

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th February 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, February 14 th .	12 noon 7.00pm Bohola	Mary O'Brien, Treenduff. (Month's Mind) Willie Duffy, Toughnane. (3 rd Anniversary) Jim & Nora Lavin, Altinea, and their granddaughter Faye.
Sunday, February 15 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide	Mattie Foy, and his parents Martin & Nan Foy, Ara. Micheál Killeen, Straide. (12 th Anniversary) Breedge & Vincent Deacy, Carragolda (16 th & 6 th Anniversaries), and deceased of Sheerin & Deacy families. Bea Mulroy, Coolkeeveane.
Monday, February 16 th .	10.00am	For all the People.
Tuesday, February 17 th .	7.00 – 8.00pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, February 18 th .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm 7.00pm Straide	Mass for Ash Wednesday(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) Mass for Ash Wednesday.
Thursday, February 19 th .	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday, February 20 th .	10.00am Straide	Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse.
Saturday, February 21 st .	12 noon Straide 7.00pm Bohola	Frank Reid, Carracastle. (1 st Anniversary) Mary Healy, Gortnasella. (12 th Anniversary) Marty & Mary Ellen Conlon, Carragolda. (25 th & 50 th Anniversaries)
Sunday, February 22 nd .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide	For all the People. Mass of Thanksgiving for all involved in Parish Ministry.
<p>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.</p>		

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Martin Stephens, Castlebar and formerly of London and Grallagh, who died on Sunday last, February 8th and whose funeral took place in Straide on Wednesday. May he rest in peace. Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Geraghty, who died recently in London. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. She was the sister of Bridget Ruane, Grallagh. May she rest in peace.

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Mass is at 10.00am in Bohola and at 7.00pm in Straide with the blessing and distribution of ashes. **Trócaire boxes are now available in the churches.**

Lenten Scripture Initiative – The Gospel of Matthew: The local venue is Swinford Parochial House and will take place on the Thursdays of Lent from 8pm to 9pm, beginning next Thursday 19th. The facilitator is Stephen Giblin and to reserve a place please contact Stephen on [089-4653543](tel:089-4653543). For further details, see <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>.

Online Lenten Journey: This Lent, people across Ireland are invited to journey together through Baptised and Sent in Lent, a series of weekly prayer and reflection resources inspired by 'Baptised and Sent'. Participants are invited to rediscover who we are as the baptised People of God, how we belong within the Church community, what we are called to contribute to our faith journey and to wider society. Each week explores themes such as belonging, healing, renewal and mission, placing baptism at the heart of renewal in the Church in Ireland. Participation is free but registration is required at https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/ByDrDnhLRzakEH_N79Kxjw#/registration. The first session is next Thursday at 7.30pm.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, February 15th: Daily Audio Lenten Reflections - If New Pilgrim Path has a favourite website from over nine years of trawling for uplifting websites to share, it is "Pray As You Go", a daily online audio guided prayer session provided by the English Jesuits. Its offering for each day of Lent is the most valuable we have encountered to date. The theme this Lent is "The Holy Longing". For each day of Lent 2026, there is a mix of music, a scripture reading, and short reflective questions based on Ignatian spirituality. Between 10 and 13 minutes in duration, Pray As You Go's reflections are designed to help you pray whenever you find time. For mobile devices, simply download the "Pray As You Go" app. It is used 30 million times a year. Access this wonderful resource at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.



7th/8th:

Bohola:
€687.

Straide:
€534.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Proposed Forestry at Carramore: There is a proposal with the Department of Agriculture to plant 62 hectares of forestry at Carramore by a commercial company. You can view this proposal on this website: <https://flv.apps.services.agriculture.gov.ie/> and it is application number CN99375. If you wish to make a submission on this proposal, it needs to be on or before 25th February. This application, if granted, will set a precedent for large scale forestry to be approved in the locality as well as having potential adverse impact on local fisheries and indigenous wildlife. If you require any further information, please email savecarramore@gmail.com.

Kiltimagh Rural Social Scheme Vacancies: Are you interested in helping your community while earning extra money? We are seeking people for Caretaking, Maintenance, and Social Care positions in the Kiltimagh/Bohola/Midfield areas. 19.5 Hours per week based on a farmer-friendly schedule. **NEW ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA APPLIES** making it more accessible to join our team. Please contact Caroline if you have any questions on [087-2107385](tel:087-2107385).

MS Ireland will hold a church gate collection in Bohola and Shraheens next weekend, 21st/22nd February. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post. Visit www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/. Contact Helpline: [01-5229922](tel:01-5229922) (for application pack). All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

Seanad Voting - Registration Deadline for Graduates: Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd Level Colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. Thousands of previous voters have been removed from the register. Ensure you are registered on www.seanadvoter.ie before February 26th. Evidence of a passport or pre-2005 birth certificate is needed. For queries, email applications@seanadvoter.ie.

Job Opportunity: Full-time bookkeeper/accountant required to support with day-to-day tasks in a long established business in the Belmullet area. Email tjennon@lennonquarries.com or call [087-2545364](tel:087-2545364).

Bohola National School Enrolment 2026/2027: Enrolment is now open at Bohola National School for the 2026/2027 school year. An Opening Evening will take place on Tuesday, 10th March at 5 pm, providing an opportunity to view the school and meet the staff. See extended online newsletter for further information.

The Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, 20th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Three course meal with tea/coffee and raffle on the night. Music by The Duets. Tickets are €40 per person. Please contact Thomas at [087-2344338](tel:087-2344338) for more information and to book your tickets. Please note, if anyone is due to receive a silver, gold or diamond Pioneer pin, please contact Thomas at the above number as soon as possible to arrange this.

Friends of Carmel Retreat Day takes place on Saturday, February 28th at Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, from 10am to 4pm. Email friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com for bookings. Full details on poster in churches.

Strengthen Your Skills for Gaining Employment. Join our Computer & Office Skills course, QQI Level 4/5 at National Learning Network, Breaffy Road, Castlebar. If you or someone you know has an additional support need and are registered with the Department of Social Protection, you are entitled to free upskilling. Contact: Centre Manager, Mary Hanlon ([087-3611096](tel:087-3611096)) or email Castlebar@nlm.ie.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Finbar Ryan who won a jackpot of €424 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).

Balla Bingo Every Sunday Night! Join us online or in the hall at 8pm. Get your bingo books online www.balla.ie.

Balla Line-Dancing Classes are on Saturday Evenings from 7pm to 8pm. Contact Balla CRD [094-9365846](tel:094-9365846) or [087-1850860](tel:087-1850860).

"Don't Die with Your Song Still Inside You." - A morning workshop to reflect on the gifts in you seeking expression. Saturday, February 28th from 10am to 2pm in Croi Nua, Taylor's Hill, Galway. €40 + Eventbrite booking fee. Advance booking required. For further information, please contact Maria on [085-8357566](tel:085-8357566) or email marikinguidance@gmail.com.

Parke Arts & Drama Group Presents 'Pretend Sick', a 3-Act Comedy by Michael Joe Ginnelly in Parke Community Hall on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th February. Doors Open 8.00pm, Curtain Up 8.30pm. Admission €15.00.

See more in the online Extended Newsletter at www.straideparish.com

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.

Whoever said nothing's impossible, never tried slamming a revolving door!

Extended Online Newsletter

Bohola National School Enrolment 2026/2027: Enrolment is now open at Bohola National School for the 2026/2027 school year. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and Application Form for Admission is available to download from the school website at www.boholans.ie. Alternatively, these documents may be requested by emailing boholaschool@gmail.com or by writing to: The Principal, Bohola N.S., Bohola, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, F12 PR53. An Opening Evening will take place on Tuesday, 10th March at 5 pm, providing an opportunity to view the school and meet the staff.

Nia Dance Class continues on Mondays at 10am in Swinford Cultural Centre. Classes are barefoot to music, gentle on joints and great for fitness and well-being. Contact Siobhan at [089-4182740](tel:089-4182740).

Need to Advertise Your Community Event for FREE? Send a jpeg/png file and a brief description of your event to mayoppn@mayococo.ie and the Mayo PPN will share it with our 1,300 plus Community Groups.

Making Plans for 2026? Do you have a medical condition, difficulty or disability? Are you looking for work, or wanting to improve your employment prospects? Do you want to make plans for 2026? Not sure where to start? Contact the **Mayo North East Workability** programme now to find out how we can assist you. Email rosemariemangan@mayonortheastltdc.com or call Siobhán on [087-499 6605](tel:087-4996605) for more information. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.

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Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Fr Des Farren by text on [089-4672000](tel:089-4672000), by phone on [01-4123456](tel:01-4123456), or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. D22 R7W2.

Gambling Support: Free support service for problem gamblers and their families is open to anyone in need. Contact Bernie Heneghan, Psychotherapist, by email at gawarenesstacufrc@gmail.com or call [087-7005811](tel:087-7005811).

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).



40 prayers for 40 days

Refocus & reinvigorate your prayer life! Join us for 40 days during Lent as we have meaningful conversations with God. Each day has a different prayer intention: follow along as we pray #40prayersfor40days

Feb 18: your pastor	Feb 19: a co-worker	Feb 20: someone who is sick
Feb 21: someone that has forgiven you	Feb 22: a neighbor	Feb 23: a new friend
Feb 24: someone facing a tough decision	Feb 25: someone who is lonely	Feb 26: your spouse or significant other
Feb 27: someone going through a divorce	Feb 28: teachers	Mar 1: parents who have lost a child
Mar 2: seminarians and discerners	Mar 3: someone who has hurt you	Mar 4: the elderly
Mar 5: someone that needs your forgiveness	Mar 6: Pope Francis	Mar 7: your parents
Mar 8: someone who is struggling with addiction	Mar 9: the homeless	Mar 10: first responders and police
Mar 11: a stranger	Mar 12: Catechetical leaders & religious education teachers	Mar 13: someone who feels left out
Mar 14: religious men and women	Mar 15: those affected by an abortion	Mar 16: the unemployed
Mar 17: students in our Catholic schools	Mar 18: refugees	Mar 19: those who have fallen away from their faith
Mar 20: doctors and nurses	Mar 21: those suffering from mental illness	Mar 22: Deacons
Mar 23: all world leaders	Mar 24: a teenager dealing with peer pressure	Mar 25: youth & young adult ministers
Mar 26: those living in poverty	Mar 27: someone who needs protection	Mar 28: someone who works for social justice
Mar 29: service men and women & veterans	Mar 30: Bishop Cunningham & all Catholic bishops	Mar 31: the deceased
April 1: your church family	April 2: laypeople	April 3: someone who has been abused
April 4: your best friend	April 5: your relationship with Christ	

