

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th October 2025



The Week Ahead

Saturday, October 25 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Michael & Mary Horan, Carroward. Seamus & Nancy Conwell and their daughter Cathleen, Gortnasella, and all deceased of Conwell family. <i>First Communion Grow in Love Enrolment Mass.</i>
Sunday, October 26 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention. For all the People. <i>First Communion Grow in Love Enrolment Mass.</i>
Monday, October 27 th .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Tommy Reid, Chicago, formerly of Carracastle.
Tuesday, October 28 th .	7.00 - 8.00pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, October 29 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i> 10.00am – 12 noon 5.00 – 9.00pm	Pat Foy, Currane. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (<i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Thursday, October 30 th .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Friday, October 31 st .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Vigil of All Saints. Paddy McKeown (10 th Anniversary), & his wife Margaret, Currane, and deceased of McKeown & Connolly families.
Saturday, November 1 st .	11.00am 7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Feast of All Saints. For all the People.
Sunday, November 2 nd .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Bohola</i>	Mary & James Hall, Knockatemple and deceased of Hall family. Elizabeth Killeen, late of Barleyhill. (1 st Anniversary) Deceased of the Colgan family, Carragowan.
<i>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.</i>		

First Holy Communion: At this weekend's Masses in Bohola and Straide, we have a very special welcome for the children who will receive their First Holy Communion next May. We also welcome their parents, grandparents and other family members. They begin this significant journey with their Enrolment Mass as they commit to the 'Grow in Love' programme where home, school and parish work together to help them grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God. May God bless them in the months ahead.



Thank You for Celebrating World Mission Sunday: Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. You can still donate by using the envelope in your offertory collection box or in the special envelopes left in the church.

Western Province Safeguarding Newsletter 2025: This newsletter is for the information of all parishioners. It contains updates and developments in safeguarding children/young people and vulnerable adults in our Diocese. You are encouraged read the newsletter so please take a copy, available in churches.

Time Change: The clocks go back this weekend so please note that from next **Saturday, November 1st**, the Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be at **7.00pm** (in Straide for November) and will remain at that time for the winter months.

Adoration Time Change in Straide: Adoration goes ahead on Tuesdays as usual but will now be from **7.00 to 8.00pm** starting on Tuesday next and continuing at that time for the winter months.

All Saints Day is on Saturday next, November 1st. The Vigil Mass is on Friday evening at 7pm in Straide and Mass in Bohola is on Saturday at 11am.

November Lists: Twelve Masses will be celebrated for our deceased during the month. Envelopes are now available in church or in your envelope boxes and can be returned with the list of your departed anytime during the month.


18th / 19th:
Bohola:
€739.
Straide:
€392.
Thanks for all your contributions.

Pastoral Council Reports: *Bohola PPC* met on Monday evening. **1** Stewarding at Masses and other church events was discussed and the role stewards might fulfil. **2** Arrangements for the November Remembrance Service on Thursday 27th were also discussed and refreshments to be organised in the Parish Centre afterwards. **3** John Paul 11 Award participants and how they might be integrated into parish life was another topic of interest. **4** Noted that the occasional tea/coffee after Mass was enjoyed by those who attended and hoped that more might grace us with their presence!

Straide PPC met on Wednesday evening. **1** Harvest Mass reviewed and general satisfaction expressed. **2** Parishioners are to be given the opportunity to volunteer for various church-related roles. **3** November Remembrance Service on 24th was discussed. **4** Views were shared on the feasibility of a Christmas Carol Service. **5** The next post-Mass tea/coffee will be on December 7th.

“Remembrance by Candlelight”, St. Michael's Church, Foxford, Wednesday 29th October at 7pm. Join opera singers Sean Ruane and Bernadette Ruddy alongside St. Anne's choir (UK), Maria Lynn, The Dohertys and The Dooceys for a candlelight evening of amazing performances. Proceeds towards Foxford & District Alzheimer's Trust (FACT) and Foxford's Search and Rescue. Tickets cost €20. Contact Sarah on [087-7965520](tel:087-7965520) or Irene on [087-2795242](tel:087-2795242). Advance booking is advisable.

Annual Mass and Gathering for Bereaved Parents: The annual Mass for bereaved parents will take place at Knock Shrine on Sunday, November 9th at 3pm in St John's Rest and Care Centre. The names of all the deceased will be read out as candles are lit in their memory. All bereaved parents, grandparents and families are welcome to attend.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, October 26th: ‘On Grief’ “When you lose someone you love, your life becomes strange, the ground beneath you gets fragile”. November, with its shortening days, is a month when we often remember our dead. A short, guided reflection on “Grief” is presented by the superb Pray-As-You-Go Jesuit website, drawing on John O'Donohue's poem, “For Grief”. Access this, and other rich spiritual online resources, at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Durkan Bohola Community Park Lip Sync Fundraiser Tickets will be available for sale after Mass on Sunday 2nd November in the Parish Centre. Join us for a night full of fun, laughter and entertainment in aid of our new playground.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Martina Gavin who won a jackpot of €586 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).

Moy Davitts Climate Action Week Event takes place on Saturday, 1st November at 11.00am at Moy Davitts GAA grounds, Srath Garbh, Foxford. The Green Clubs Programme will be launched with a tree-planting ceremony, followed by ‘Walk and Talk’ through the proposed Biodiversity Garden. All are welcome.

Bohola Post 2025: Preparations are currently underway for the 2025 edition of The Bohola Post. Closing date for submissions to our 53rd edition is 31st October. Please send your contributions or any queries via email to boholapost@gmail.com.

Christmas Dinner in Bohola for those of retirement age takes place in the Sheridan Community Centre on Saturday, December 13th with Mass at 1.30pm, followed by dinner at 2pm. Music and craic are also on the menu! *Numbers are required for catering purposes so if you plan to attend, please give your name to Pat Clarke or Fr Stephen as soon as possible.*

Sewing Classes in Knockatemple: *Mondays, starting November 3rd*, Beginners: 8-10pm. *Tuesdays, starting 4th November*, Beginners: 11am- 1pm. Intermediate: 8-10pm. *Wednesdays, starting 5th November*, Beginners: 8-10pm. Intermediate: 11am-1pm. *Thursdays, starting 6th November*, Intermediate: 8-10pm. 6 week course costs €125. All materials provided. Call Dee on [087-2266039](tel:087-2266039) for more information.

The 9th Annual Mayo Dark Sky Festival takes place from Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November and includes formal talks on themes of astronomy, biodiversity and culture, as well as a planetarium, seashore safari, art exhibitions, musical performances and a lantern parade. It is held in the towns and villages surrounding Mayo Dark Sky Park - Newport, Mulranny and Ballycroy. Please see <https://www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie/> for programme information.

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

Balla Bingo Every Sunday Night: “Eyes down at 8pm”. Halloween ‘Spooktacular’ Bingo Sunday on 26th October with €15,000 Prize Fund. Play online or in the hall. Buy your books here: <https://shorturl.at/4GBMM>.

Line Dancing in Balla Community Centre every Tuesday morning at 11am. Contact Christopher on [086- 8474744](tel:086-8474744).

Social Dancing in Parke Community Hall continues on Thursdays at 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome for a great night of dancing with Gerry. Partners not required.

Living Well Swinford Programme: The next programme commences on Thursday, 6th November at 10am. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on [086-0142675](tel:086-0142675) or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com.

Other still relevant notices from previous newsletters are included in the online Extended Newsletter:

www.straideparish.com

Whatever life throws at you, duck and let it hit someone else!

Extended Online Newsletter

Pre-Marriage Courses by Accord in Sligo, Castlebar, Galway, Oranmore, Ballinasloe and online. Check for availability, by county, on www.accord.ie.

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available on 21st to 23rd November 2025, 6th to 8th March 2026 and 13th to 15th November 2026. Details at www.grasta.org or email info@grasta.org.

Fear. Hope. Mercy - A Recollection Weekend on the Four Last Things takes place from October 31st to November 2nd at Tí Chulainn Centre, Mullaghbawn Co. Armagh. It's an opportunity for adult Catholics, who would like to go deeper in their faith and live more truly in the light of that for which they were created, to come together in prayer and reflection. Sacraments, Conferences, Silence, Community and more are included. Retreat leader is Fr Patrick Desmond OP. Fully residential with full board. Non-residential rates are also available. For more information, visit www.thecollect.ie or email info@thecollect.ie.

Dementia Support Workers Sought: Looking for meaningful, flexible work? We're seeking compassionate, honest, reliable people to support individuals living with dementia in their own homes in Co. Mayo. You will offer companionship and social connection, assist with daily living activities, support meaningful activities and give primary carers a well-deserved break. Flexible hours to work around your schedule. Make a real difference, one visit at a time. Essentials: QQI Level 5 modules in Care Skills & Care of the Older Person. Desirable: Previous experience in caring / QQI Level 5 in Health Care. Interested? Get in touch today! Call [094-9364900](tel:094-9364900) or email careers@westernalzheimers.ie.

Become a Family Support Worker/PA for Children with a Disability: Enable Ireland Mayo Services require Family support workers/PAs in all areas of County Mayo to work with children with a disability. Our staff usually works one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at centres throughout Mayo. Hours required are usually afternoon/evenings and Saturdays. Training is also provided. If you are interested please email shehir@enableireland.ie for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Staff are very positive about their experience.

Mayo's Creamery Years Project: The project is preserving the voices and memories of people who remember life around Mayo's creameries. Supported by the Heritage Council and led by Mayo County Council, it welcomes contributions from anyone with memories to share. To get involved, contact Mac Conmara Heritage Consulting at [086-2747230](tel:086-2747230) or email tara.macconmaraheritage@gmail.com.

Married Couples Course: Weekend residential courses available on 22nd and 23rd November 2025, 7th and 8th March 2026 and 14th and 15th November 2026. Details at www.grasta.org or email info@grasta.org.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend in The Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, November 7th to 9th. Open to all married couples. For info/booking, see www.marriageencounter.ie.

Tom Neary Interview from Knock Shrine: In case you missed Tom Neary's wonderful interview from Knock Shrine on Wednesday night, televised on SKY 586 and Virgin Media 815, here is a link below. His interview contains some wonderful, heart-warming content. <https://youtu.be/rw6o5eif6vE?si=ZzCnm9lDyhiRBb-t>.

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).



“I don't know” Prayer

Did you know there's a prayer called the “I don't know” prayer? You just go somewhere quiet and you sit at the feet of God and you say “I don't know”. I don't know where to go from here. I don't know what is happening. I don't know how to process this. I don't know what to do with these emotions. I don't know how to handle this situation. And then with whatever little grain of faith you have, you say, “but You know.” And you leave it there. God most certainly hears your prayer. Declare Amen.

If you chew your food but don't swallow you will starve. The same applies to Gods word. If you read it but don't apply it you will starve spiritually.