

# Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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The Ascension of the Lord – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm <b>Straide</b>	Jim Molloy (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary), his wife Moya, and their daughter Julia, Knockshanvalley
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Bohola</b>	James & Mary Hall, Knockatemple. Bill Cryan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary), his parents Patrick & Nora, and his brother P.J., Lismirrane.
<i>No Mass from Monday to Thursday – Priests on Retreat</i>		
Tuesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> .	7.30 – 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am -12 noon 5.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. ( <i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )
Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	10.00am	For all the People.
Saturday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	11.00am <b>Bohola</b> 8.00pm <b>Straide</b>	First Holy Communion. Charlotte Doherty, Cloonconra. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Bohola</b>	For all the People. Mary Gerard Mullaney, Boleyard. (Month's Mind)
<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> <b>Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</b> <b>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b>		

**Wedding Bells!** Congratulations to [Laurena Kelly](#), Cloonconlon, and [Mark Gallagher](#), Glasgow, who were married in Straide on Saturday last, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life together.

**Priests on Retreat This Week** from Sunday evening until Thursday evening so there will be no Mass from Monday to Thursday. In the event of an emergency, Fr O'Mahony can still be contacted by phone.

**Pray for Life Novena:** The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena). This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**Lough Derg Day of Friendship and Prayer** takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 10am until 3pm on Station Island. This special annual event promotes Christian unity. Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop John McDowell, two close friends and partners in ministry, join Fr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, for a day of spirituality, friendship and reflection. Admission fee of €25 includes boat fare, refreshments and lunch. Advance booking is essential. See [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). For more information, email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or call 071-9861518.

**Kilmovee Parish Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** will take place on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves from Kilmovee Church at 7.00am. Cost €60. Please contact Fr Joseph on 086-160 5373.

**Achonry & Elphin 2026 Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** will take place from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. As well as praying for our personal intentions we will invoke God's blessing on our parishes and dioceses. The pilgrimage is reserved to adults over eighteen years of age who are in good health and who do not have any disability or health condition that could give rise to difficulties for the person over the course of the pilgrimage. More details including bus options at [www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg](http://www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg).

**Ignite Ireland Conference - Embers into Flames:** The Irish Dominicans are hosting an evangelisation conference at the Dublin Convention Centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Speakers at the conference include Scott Hahn, Michelle Ward, Fr. Conor McDonagh O.P., Maura Murphy and Fr. Patrick Cahill. For more information and to book tickets please visit [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie).

**Meditate in Pink Online Meditation Retreat** will be led by Mary Lally, with the National Breast Cancer Research Institute from 11am to 3pm on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, costing €28 with all proceeds going to charity. Call Mary on 087-2764539 for details.

**41<sup>st</sup> All-Ireland Rosary Rally | Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June | Knock Shrine:** Join 10,000+ pilgrims from around Ireland and beyond to pray for a renewal of faith in Ireland, and for peace in the world. The day itself will include exceptional talks, Mass, anointing of the sick, a healing service, over 20 Catholic exhibitor stands, and much more. See [allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://allirelandrosaryrally.com) for more details, the schedule, and for a list of 50+ buses going from around Ireland.



9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€842

**Straide:**

€470.

Thanks for all your contributions.

**The Knock Youth Leadership Programme (Knock Shrine)** is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026, the application deadline is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, please contact [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie).

**Anam Cara Mayo**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie). For more information, visit [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie).

**National Epilepsy Week 2026** takes place from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Davey McHale who won a jackpot of €568 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).

**Dovida** provides Home Help to the elderly in their homes, safely and happily. They are actively recruiting Caregivers throughout Mayo. Competitive pay with mileage expenses. No experience required as full training is provided with full support from the office. Check out the website [www.dovida.ie](http://www.dovida.ie) or email [hr.mayo@dovida.ie](mailto:hr.mayo@dovida.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](http://www.alone.ie) or for further information, please contact us on [volunteer@alone.ie](mailto: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.

**Encounter Weekend Donegal**, takes place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny from 6.00pm to 10.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and from 9.00am to 10.30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.com/encounter-conference-donegal>. For more info, email [donegal@encounterschool.org](mailto:donegal@encounterschool.org).

**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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with direct flights from Knock to Mostar. Contact Sharon on 086-0523014.

**DIOCESSES OF ACHONRY AND ELPHIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION:** The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:gawarenesstacufrc@gmail.com) or call 087-7005811.

**Mayo Cancer Support** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call (094) 9038407.

**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).

**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.

**Hiking as you get older is a great way to meet new people.  
For example, today I met 2 paramedics, 3 nurses, a cardiologist  
and I nearly met Jesus!**