

# Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter



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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

## The Week Ahead

Saturday, August 30 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm <b>Bohola</b>	Kathleen Cryan, Lismirrane. (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Tommy & Kitty Maloney, Clooneen. (45 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversaries) James & Eileen Tierney, Ardgullen, and Tommy Quinn.
Sunday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Straide</b>	Margaret & Tom Kenny, Derrinogue, their daughter, Margaret & her husband, Tony Dempsey, Kiltimagh. Carmel O'Brien, Boleyard. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>No Weekday Masses – Fr. O'Mahony on holidays.</b>		
Tuesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	7.30 -8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	10.00am -12 noon 5.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm <b>Straide</b>	Martin Reid, Castlebar and Carracastle. (Month's Mind) Eamonn & Anne McNicholas, Tavnagh
Sunday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Bohola</b>	Private Intention. Private Intention.
<b>All Masses in <u>Straide</u> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/">www.churchtv.ie/straide/</a>) and <u>Bohola</u> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/bohola/">www.churchtv.ie/bohola/</a>) are live-streamed. <u>Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</u> <b>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b></b>		

**Adoration in Bohola** returns after the summer break on Wednesday next, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10.00am to 12noon from 5.00 to 10.00pm. New adorers are always welcome.

**Holidays!** Fr. O'Mahony will be away on holidays until September 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully there will be no need, but in case of emergency contact Swinford (087-1338200), Fr Michael Quinn, Kiltimagh (087-9082342) or Fr. Pdraig Costello, Foxford (087-2422273).

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>:** The Season of Creation – To make His name known (cf. John 17:26) The Season of Creation, also known as Creatiointide, is an annual period in the Christian calendar dedicated to prayer and action for the care of creation. It starts on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the World Day for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. It is an ecumenical observance, celebrated by many Christian denominations, including Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants and Anglicans. The theme this year is 'Peace with Creation'. This is a time for Christians worldwide to renew their relationship with God and all creation, conversion and commitment. It encourages people to give thanks for the gift of creation and to take action to protect the natural environment. To mark this important season, New Pilgrim Path will offer a selection of helpful resources. Visit: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

**Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this September: One Day Retreats:** Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking. Contact by email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or call (071) 9861518. See also [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 PC60.

**Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes** The first joint Diocese of Achonry and Diocese of Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025. The pilgrimage will be under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Thirteen priests from both our dioceses will be participating and assisting with the various ceremonies, services and Masses throughout the pilgrimage. Many people from across both Dioceses will be participating in the pilgrimage too along with 35 Assisted Pilgrims who will be cared for in Lourdes by the Pilgrimage Care Team who consist of Brancardiers, Handmaids, Nurses and Doctors. The Pilgrimage will also have 29 members in its youth section, ranging in age from 17 to 20 along with their Leaders. Youth members support the work of the Pilgrimage Care Team throughout the pilgrimage and participate in all the ceremonies, provide entertainment, and have their own youth centred activities also. We are grateful to all who work voluntarily on the Pilgrimage and give a lot of their time and commitment in the months of preparation and build up to the Pilgrimage, to ensure that it runs smoothly and is an uplifting spiritual experience for all. The Pastoral Theme in Lourdes this year is "With Mary.... Pilgrims of Hope." We wish to assure you that we will carry with us the intentions of those who cannot join us. To all who have asked for our prayers—we assure you that you and your loved ones will be remembered in our Masses, devotions, and quiet moments at the Grotto. For those who are ill; you will be included in our prayers too and in the lighting of our Pilgrimage Candle – with each flame a symbol of hope, healing and love. For more info on Lourdes and to join us during the ceremonies- <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>.

<b>Straide Church Rotas for September</b>
<b>First Reading:</b> Tracey Barrett.
<b>Second Reading:</b> Claire Doherty.
<b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b> Servers.
<b>Minister of Communion:</b> Norah Roache.
<b>Offertory Collectors:</b> Vinnie Foy & Maureen Maloney.
<b>Opening/Closing Church:</b> Nora & Michael McNicholas.



23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€669.99

**Straide:**

€343

Thanks for all  
your contributions.

**Ireland West 3/4 Marathon** is on the Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September and there will be road closures on the Straide/ Ballylahan Road.

**Autumn Sewing Classes in Knockatemple:** *Beginners:* Wednesdays, starting 10<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30-11.30am or 8-10pm. *Intermediate:* Thursdays, starting 11<sup>th</sup> September, 8-10pm. 6 week course costs €125. All materials provided. For more information, call Dee on 087-2266039.

**National Coffee Morning for Hospice:** Mayo Roscommon Hospice is inviting people to host a coffee morning or evening with family, friends, or work colleagues on National Coffee Morning for Hospice, **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**, or on an alternative date if it suits you better. Please register for your free pack online at <https://www.hospice.ie/coffee/>, email [info@hospice.ie](mailto:info@hospice.ie) or call 094-9388666. Donations welcome online at [www.hospice.ie](http://www.hospice.ie). Please support.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Caroline O'Reilly McGlynn, Donegal (online winner) who won a jackpot of €600 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who supported the draw. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by playing on the club app (Moy Davitts GAA).

**The Mayo branch of Alzheimer Society of Ireland** will be holding a Memory Walk on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2025 around Lough Lannagh - suitable for all levels. Meeting point is at 12 noon at Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 A257. Register for the Memory Walk on [www.alzheimer.ie](http://www.alzheimer.ie)

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

**Cnoc na nÓg Pre-School** Huge welcome to our children who started in Cnoc na nÓg, Straide on Thursday last. ECCE places still available, contact Bronwyn [cnocnanog@straidens.ie](mailto:cnocnanog@straidens.ie) or 0871508840

**St Vincent DePaul East Mayo Area Council** will host an information evening on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the Parish Centre Kiltimagh F12 W8Y7at 8 pm. All are welcome. We aim to advise the community on the varied work that SVP Volunteers carry out. There will time for Q & A and if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer a member will be in attendance to assist. If you have any questions or concerns please call or text Bernadette East Mayo Area President on 086 362 8302

**Mayo Older People's Council** invites you to Mayo's OPC AGM/Information Day AGM and Information Day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar with registration starting at 9:30am and concluding at 2pm. Special guests on the day will deliver presentations on: Age Friendly Ireland, HSE Integrated Care for Older People, Crime prevention and Safety in the Home and much more. Event is free. For details email [agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie](mailto:agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie) or phone 094 9064111

**Catholic Mothers Ireland** – Family Day – We will be holding our Annual National Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Church of St James, Kiltbeggan, Co. Westmeath. We will begin in the chapel at 11am with Children's Adoration and Rosary where confessions will be available. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 12pm, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family! Email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) for more information and booking.

**Moy Singers** celebrating 40 years in 2026! Dates for the diary- Rehearsals begin Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7:15 in Ballina. Christmas concert on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026. New members welcome. Please contact us by email - [moyingers@gmail.com](mailto:moyingers@gmail.com)

**ALONE:** If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818-222 024.

**Assist You:** Need support with Bookkeeping, Payroll or Admin? Contact Assist You – 086 352 6348

**Mayo Karate Academy** September Classes Begin: Claremorris GAA Hall (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm) Foxford Leisure Centre (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm). The Sheridan Memorial Community Centre, Bohola (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm). All new students can avail of a 2 week FREE TRIAL. To book: Contact 087 463 6841 or email [mayokarateacademy@gmail.com](mailto:mayokarateacademy@gmail.com)

**Durkan Bohola Community Park Clean-Up:** Clean-up of Micksey's way and painting of pavilion this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30pm. All help appreciated. Please bring gardening gloves, painting gloves, strimmer and wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes.

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is 'humility'?

Some think being humble means we can't acknowledge the good we do. They might go so far as to think being humble means thinking they are not good. That's not true. We can be humble and acknowledge the good we do by giving credit where credit is done.

This begins with acknowledging that the Lord is 'the giver of every good gift' (opening prayer for Mass today). We are able to do good because of the gifts God has given us.

Jesus teaches about humility in the context of places of honour at a wedding banquet. Humility is a virtue that we need to make part of our whole life.

Isn't it easier to work with someone who humbles themselves and will work with you rather than work with someone who will do anything to get ahead without concern for others?

In proper humility we open ourselves to the help of others. We open ourselves to God's guidance. Here I think of Sirach's words, 'the mind of a sage appreciates proverbs and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.' If we are truly humble and wise, we want to listen so that we may grow.

After all, what is our goal? Are we looking to make a lot of money (that would be greed)? Do we just want to look good (that would be pride)? Or are we trying to live the words of the Lord's Prayer, 'your kingdom come,' working to make God's kingdom known in this world?

Fr Jeff

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**My friend wanted me to help her start a dog collection.  
So I gave her a couple of pointers!**