

# Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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The Most Holy Trinity – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Bill (Willie) Cryan, Lismirrane. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Kevin Fanning, Tooromeen. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People. Pat & Julia Maloney, Helen White, James & Bridget McDonnell & their son Peter.
Monday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Tuesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup> .	7.30 – 8.30pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, June 19 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
Friday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Baby Ella Masterson & deceased of Neary and Nolan families.
Saturday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> .	2.00pm <i>Straide</i> 8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Charlotte Doherty, Cloonconra. (Month's Mind) Richard & Agnes Walsh, their son Tom & daughter Delia Mary, Lissaniskey.
Sunday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	9.30am* <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore. (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary). Rose Curry, Tavnabeg & Kiltimagh. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Mary Bogue (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary), her husband Gerry & deceased of Deacy & Bogue families.
<b>All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/">www.churchtv.ie/straide/</a>) and <i>Bohola</i> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/bohola/">www.churchtv.ie/bohola/</a>) are live-streamed.</b> <b><i>Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</i></b> <b><i>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</i></b>		

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

John Kelly, Straide, who died on Monday last, June 9<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Straide on Thursday.

Elizabeth Houlihan, Lorrha, Co Tipperary, who died on Monday last, June 9<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Lorrha on Friday. She was the mother of Vera Costello, Tavanaughkanaffe, Shraheens.

Mike McDonnell, Chiswick, London and formerly of Ballinaculla, who died on Monday last, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. He was the brother of Martin McDonnell, Ballinaculla.

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

**Tea/Coffee & Chat!** All are invited to the Parish Centre in Bohola after the 8pm Mass this Saturday evening.

**Day for Life 2025:** This year's Day for Life, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us. To read the full bishops' message, visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie).

**Cluster Pilgrimage to Urlaur Abbey for Jubilee Year** takes place this Sunday, beginning at 5.00pm with prayers at Urlaur Church before setting out on foot for the Abbey where there will be a short Prayer Service. The pilgrimage will then return to Urlaur Church where refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join in this special Jubilee Year event. Please note: there is parking at Urlaur Church and the walk from there to Urlaur Abbey takes approximately 40 minutes each way.

**Corpus Christi Processions** will take place after next weekend's Masses in Bohola and Straide, weather permitting. We encourage all to join in and participate in the Rosary and singing in order to make it a prayerful occasion. All children who received their First Communion and Confirmation in recent weeks are especially welcome.

**Attymass Parish Cemetery Masses** are as follows: Bonninglas Cemetery, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 8.00pm; Old Killeen Cemetery, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm; New Killeen Cemetery, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm. A Collection for the upkeep of the cemeteries will take place at each Mass.



7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€561.

**Straide:**

€338.

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

**Mrs Teresa Mulligan, Principal of Bohola NS** is retiring after 23 years of service as Principal of the school. A Mass of Thanksgiving, will be held in Bohola Parish Church on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. Refreshments will follow in the Community Centre afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Farewell and Thank You Fr. Steve:** We extend our warmest good wishes to Fr. Steve Gibson as he returns to the USA following his many years of dedicated service at the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass. We fondly remember his visits to Straide many years ago to celebrate Mass – his great faith, words of wisdom, wonderful stories and his sense of humour. A Mass of thanksgiving and farewell was celebrated in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, last Thursday evening with a packed attendance to give thanks for Fr Steve's faithful and generous service. We wish him every blessing as he moves on.

**Join the Fr Peyton Centre Rosary on the Reek, Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:** Croagh Patrick is a Pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year. Meet in the Car Park at 9.30am, climb at 10am. Rosary at the summit at 12noon. For information, contact Fina on [096-45374](tel:09645374) or email [fina@fatherpeytoncentre.ie](mailto:fina@fatherpeytoncentre.ie).

**Spina Bifida/Hydrocephalus Church Gate Collection:** Thank you to all who contributed to this church gate collection last weekend in Bohola, Shraheens and Straide. €723.51 was raised.

**National Pilgrimage for Life:** The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Martin Hayes. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

**Statement of Bishops': Gaza: "Words are not enough!"** At their meeting this week, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference issued a message about Gaza. It is included in the extended online newsletter and on the Straide and diocesan websites.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>:** *A Guide to Becoming Real with Anthony de Mello...* "Human beings are born in their sleep, they live in their sleep, they die in their sleep without ever waking up". Anthony (Tony) de Mello (1939-1987) was an Indian Jesuit priest. He is widely known for his ground-breaking and enduring work that integrates western and eastern spirituality, and he is regarded as one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's foremost spiritual philosophers. Through his still bestselling books, De Mello presents a method of self-inquiry he described as a practical spirituality, in which a simple practice of awareness leads to the level of personal transformation that can open to realms of enlightenment. Access one of his excellent recorded talks at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

**Pro-Life Campaign:** The Pro-Life Campaign is a human rights organisation committed to defending the right to life at all stages, from conception to natural death. We also campaign for resources to support and assist pregnant women and those in need of healing after abortion. Right now, the Pro Life Campaign is working to change public policy that promotes abortion at every turn - to reduce Ireland's soaring abortion numbers and highlight life-affirming alternatives. For more information visit us at [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie).

**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).

**The Annual Kathleen Conneely Memorial Charity Walk** takes place on Clare Island for Mayo Roscommon Hospice on next Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Entry is a donation of €50 per person or raising a minimum €50 per person in sponsorship. This includes free bus transfer from Castlebar or Westport if required and free ferry crossing. Assembly is at Roonagh Pier at 10.15am for the 10.45am ferry; It is essential to notify the organisers in advance - Pat Conneely ([087 2931960](tel:0872931960)) or Joe Brett ([087 2338570](tel:0872338570)) or email [kathleenconneelywalks@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenconneelywalks@gmail.com). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Niall Horan who won a jackpot of €416 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**.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Flyer displayed in churches and on extended newsletter gives all the details needed for your nomination. We would be very grateful to you if you would log onto [aib.ie](http://aib.ie) and nominate us, and also to share this with as many people as possible.

**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](tel:0949067001).

**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.

**Cemetery Masses:** Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Cemetery, Bohola on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm and in Straide Cemetery on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00am.

**The gender neutral term for 'Sugar Daddy' is 'Glucose Guardian'!**

# Extended Online Newsletter

**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](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie). Include 3-4 photographs.

**Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, 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](tel:09645374). 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Lough Lannagh Village Main Hall, F23 VW73. You can contact Marie Philbin on [087-1708706](tel:0871708706) 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:012410800). 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](tel:0894182740).

**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:0949044785) 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:0949256145) 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:0879972503).

**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:0949256662).

**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:0949375320).



**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:0864134847) 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 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September. Details: [www.qrasta.org](http://www.qrasta.org) or at [info@qrasta.org](mailto:info@qrasta.org).

**North West STOP** offers a *free counselling* service with no waiting lists. Call or text [086-7772009](tel:0867772009) to arrange an appointment.

**Mayo Cancer Support** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call [094\) 9038407](tel:0949038407).

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**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.*

## **Gaza: "Words are not enough!" – Irish Bishops call for solidarity at parish level** **Bishops stated the following concerning the humanitarian disaster in Gaza:**

"In Gaza people are starving and adequate aid is being denied; it seems clear that famine is being used as a weapon of war. Already over 600,000 Palestinians have been displaced. The evidence points to a staged strategy of ethnic cleansing aimed at removing the Palestinian people from their homes and their homeland. It is becoming increasingly clear to people on the ground that these are genocidal actions sanctioned by the Government of Israel.

"What is happening in Gaza – and the West Bank – is the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.

"Words are not enough! There is an urgent need for the international community to intervene, cut off arms supplies and bring the carnage to an end. This will call for courage on the part of leaders. Examples of courage are being given every day by heroic doctors, nurses and aid workers risking their lives in service of the wounded and those who have been displaced."

As noted already, bishops offered prayers for the people of Gaza and Ukraine as well as other troubled places in the world. In relation to the deteriorating situation in Gaza they noted that as of early June 2025, the humanitarian crisis there has intensified dramatically. To date, almost 55,000 people have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank, since the horrific events of 7 October 2023.

Bishops welcomed the response to their call in their statement of 26 May for a 'Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace' in Gaza on Friday last, 6 June. The entire month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, should be a time of special prayer for peace. All parishes are asked to give expression to their solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza during June.

Bishops continued, "People in parishes across the country are horrified by what they are witnessing. They may feel helpless. But they can show their solidarity in different ways by lobbying their political representatives, by supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict now and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners."

Bishops listened again to the recent words of Pope Leo XIV and resonated with them: "In the Gaza Strip, the cry of mothers, of fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of children and who are continually forced to move in search of a little food and safer shelter from bombing, rises ever more intensely to the sky. I renew my appeal to the leaders: cease-fire, release all hostages, fully respect humanitarian law. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us." (General Audience, 28 May 2025).