

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th February 2026



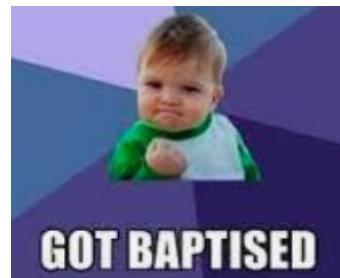
The Week Ahead

Saturday, February 7 th .	7.00pm Bohola	Shirley and Seán Burke. (5 th & 20 th Anniversaries) Bernard McGeever, Carragolda, his son Bernard and his parents Berney & Catherine.
Sunday, February 8 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide	Johnny Mullaney, Carrowntleva & parents, Thomas & Catherine. Mick Smyth & his wife May, Wood Cottage, Blanemore. (26 th & 2 nd Anniversaries respectively)
Monday, February 9 th .	10.00am	Pat Brennan, Treenduff (30 th Anniversary) & deceased family.
Tuesday, February 10 th .	10.00am Straide 7.00 – 8.00pm	For all the People. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, February 11 th .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, February 12 th .		No Mass.
Friday, February 13 th .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
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, Coolkeevaune.

All Masses in Straide (www.churctv.ie/straide/) and Bohola (www.churctv.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.



Baptisms: We were delighted to welcome the following 'little ones' into God's family last weekend:

Evie Breda Reilly, Ballinrobe, daughter of Clarice and Felim, in Bohola on Saturday, January 31st.

Zara Ver and Emily Anne Browne, Straide, daughters of Megan and Mark, in Straide on Saturday, January 31st.

Ronnie Michael Byrne, Barley Hill Court, son of Catherine and Alan, in Bohola on Sunday, February 1st.

Congratulations to their parents, godparents and wider family circles and we wish them every happiness and blessing for the future.

Tea/Coffee Morning will take place in Straide Parochial House after the 11am Mass this Sunday. Thanks once again to the members of Straide PPC who make it happen.

Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Guided Prayer Afternoon takes place next Thursday, February 12th from 12 noon to 4.30pm. The afternoon includes rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. Enquiries to Fina on 096-45374 or 087-6816821.

Lenten Scripture Initiative – The Gospel of Matthew: For all dates and venues, see <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, February 8th: Preparing for Lent - February 18th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Already many people are preparing for this great season. A beautiful Lenten resource is "Ecce Homo: Poems for Lent and Holy Week", from the Anglican Archdiocese of Algoma, Canada. The daily Lenten poems include poems of lamentation and pain – reminders of Jesus's suffering – as well as of contemplation, praise and thanksgiving. The poems are rich and varied - from poets as diverse as George Herbert, Dylan Thomas, St Thomas More, Christina Rossetti, Wendell Berry, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, John Greenleaf Whittier, Isaac Watts and many more.

Each poem is accompanied by a short reflection, making this an excellent Lenten resource for both groups and individuals. Access it at www.newpilgrimpahie.ie.



31st / 1st:

Bohola:

€1,077.

Straide:

€615.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Bohola National School Bake Sale will take place next Thursday, 12th February between 10am and 12 noon. This is a school fundraiser organised by 5th and 6th Classes. Members of our community are very welcome and are warmly invited to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

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: Isabelle Jordan, a Third Class pupil in Bohola NS 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!

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 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) or email Castlebar@nln.ie.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Seán Ruane who won a jackpot of €437 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.

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.

Balla Bingo Every Sunday Night! Join us online or in the hall. Special €12,500 Prize fund for the month of February. €50 Bonus house on every game. Eyes down at 8pm. Get your bingo books online at <https://shorturl.at/4GBMM>.

Spring Gardening Course begins in Balla on Saturday, February 14th. Every second week for seven classes. This course covers approximately 3 months of the growing season. Contact Sheona on 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 gawarenessstacufrc@gmail.com or call 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.

*When I see lovers' names carved on a tree, I don't think it's sweet.
 I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date!*

Happy Valentine's Day!