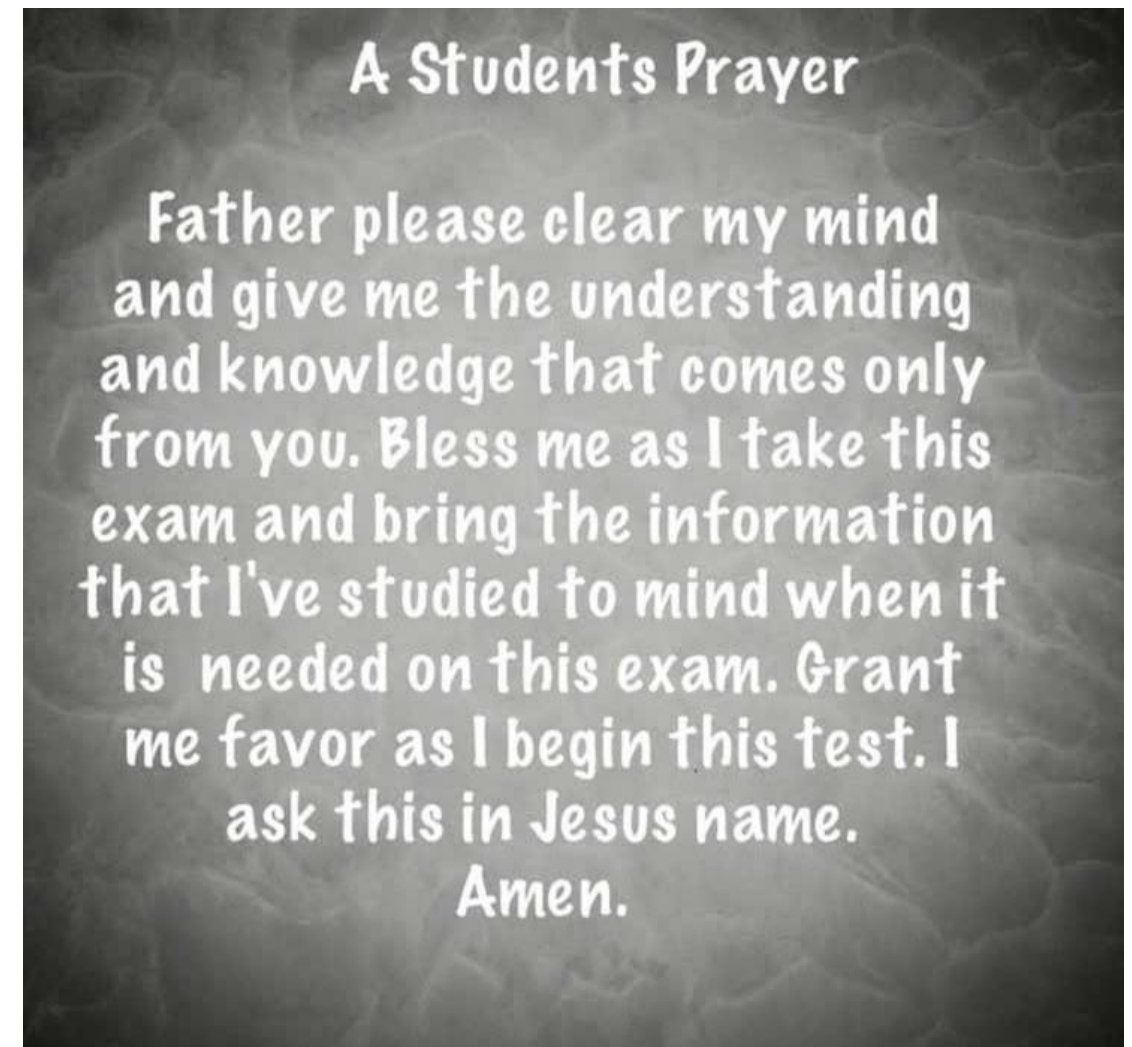
Mayo Stoma Support Group
Venue: The Ellison Hotel Castlebar

Time 7pm-9pm

Date 12-June-2025

Refreshments Provided

SMS / WhatsApp 0862444376 to book your place for numbers only



Question By A STUDENT !!



**If A Single Teacher Can't
Teach Us All The Subjects,
Then..
How Could You Expect
A Single Student To
Learn All Subjects??**

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

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Give God 10 Seconds

Dear Lord,

**Thank You for this day and all the blessings
in my life—my family, my friends, food on
the table, joy in my heart, and the kindness
I've received. Thank You for Jesus, my Savior
and my guide. Thank You for forgiving me
and helping me grow each day.**

**Please help me remember the good things
today, and forgive me for the things I
didn't get right. Teach me to be kind and
loving, just like You. As I sleep tonight,
please watch over me and everyone I love.
Fill my heart with peace and help me trust
You more tomorrow.**