

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

Stephen O'Mahony PP/Adm – 094-9384115/086-8226405 boholarparish@gmail.com (email for newsletter)

Newsletter available on www.straideparish.com and [Straide Parish Facebook page](#)

Third Sunday of Easter – 19th April 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, April 18 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	For all the People.
Sunday, April 19 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention. Kathleen Tunney, Blanemore. (2 nd Anniversary)
Monday, April 20 th .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Baby & Tom McHale, Pollagh.
Tuesday, April 21 st .	7.00 – 8.00pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, April 22 nd .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, April 23 rd .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Friday, April 24 th .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Patrick & Mary Ruane, Grallagh, deceased family & grandchildren.
Saturday, April 25 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	P.J. Burke, Carragolda (11 th Anniversary) & parents Patrick & Celia. First Communion Grow in Love.
Sunday, April 26 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Tom & Margaret Kenny, Derrinogue, and deceased of Kenny & Earley families. Michael & Sarah Doherty and deceased of Doherty & McNicholas families, Cloonconra and deceased of Jones family. Kevin McMorrow, Ballyvary. (3 rd Anniversary) Bill Curry, Kiltimagh (22 nd Anniversary) & his wife Rose. First Communion Grow in Love.
<p>All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (www.churchtv.ie/straide/) and <i>Bohola</i> (www.churchtv.ie/bohola/) are live-streamed. <i>Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</i> All <i>Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</i></p>		

First Anniversary Mass for Tom McEaddy will be celebrated in Barna Church on this Sunday at 12 noon. May he rest in peace.

Tea/Coffee Evening will take place in the Parish Centre after the 8pm Mass this Saturday evening. Thanks once again to the members of Bohola PPC who make it happen.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on the evening of Saturday 18th and on Sunday 19th April, including St Carlo Acutis Teenagers Retreat from 11am to 2.30pm on Sunday. Full details on church noticeboards.

Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers will take place on Sunday, 19th April in St. Michael's Church, Foxford from 2pm to 4pm. It will be conducted by Fr. Tom Grufferty, Knock. It is organised by the Fr Peyton Cluster but anyone from outside the Cluster is most welcome.

A Youth 2000 Day Retreat takes place on Saturday, April 25th at Knock Shrine. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith and meet other young people through a structured retreat programme of talks, testimonies and workshops. Donation only. Registration opens at 9.30am. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

DIOCESES OF ACHONRY AND ELPHIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION: The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th August to 2nd September inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage highlights include Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick and Water Ceremony. Flights from Knock Airport. All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at [01-6852244](tel:01-6852244) or email info@joewalshstours.ie.

The Pilgrimage includes the Assisted Pilgrim Section. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon ([Telephone – 090-6661115](tel:090-6661115)). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is June 11th.

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.



11th / 12th:

Bohola:

€916

Straide:

€427.

Thanks for all your contributions to both the Offertory and to the priest's Easter collection.

Foxtrot 2026! Foxtrot is back on Sunday, 19th April at 1.00pm from the Foxford Leisure Centre. This year is a 5km fun run for all the family! Prizes and raffle on the day! This is an opportunity to raise funds for Brenda Walsh Grealis as well as for the local community. Brenda, originally from Callow, was recently diagnosed with PERM Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS). This is an extremely rare, severe neurological disease that causes extreme muscle rigidity, painful spasms, and progressive loss of mobility. We are coming together with Foxtrot in an effort to raise much needed funds to assist Brenda and her family with this life-changing condition. For further information, please contact Ann on [086-8302975](tel:086-8302975) or Helen on [085-8282000](tel:085-8282000).

Encounter Weekend Donegal, takes place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny from 6.00pm to 10.30pm on Friday 5th June and from 9.00am to 10.30pm on Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. **Keynote Speakers:** Patrick Reis, co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal>. For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Mayo Cancer Support Church Gate Collection: Mayo Cancer Support Association at Rock Rose House holds its annual Church Gate Collection this weekend in Shraheens and Bohola. We would appreciate your continued support for this local charity that offers free emotional support to people and families affected by cancer. See www.mayocancersupport.ie.

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 or for further information, please contact us on 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).

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. For more call [01-4045378](tel:01-4045378) or email info@anamcara.ie. For more information, visit www.anamcara.ie.

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month: Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. You can reduce your risk of bowel cancer by eating healthy (high fibre, limit processed meat/red meat), limiting alcohol, maintain a healthy weight, being physically active, and getting help to quit smoking. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57-71 years. See www.hse.ie/bowelscreen.

It is important to be aware of changes in your body and seek medical advice if you notice a change in bowel habit that lasts more than 6 weeks (diarrhoea, constipation, or a change in stool consistency), feeling like you have to pass stool even when you know your bowel is empty, unexplained bleeding from your back passage, unexplained pain or lump in tummy or back passage, unexplained tiredness more than is normal for you or unexplained weight loss. These symptoms don't always mean cancer, but they should never be ignored.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Ambrose Coleman who won a jackpot of €502 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).

Could You Take On 7,000 Steps A Day Throughout April? Walk anywhere, anytime and help support Family Carers Ireland while raising awareness for carers nationwide. Sign up at www.familycarers.ie/get-involved. For more information, see www.familycarers.ie/stepup.

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).

North West STOP offers a *free counselling* service with no waiting lists. Call or text [086-7772009](tel:086-7772009) to arrange an appointment.

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).

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.

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

I got a call from the police station saying they want to interview me.

I don't remember applying for a job there!

Extended Online Newsletter

Accord Ballaghadereen 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. Alternatively, to book a face to face counselling session, please call Accord Ballaghadereen on [087-9972503](tel:087-9972503).

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.

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).

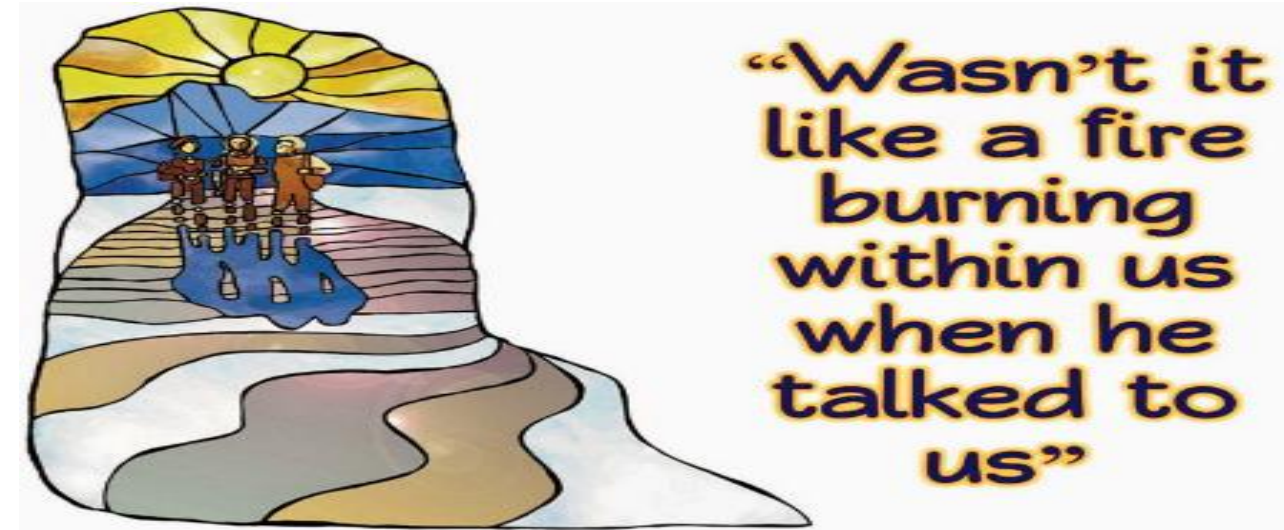
Strengthen Your Skills for Gaining Employment. Join our Computer & Office Skills course, QQI Level 4/5 at National Learning Network, Breaffy Road, Castlebar. If you or someone you know has an additional support need and are registered with the Department of Social Protection, you are entitled to free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

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 or call Siobhán [087-4996605](tel:087-4996605). Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call [\(094\) 9038407](tel:094-9038407).

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.

Radio Maria Ireland: Thank God and sincere thanks also to our many listeners and supporters as *Radio Maria Ireland* continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. Do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen: **1.** Via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210. **2.** Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND". **3.** Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie. **4.** Via our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page. **5.** Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling 01-4373277 (no extra charges apply). 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.



“A Stoma in your Life”
You are invited to

An evening with the Stoma Care team, working towards positive influences on living with a stoma.

The Clayton Hotel,
Monivea Road, Ballybrit, Galway, H91 D526
Friday 15th May 2026
Doors open 5.00pm
Exhibits – 8.00pm
Talks: 6pm – 7pm

Refreshments , Talks , Exhibit Stands for New Ostomy Products , Underwear, & Support Garments.
All Welcome, bring a friend,
Spot Prizes on the night!

(Hotel has reduced B&B room rates if desired before April 15th) *Aisling, Niamh & Aine*

Third Sunday of Easter

We see the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, walking away from Jerusalem and the place of their pain.

In the face of their crushing disappointments, their words to the stranger they met, 'We had hoped...' express how their hopes had been dashed by the crucifixion. They are downcast and devastated and we can all identify with times when we have experienced overwhelming disappointments. In this bleak scenario, they do not recognise Jesus and that he is walking with them. However he invites them to articulate what is burdening them. He does not bypass the pain they are experiencing but listens as they share it. As they open up and share with him, they begin a journey and an encounter that ultimately brings healing and true hope. As our former bishop Martin Drennan wrote:

'The impact is very noticeable in how the disciples allow the past to bless them. Their 'hopes' had been crucified by being brought in under the shadow of the Cross and they are now reshaped in the light of new wisdom. Their illusions yielded to reality and hope that was authentic emerged. Forgiving themselves for their blindness to God's ways and their unrealistic expectations of him became reality. Jesus has turned their wounds into wisdom. When a story ends in reconciliation and peace then it can be told with joy. Re-energised by their meeting with the risen Lord, renewed by his word and by the bread of life, the joy-filled disciples returned to Jerusalem as convinced and convincing witnesses.' (From 'Turning wounds into wisdom').

Poor Clares, Galway

