

# Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Kevin Fanning, Tooromeen. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) Ian Pielow, Ballyglass. (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Luke & John Carolan, Shraheens.
Sunday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> .	9.30am* <i>Shraheens</i>	Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore. (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary).
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Nancy Rainey, Blanemore. (Birthday Remembrance) Mary Bogue (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary), her husband Gerry & deceased of Deacy & Bogue families. Rose Curry, Tavnabeg & Kiltimagh. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) John & Catherine O'Connor, Knockshanvalley, and their children Martin, Delia, Mary, Kathleen, Johnny, Jimmy and Anne. Bob & Kathleen Matthews, Philadelphia, USA. (Wedding Anniversary on June 19 <sup>th</sup> )
Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People.
Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> .		No Mass.
	7.30 – 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am	Sonny, Annie, Tommy, Mary & Michael Kilgallon, Clooneen. (Adoration follows until 12 noon)
	5.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> .		Wedding in Ballintubber.
Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Frank & Molly Horkan, Grallagh.
Saturday, June 27 <sup>th</sup> .	12 noon <i>Straide</i>	Baby Cian McHale, Ballylahan. (Month's Mind)
	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Richard & Agnes Walsh, their son Tom & daughter Delia Mary, Lissaniskey, and their son-in-law Charlie Gallagher, Swinford.
Sunday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	Private Intention.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People.
<p><b>All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/">www.churchtv.ie/straide/</a>) and <i>Bohola</i> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/bohola/">www.churchtv.ie/bohola/</a>) are live-streamed.</b>  <b><i>Shraheens</i> Mass will be live-streamed on the <i>Bohola Post</i> Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</b>  <b>All <i>Bohola</i> Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b></p>		

**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mark Henry, Newcastle Tyne and Wear, formerly of Swinford, who died on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Funeral Mass for Mark will be celebrated in Swinford on this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.00am with burial afterwards in Kilconduff Cemetery. Mark was the brother of Frances Regan, Straide. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of Teresa (Biddy) Garvey, Clarelodge, Claremorris, formerly of Shraheens, who died on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Balla on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

**Tea/Coffee Gathering in Bohola** takes place in the Parish Centre after the 8pm Mass this Saturday. Please join us for a chat!

**Pilgrimage for Peace in Straide:** St. Joseph's Family of Parishes invites you to a Pilgrimage for Peace on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. Participants will gather at Straide Church at 2.00pm for a local pilgrimage walk, followed by a Prayer Service for Peace in Straide Abbey. The afternoon will also include a brief history of Straide Abbey and Michael Davitt, with refreshments served afterwards in Straide Community Centre. All are welcome to join us in prayer, peace and friendship.

**The Annual Novena in Honour of St. Maria Goretti** takes place in Collooney Church, Co. Sligo from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass each evening at 8pm. Confessions and Rosary from 7.30pm. Further details of all speakers etc. can be found on [www.kilvarnetparish.com/novena](http://www.kilvarnetparish.com/novena).

**Join the Fr Peyton Centre Rosary on the Reek, Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:** We gather at the Grotto in the car park at 9.45am to begin climb at 10am. Rosary and Mass at the summit at 12noon. For more information, email [info@fatherpeytoncentre.ie](mailto:info@fatherpeytoncentre.ie) or call Fina on 096-45374 or 087-681 6821.

**Open Sunday at Holy Hill Hermitage in Skreen:** Everyone is invited to this event on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Bishop John Fleming will celebrate Mass at noon, and The Rejoice Gospel Choir from Ballina will sing. Hot dogs and music afterwards in the courtyard!



13<sup>h</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€840

**Straide:**

€423.

Thanks for all your contributions.

**Day for Life 2026:** Today, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Church across Ireland celebrates *Day for Life* on the theme 'The humanity of the unborn child', which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message, visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie).

**Move to Abolish Three-Day Wait Before Abortion:** It's ironic that in the week we celebrate the *Day for Life*, 86 of our TD's voted to pass at second stage, Sinn Féin's bill to abolish the three-day reflection period before abortion. By backing this bill, Micheál Martin and Simon Harris have turned their backs on the cast-iron guarantees they gave the public in 2018 with regard to the three-day wait. It amounts to a serious breach of trust. In fairness it should be recorded that three of our local TD's, Dara Calleary, Alan Dillon and Paul Lawless voted against the measure and we applaud them for doing so.

On Tuesday in the Dáil, Neale Richmond, Minister of State for International Development, declared that he signed off on doubling Ireland's funding to the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which is one of the leading pro-abortion groups in the world. The Government has also gifted €50,411,250 of Irish taxpayers' money to the pro-abortion UN Population Fund (UNFPA) over a five-year period. It is shocking the amount of money being spent on abortion at home and abroad – meanwhile the Government doesn't donate a cent to funding positive alternatives to abortion.

**Sixth Class Graduation** took place this week in Bohola NS on Tuesday evening and in Straide NS on Friday. The Sixth Classes of both schools celebrated their end-of-year and end-of-school Graduation Services with their families and school staff. We thank them for all they contributed to the life of their respective schools over the last eight years and as they move on to pastures new, we wish them every success and blessing in the years ahead. And we wish the staffs, all pupils and parents of both schools a fun, restful and well deserved summer break.

**Best Wishes Anne!** We extend our very best wishes to Anne Mulroy on her retirement from her role as Special Needs Assistant in Bohola NS. Anne has been a valued member of the school for many years, having worked in the school since 1997 in a variety of roles, including Secretary, Classroom Assistant and Special Needs Assistant. Throughout her time in Bohola NS, Anne has shown exceptional kindness, care and dedication to generations of pupils and their families. Her warm, welcoming nature and unwavering support have made a lasting impact on the school community. We thank Anne sincerely for her many years of service and commitment to Bohola NS and wish her every happiness, good health and success in her retirement. Thankfully, Anne will continue to remain part of the school community in her role as School Secretary and we look forward to continuing working with her in the years ahead.

**Straide NS. in McHale Park:** Congratulations to the pupils of Straide NS, chosen to perform the guard of honour and also play in a short exhibition match at half-time during the Mayo v Meath championship match in McHale Park on this Saturday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope they were the lucky charm Mayo needed!

**Straide Bus Stop Campaign Update:** Citylink has confirmed that it has applied to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for an additional stop in Straide on the new Citylink 430 route. The application is now progressing through the approval process and we are hopeful of a positive outcome in the coming weeks.

This progress follows a tremendous community effort. To date, the campaign has gathered over 450 online signatures and 150 physical signatures, highlighting the strong local demand for improved public transport services. The campaign was initiated by local community advocate Jimmy Mulroy, and we thank everyone who has supported the effort so far, including local residents, community groups, public representatives, Deputies, Councillors and all those who signed, shared and promoted the petition.

**FACT Dementia Mile, Longest Day Walk, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Meet at 3.00pm for registration at the FACT Clubhouse, Admiral Brown Road, Foxford, F26CFE4. The walk begins at 3.30pm sharp. Refreshments with Cráic agus Ceol afterwards. Sponsorship cards are available on request by calling 085-8485278. All support will be greatly appreciated.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Dymphna McHale who won a jackpot of €649 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).

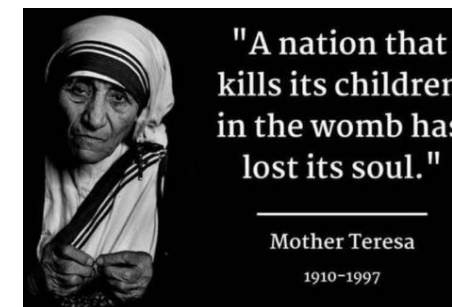
**Workbeats Choir - Summer Performance:** Come along to a free performance by the HSE Workbeats Choir at 3pm on this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park. The performance takes place on Level A of the exhibition galleries. All are welcome and admission is free. No booking required.

**Quiz Night Fundraiser for Gianna Care** takes place in Garbos, Castlebar on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm. €40 per team of four. To book a table, [Whatsapp 086-3727988](https://www.whatsapp.com/086-3727988).

**Professional Certificate in Pastoral Supervision**, a new 1 Year Blended Learning (in-person & online) Programme starting in September. Closing date for applications is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Visit [sppu.ie/courses/professional-cert-in-pastoral-supervision](http://sppu.ie/courses/professional-cert-in-pastoral-supervision).

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

**Ever notice that everyone who supports abortion has already been born?**



Mother Teresa  
1910-1997

# Extended Online Newsletter

**Bohola Cemetery Committee** seeks new members. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact John O'Brien, TJ Byrne or Peter Gallagher. Our thanks to the current committee who continue to do great work but more help would be appreciated.

**Straide Graveyard Committee** welcomes new members. If interested in joining, please contact Martin McDonnell, Marian Walsh, Jimmy Mulroy, Jimmy Roche or any member of the Pastoral Council.

**DIOCESES 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](tel:01-6852244) or email [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie).

**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](tel:086-0523014).

**Maryvale Institute 6-Month Online Course Dedicated Entirely to The Sacrament Of Marriage**, the biblical and sacramental foundations of Christian marriage, and the witness that marriage brings to the heart of the Church's mission. Pre-recorded lectures and monthly live Q&A sessions begin on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Open to married couples, pastoral workers, catechists, and marriage preparation teams, and to clergy and those in formation. All who wish to engage seriously with the theology of marriage are welcome. For more information visit: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/marriage.html>.

**The Catholic Steps (www.catholicsteps.com)** is a free online fellowship for Catholics who are working through a twelve-step programme rooted in the sacraments. The site offers a structured workspace where members work through all twelve steps with reflection questions drawn from Scripture and Catholic tradition. Each member is paired with a sponsor — a fellow Catholic who has completed the steps — who guides them privately through the process. Members can also connect with a daily prayer wall and access resources. It is open to any Catholic who recognises an attachment, whether to a substance, a behaviour, or a pattern of thought, that is keeping them from God. It offers a structured, sacramentally grounded path for parishioners who need more than a weekly meeting but are not yet ready for formal counselling.

**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](http://www.accord.ie). Alternatively, to book a face to face counselling session, please call Accord Ballaghadereen on [087-9972503](tel:087-9972503).

**Need Help with your Mobile Phone or Digital Device?** Register for Age Action's free digital skills class in Castlebar Library on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. To register, call: [091-527831](tel:091-527831).

**Men's Health Week:** Approximately 12,000 men are diagnosed with cancer each year in Ireland. Skin, prostate, bowel and lung cancers are among the most common cancers diagnosed. Find out in the flipbook how you can reduce your risk of cancer and the common signs and symptoms of the most common cancers in men. Early diagnosis can make a significant difference to treatment outcomes, so it is important to know the symptoms and contact your GP if you notice anything unusual. Flipbook can be found at <https://publuu.com/flip-book/708759/2494525>.

**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).

**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).

**Studio to Stall in Ballina:** Are you interested in a weekly workshop creating a range of arts and crafts to sell at Christmas Markets at the end of 2026? This is a unique initiative by Workability (Mayo North East). Eligibility criteria apply. Contact us to find out more now! Email: [carolynohara@mayonortheastlhc.com](mailto:carolynohara@mayonortheastlhc.com). Text: [087-4996606](tel:087-4996606). Call: [087-3980575](tel:087-3980575).

**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).

**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](tel:087-7005811).

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

**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).

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

## Message for Day for Life 2026

### "The humanity of the unborn child"



Every year our Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish our fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord.

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we would like to acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief.

The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest or deacon if you would like to know more about this.

Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that God has created, willed and deeply loves from all eternity every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after. We have the LORD's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5).

The Word of GOD reveals the sacred humanity of the unborn child and perhaps helps us understand why we feel such profound grief at the loss of a baby. Parents instinctively grasp how precious and unique the child is whom they have lost and whom they often name. They know how no other child can ever replace them.

From this perspective, how inconsistent is the language that the life in the mother's womb is just a clump of cells. How can that life be someone so precious and loved to parents and at the same time a mere something to be disregarded as worthless.

Science is clear that life begins at fertilisation when a new and unique living human being comes into existence. Every technological development in recent decades has given us insight into how life in the womb unfolds for each of us. At conception, our gender, genetic makeup, and eye and hair colour are already determined. As early as five weeks, our heart begins to beat. By ten weeks, we can move and respond to touch and, beginning two weeks later, we have the capacity to feel pain. By eighteen weeks, our mother can sense our movement in the womb. By twenty-seven weeks, we can recognise the voices of our parents. For some decades, parents have been able to observe some of these stages through ultrasound scans during pregnancy. The more we learn about the science, the more we understand the teaching of the Church on the unique value of the unborn baby.

This understanding, however, is not complete without the recognition that, from the beginning, every human being is not just a body but also an immortal soul, with a unique and eternal connection with God, our Creator.

It is because of what both science and faith reveal to us that the Church and many people of good will have always held that the unborn child merits the full protection of the law, and why we have always rejected elective abortion.

This Day for Life 2026, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of fertilisation. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth.

We, in our turn, commit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.

***Most Reverend Kevin Doran***  
*Bishop of Achonry and of Elphin*  
*Ireland*

***Most Reverend John Sherrington***  
*Archbishop of Liverpool*  
*England and Wales*

***Right Reverend John Keenan***  
*Bishop of Paisley*  
*Scotland*

**Happy Father's Day to all who fulfil a Fatherly role**