

# Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday of Lent – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## The Week Ahead

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| Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> .   | 7.00pm <b>Straide</b>  | For all the People.   |
| Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> .   | 9.30am* <b>Shraheens</b><br>11.00am <b>Bohola</b>                | Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore, and her daughter Karyn.<br>Seán & Monica Mullarkey, Listrisnane. (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)   |
| Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> .   | 10.00am <b>Straide</b>   | Private Intention.  |
| Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> .  | 9.30am <b>Straide</b><br>11.00am <b>Bohola</b><br>7.00 – 8.00pm  | Thomas & Mary Tuffy, Ballinaculla.<br>John (George) Aitken. (Birthday Remembrance)<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.  |
| Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> .  | 10.00am <b>Straide</b><br>10.00am – 12 noon<br>5.00 – 9.00pm     | Martin & Michael Tuffy, Ballinaculla.<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. ( <i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )   |
| Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> .   | 7.00am   | Private Intention.  |
| Friday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> .   | 10.00am  | Alfred (Alfie) Carroll, Treenduff, his father John, uncle & aunt Tom & Marie, their parents Tom & Ellen Carroll and Chris & Mollie O'Toole.   |
| Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> .   | 3.00pm <b>Bohola</b><br>7.00am - 7.00pm<br>7.00pm <b>Straide</b> | Patrick Joseph (Joe) Deacy, late of Toughnane. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.<br>Owen & Ellen Mulroy & deceased of Mulroy family, Coolkeeveane.<br>Patrick & Brigid Mulroy, Bohergloss.        |
| Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> .   | 9.30am <b>Shraheens</b><br>11.00am <b>Bohola</b>                 | Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntlewa, (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) & deceased of McNicholas & Mullaney families.<br>Charlie Groarke, Castlebar, formerly of Clooneen (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary), his parents John & Bridget and his son Charles. |
| <p><b>All Masses in <a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/">Straide (www.churchtv.ie/straide/)</a> and <a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/bohola/">Bohola (www.churchtv.ie/bohola/)</a> are live-streamed.</b><br/> <b>Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</b><br/> <b>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b></p> |  |   |

**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

**Charlie Gallagher**, Culmore, Swinford, who died on Thursday last, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Reposing in Bolands Funeral Home, Swinford, this Sunday from 4pm to 7pm and Charlie's funeral Mass will be celebrated in Swinford on Monday at 12 noon. He was the brother-in-law of PJ Walsh, Lissaniskey.

**Eileen McGowan**, Grange, Co Sligo and formerly of Ballinisland, who died on Saturday last, March 7<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Toomore on Tuesday. She was the first cousin of Tom Howley, Carracastle.

**Betty Coughlan**, Lissycasey, Co Clare, who died on Saturday last, March 7<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Lissycasey on Wednesday. She was the sister of Mary McNicholas, Rosslevin.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

**Baptism:** On Saturday last, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome **Charlie John Heneghan**, Treenduff, into God's family. Congratulations to his parents, Patria and Conor, his godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

**Mission Awareness Programme (The Spiritans):** Fr. Amandus Kapele from the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will speak at all Masses next weekend, March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> about the work and mission of the Spiritans and appeal for your prayers and support.

**Straide Passion Play:** Rehearsals begin on this Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. New members will be most welcome.

**Adoration Day in Straide** will be held next **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7.00am to 7.00pm**, ending with Benediction before Mass. The lists are still available at the church doors and we hope any remaining gaps will be filled. Even if you can't commit for an hour, all are welcome to come along for as long as you are able.

**Spring at Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass: One-Day Retreat** on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> begins at 11am and concludes at 4.30pm. The day includes spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25 which includes tea, coffee on arrival and a light lunch. Booking is essential. For enquiries and booking, contact Fina on [096-45374](tel:096-45374) or [087-6816821](tel:087-6816821).



7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€672.

**Straide:**

€318.

Thanks for all your contributions.

**Straide Pastoral Council** met on Wednesday evening. **1.** Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies were discussed. **2.** Cleaning of the church arranged for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm and all help appreciated. **3.** The next tea/coffee morning will be on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30 to 6.15pm in the Apparition Chapel, Knock Shrine for children and teens of all ages. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer. Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For any questions, call [087-2299623](tel:087-2299623). Website: [www.ChildrensRosary.org](http://www.ChildrensRosary.org).

**"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" Conference** takes place in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran next weekend: Friday (2pm - 9pm), Saturday (9am - 9pm), and Sunday (9am - 4pm). Weekend costs €50 and includes Mass daily, Adoration, Confessions, Healing. For details, contact [086-3152460](tel:086-3152460), [086-1546099](tel:086-1546099), or [087-7847304](tel:087-7847304).

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** *St Patrick's powerful prayer for protection* - The world has probably never been in greater need of protection than it is now. Climate change, war, famine, and fear rage across our planet. St Patrick, in what may be the most powerful prayer for protection ever composed, speaks to us down 16 centuries. Pray 'St Patrick's Breastplate' (also known as 'St Patrick's Lorica' or 'The Deer's Cry') and learn more about this remarkable man at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

**Trócaire's Lenten Campaign:** As a single mother, with the weight of three generations of her family on her shoulders, Uwamahoro remains strong despite the many challenges she faces. "That is love", she says, "when things come, there is nothing else you can do." For someone who has had a very difficult life, and continues to face very significant daily challenges, Verediana is quite positive and says that what she requires is very little. Find out more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org). Trócaire boxes are still available in the churches.

**Bohola National School Church Gate Collection** takes place this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March in Bohola and Shraheens and all support will be greatly appreciated.

**Bohola NS Parents Association** will hold a Ladies night in the Village Inn on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.

**Community Employment Positions Available at the Michael Davitt Museum** in areas such as Tour Guiding, Reception, Marketing and Research. Full training provided. For further details, contact John on [087-9371827](tel:087-9371827).

**Lambing Information Event with Lamsafe** takes place this Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>) from 4pm to 6pm at Ward Agricultural Consultants, Aclare, F91TX95. For further information, call Siobhan Ward on [087-9193371](tel:087-9193371) or Kenneth Freehill on [087-6173497](tel:087-6173497).

**Mayo Stoma Support Group** will hold its next meeting on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. It is open to all who either have a stoma or care for them. If you would like to book a place, please text [087-6275766](tel:087-6275766).

**The Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance** will be held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FREE Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK) Training** on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 1.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This training is for over 18's only and not suitable for anyone bereaved by suicide within 12 months. For more information, email: [darlene@breakingthrough.org](mailto:darlene@breakingthrough.org).

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Sheila Towey who won a jackpot of €496 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 Gear Swap:** If you have any sports items that you'd like to donate to the Gear Swap on Easter Monday in Bohola Community Centre, please contact Mike Kelly on [087-1967360](tel:087-1967360). Please ensure gear donated is in a clean and usable condition.

**Pro Life Campaign Regional Conference 2026:** You are warmly invited to attend a special half-day Pro Life Campaign Regional Conference in the Clybaun Hotel, Galway City on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 1.00pm. This event brings together pro-life advocates from across the West of Ireland for encouragement, connection, and up-to-date insight on current issues affecting the protection of human life. This is a free event, but registration is required at [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie).

**"From Longing to Living (Your Song) – Taking Your Brave First Steps"** - A morning workshop reflecting on making your dreams a reality. Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm in Croi Nua, Galway. €40 + eventbrite booking fee. Advance booking required on [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie). Any questions? Contact Maria on [085-8357566](tel:085-8357566), or email [mariainguidance@gmail.com](mailto:mariainguidance@gmail.com).

**Ward Agricultural Consultants and Forestry Service Ltd** invites expressions of interest for the new forestry knowledge-transfer discussion groups, Focus Area B: Forest Management Plans and Forest Certification. Participants can earn up to €560 by learning how to manage their forests. This course will also help you prepare a forestry management plan and apply for the Forestry Certification Grant of €1,200. Call, text, or WhatsApp your name and forestry number to [087-9193371](tel:087-9193371). If you have any questions, please call the same number. We are also available to assist with your BISS 2026 application.

**See more in the online Extended Newsletter at [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com)**



**A mother is the person you can always call to see how long chicken lasts in the fridge!**



# Extended Online Newsletter

**Accord Ballaghaderreen Offers a Confidential Counselling Service** where couples can explore family relationships. Accord counsellors can help if relationships are under stress. For online counselling, please visit [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie). Alternatively, to book a face to face counselling session, please call Accord Ballaghaderreen on [087-9972503](tel:087-9972503).

**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](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/ByDrDnhLRzakEH_N79Kxjw#/registration). Continues next Thursday at 7.30pm.

**Lenten Scripture Initiative – The Gospel of Matthew:** The venue is Swinford Parochial House on each Thursday of Lent from 8pm to 9pm, continuing next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

**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).

**The North Mayo Heritage Centre** has been helping people research their family history for over 40 years. The service has helped thousands of local people to learn more about their ancestors. You will be very welcome to contact us with your enquiries. Phone [096-31809](tel:096-31809) or email [northmayo@gmail.com](mailto:northmayo@gmail.com).

**ALONE Seeking Volunteers:** Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers and Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or for further information please contact us on [volunteer@alone.ie](mailto:volunteer@alone.ie) or call [0818-222024](tel:0818-222024).

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call [0818-222024](tel:0818-222024).

**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@nln.ie](mailto:Castlebar@nln.ie).

**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/](http://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.

**Balla Bingo Every Sunday Night!** Join us online or in the hall at 8pm. Get your bingo books online [www.balla.ie](http://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).

**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](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie) and the Mayo PPN will share it with our 1,300 plus Community Groups.

**Workability is Here to Help:** Workability is a community-based service dedicated to supporting people with disabilities, injuries, or long-term health conditions to access and maintain employment. With personalised guidance and one-to-one support, the team works closely with each participant to match their skills, interests, and goals with real job opportunities. The Workability team understands that everyone's journey is different. Our supportive and confidential approach ensures you are encouraged every step of the way — building confidence, developing skills, and opening doors to sustainable employment. Take the next step toward your future and find out more by contacting us today! Email [rosemariemangan@mayonortheastldc.com](mailto:rosemariemangan@mayonortheastldc.com) or call Siobhán [087-4996605](tel:087-4996605). Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.

**Gambling Support:** Free support service for problem gamblers and their families is open to anyone in need. Contact Bernie Heneghan, Psychotherapist, by email at [gawaresnesstacufrc@gmail.com](mailto:gawaresnesstacufrc@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](http://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](http://www.mindspacemayo.ie) or call [094-9067001](tel:094-9067001).

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