

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter



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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday) – 26th April 2026

The Week Ahead

Saturday, April 25 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	P.J. Burke, Carragolda (11 th Anniversary) & parents Patrick & Celia. <i>First Communion Grow in Love.</i>
Sunday, April 26 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	Tom & Margaret Kenny, Derrinogue, and deceased of Kenny & Earley families.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	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. <i>First Communion Grow in Love.</i>
Monday, April 27 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People.
Tuesday, April 28 th .		No Mass.
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, April 29 th .	10.00am	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon)
	5.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (<i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Thursday, April 30 th .	8.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Martin Ruane, Ardclon. (21 st Anniversary)
Friday, May 1 st .		Wedding in Bohola.
Saturday, May 2 nd .	8.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Niall Coyle (1 st Anniversary) & his wife Pauline, Dublin. Tom Lavin, Aughaliskea, his grandniece Faye Lavin and his uncle John McKeown.
Sunday, May 3 rd .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	Den & Jan Rowland, Ballyvary and deceased of Rowland & Williams families.
	11.00am <i>Bohola</i>	Frank McNicholas, Lismirrane, and deceased family.
<p>All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (www.churchtv.ie/straide/) and <i>Bohola</i> (www.churchtv.ie/bohola/) are live-streamed. <i>Shraheens</i> 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>		

Baptism: On Saturday last, April 18th in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome *Dearbhla Beá Mulligan Regan*, Knock, into God's family. Congratulations to her parents, Gráinne and Paul, her godparents and wider family circle, and we wish them every blessing for the future.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to *Sarah Loftus*, Aughaliska, and *Alan Walsh*, Mayo Abbey, who were married in Straide on Saturday last, April 25th. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life together.

Mother's Retreat Day: All are welcome to attend a peaceful and prayerful Retreat Day on Saturday, 9th May at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass (F26 X884) from 10am to 6pm. This special day offers an opportunity to step away from daily busyness and enter into a time of reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal. Catholic Mothers Ireland is delighted to welcome guest speakers Br Ronan Sharpley OFM, Children's Rosary Ireland, and Fr Valerian Castelino C.S.C, who will share inspiring reflections throughout the day. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. €50 for the day. Please contact CMI if you need help with the cost. Booking is now open at www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats. We look forward to welcoming you.

DIOCESAN 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 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). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is June 11th.



18th / 19th:

Bohola:

€609

Straide:

€385.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Straide Church Rotas for May

First Reading: Maire Mulroy.

Second Reading: Danielle Bourke.

Prayers of the Faithful: Servers.

Minister of Communion: Nora McNicholas.

Offertory Collectors: Marian & Paddy McHale.

Opening/Closing Church: Josie & Bob Neary.

March for Life Dublin Monday, 4th May starts at 2pm from Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green, to Leinster House. In recent years, abortion numbers in Ireland have risen sharply. In 2024 alone, over 10,800 abortions took place. These figures matter and they deserve a serious response that focuses on real support for women and families, not just abortion as the default option. We march to call for life affirming alternatives, practical help for women in crisis, and policies that protect both mother and child. The march is peaceful and family friendly, with a welcoming atmosphere for people of all ages. You are welcome to come on your own, with friends, with your family, or as part of a group.

Trip to Medjugorje: Fully escorted trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages led by Sharon O'Leary, with Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy (native of Listowel) and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph (Louisburgh, Co Mayo). It takes place from October 21st to 28th with direct flights from Knock to Mostar. Contact Sharon on 086-0523014.

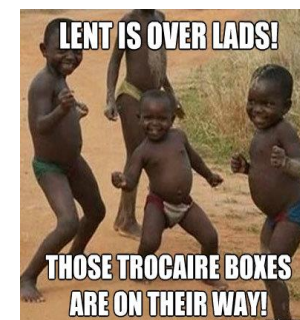
Mayo Cancer Support - Thank You: Mayo Cancer Support, at Rock Rose House, wishes to thank all those who supported and facilitated its Church Gate Collection in Bohola and Shraheens last weekend. Special thanks to the volunteer collectors and to all who donated. A total of €182.00 (Shraheens) and €74.60 (Bohola) was raised. These funds will support the ongoing provision of emotional support to local people affected by cancer.

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 or email info@anamcara.ie. For more information, visit www.anamcara.ie.

"A Stoma in Your Life": You are invited to an evening with the Stoma Care Team in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway, on Friday 15th May. Doors open at 5pm, Talks at 6pm and Exhibits at 8pm. All are welcome and bring a friend. Full details are on the extended online newsletter.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Please return any outstanding Trócaire donations as soon as possible and thanks to all who have already generously donated.

Disability Awareness Training with Erris Workability: Create a more inclusive environment by attending a Disability Awareness Training workshop delivered by expert facilitators. This practical and engaging training is designed for anyone who wants to better understand disability, break down barriers, and create an accessible work or community environment. Whether you're an employer, employee or community volunteer, this training offers valuable insights you can apply every day. Erris Workability will be running a number of these workshops in various locations between May and November 2026. Please contact us NOW to register your interest. Email siobhanscanlon@maynortheastltd.com or text / call 087-499 6605.



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.

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

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Eva Clarke, Bohola, who won a jackpot of €636 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).

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://encounterschoolofministrydonegal.org/encounter-conference-donegal>. For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Correction: The Offertory Collection figures in last week's newsletter should have read: Bohola €734, Straide €671. Thanks.

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

If a priest makes a mistake, is it a clerical error?

Extended Online Newsletter

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.

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.

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 gawaresstacufrc@gmail.com or call [087-7005811](tel:087-7005811).

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).

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

For years we prayed for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Nowadays we recognise the vocation of every Christian to be the light of Christ.

Jesus announced that his mission would be the kingdom or reign of God in the world. His taskforce would be the assembly of followers, later called the Church. In a vastly changed world, the Church of tomorrow will not be the same as the Church of the past.

Jesus once described the kingdom of God as a hidden treasure. The treasure too long hidden is the grace of baptism received by every Christian. It is a vocation, a call to bring the light of Christ to others. According to the late Pope Francis, Spirit filled evangelisers are what the Church needs today. 'How I long to find the words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelisation full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!'

Pope Francis and now Pope Leo have asked the Church to engage in synodality, a method going back to the days of the apostles. A synod literally means walking together. It means discussing what needs to be changed, but above all, listening to the Holy Spirit.

For many people today the Church is irrelevant, so they have walked away in another direction. But there is an emptiness in the jigsaw of the heart that only God can fill. A renewed Church will be closer to the ideals of the Gospel. People will recognise Jesus as the keystone of life.

Let us trust in the Holy Spirit who transformed the confused apostles into zealous missionaries.

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TURAS NA mBAN: Free Event in Erris Coast Hotel, Geesala on 8th and 9th May. All are welcome – reserve your tickets on Eventbrite or contact mayonortheast.com. Email info@maynortheast.com or call [094-9256745](tel:094-9256745) or [087-7702337](tel:087-7702337).

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, Breafoy 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.

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.

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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.

“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*

