

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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ST BRIGID (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time) – 1st February 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, January 31 st .	12 noon <i>Bohola</i> 7.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Dolores Mulroy, Laughtadurkan. (1 st Anniversary) Stephen Brennan, Lismirrane. (3 rd Anniversary) Annie & Martin Groarke, Ballyglass and deceased family.
Sunday, February 1 st .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Noel O'Brien, his sister Ita Sloyan and their parents, Pake & Teresa. Julia Molloy, Knockshanbally (2nd Anniversary) and her parents, Jim & Moya. Brigid Cogger (12 th Anniv.) & deceased of Cogger & Molloy families.
Monday, February 2 nd .	10.00am	The Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas Day)
Tuesday, February 3 rd .	10.00am <i>Straide</i> 7.00 – 8.00pm	For all the People. (Feast of St Blaise) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, February 4 th .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, February 5 th .		No Mass.
Friday, February 6 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
Saturday, February 7 th .	7.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Shirley and Seán Burke. (5 th & 20 th Anniversaries)
Sunday, February 8 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Johnny Mullaney, Carrowntleva & parents, Thomas & Catherine. Mick Smyth & his wife May, Wood Cottage, Blanemore. (26 th & 2 nd Anniversaries respectively)
<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 *Josie (Ted) Scott*, Castlebar, who died on this Friday, January 30th. Josie's remains will repose in Coady's Funeral Home, Castlebar on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6pm and her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 11.30am in Castlebar Church. She was the sister of Annette Clarke, Bohola. May she rest in peace. Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Bernadette Doyle*, Cricklewood, London, and formerly of Clogher, who died on Christmas Day and whose funeral took place in Cricklewood on Tuesday last. Bernadette's ashes will be repatriated to Bohola at a later date. She was the sister of Cairtriona Doyle, Clogher. May she rest in peace.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, February 1st: *St Brigid of Ireland* - Sunday, 1st February is the feast of St Brigid, one of Ireland's three patron saints, along with Patrick and Colmcille. It marks the first day of Spring in the northern hemisphere. Born in Dundalk in 450 AD, St Brigid's father was a pagan Irish chieftain and her mother was a Christian. Brigid's contemporary, St Patrick, inspired her to deepen her faith and spread the word of God. She was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that she built her unique double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470 AD. Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed. Her charity was unbounded and sprang from a deep awareness of the Divine presence in everyone and everything. This awareness allowed her to respond with insight, creativity, humour and compassion to the many situations that confronted her. Watch a 45 minute video on this remarkable woman at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Feast Days and Blessings This Week: *St Brigid's Day* occurs this Sunday and St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. Monday is the *Feast of The Presentation of the Lord*, also known as Candlemas Day when candles are blessed. Tuesday is the *Feast of St. Blaise*, the day when traditionally the blessing of throats takes place. Candles will be blessed and throats will be blessed at the 10am Mass in Bohola on Monday and at the 10am Mass in Straide on Tuesday.

Poor Clares Galway, Half-Day Retreat for Women 18-35 with Beth Davis of Blessed is She Ministries - an opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday, February 1st. For more information and to register, go to <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>.

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



24th/25th:

Bohola:
€800.

Straide:
€220.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Pastoral Council Meetings: Straide PPC met last Wednesday. Christmas church services were reviewed, the next tea/coffee morning will take place after Mass next Sunday, formation of a Cemetery Committee was discussed and a Mass of thanksgiving for the lay ministries in the parish to take place in the near future.

It was followed by a joint meeting with Bohola PPC to decide on the schedule of ceremonies in both parishes for Holy Week and Easter. No blood was spilt and a schedule was agreed upon!

Social Night in McDonagh's Pub organised by the Parents Association of Bohola NS in aid of school funds takes place this Saturday night. There will be a raffle, finger food and music and admission is free. All are welcome.

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.

Laura Lynn Fundraiser: Nine year old Isabelle Jordan has cut her hair to help fundraise for Laura Lynn Children's Hospice. Well over €5,000 has already been donated and Isabelle would appreciate any donation, big or small. You can donate on the following link: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/isabellejordan. Well done Isabelle!

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Claire Mulvey who won a jackpot of €348 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).

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.

Mayo Cancer Support (Rock Rose House) Church Gate Collection: Mayo Cancer Support Association at Rock Rose House, will hold its annual church-gate collection in Straide next Sunday, February 1st. We would appreciate your continued support for this local charity that offers free emotional support to all affected by cancer and their families. See www.mayocancersupport.ie. If anyone can volunteer to assist with the collections, please contact Rose on [083-4890754](tel:083-4890754).

Physical Activity for Cancer Risk Reduction: The Irish Cancer Prevention Network is hosting a free World Cancer Day webinar on Wednesday, February 4th from 12 noon to 1.15pm. For more information, see www.hse.ie/cancerprevention.

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).

Balla Bingo Every Sunday Night! Join us online or in the hall for a great night of fun and prizes! Monster €15,000 Bingo this Sunday night. Eyes down at 8pm. Get your bingo books online at [Balla Bingo Books](http://BallaBingoBooks.com).

Spring Gardening Course begins in Balla on Saturday, February 14th. Every 2nd week for seven classes. This course covers approximately 3 months of the growing season. Contact Sheona on [087-1850860](tel:087-1850860) for more information and to book your place on this much sought after course.

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.

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.

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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.

Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places!