

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – 7th June 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, June 6 th .	8.00pm Bohola	Michael & Josephine Manley, their son Tommy & his wife, Maimie, daughter Mary Harte, son Martin and grandson, Dermot. <i>(Followed by Corpus Christi Procession)</i>
Sunday, June 7 th .	11.00am Straide	Aisling Hynes, Joe McHale, Wolverhampton, and Marie & Micheál Hynes, Castlebar. Baby Ella Masterson & deceased of Neary and Nolan families. <i>(Followed by Corpus Christi Procession)</i>
	1.30pm Bohola	Funeral Mass of Josephine Hall, Knockatemple.
Monday, June 8 th .	10.00am	For all the People.
Tuesday, June 9 th .		No Mass.
	7.30 – 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, June 10 th .	10.00am	Private Intention..... <i>(Adoration follows until 12 noon)</i>
	5.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. <i>(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)</i>
Thursday, June 11 th .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Friday, June 12 th .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Saturday, June 13 th .	8.00pm Bohola	Jerome Howley, Carragolda (5 th Anniversary), his parents, Patrick & Kathleen and his son, Kieran.
Sunday, June 14 th .	9.30am Shraheens	For all the People.
	11.00am Straide	Pat & Julia Maloney, Helen White, James & Bridget McDonnell & their son Peter.
<p>All Masses in <u>Straide</u> (www.churchtv.ie/straide/) and <u>Bohola</u> (www.churchtv.ie/bohola/) are live-streamed. Shraheens 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>		



Cian McHale: It is with great sadness we record the death of baby Cian McHale, Ballylahan, who died on Friday, May 29th and whose funeral took place in Straide on Thursday with burial afterwards in Straide New Cemetery. Rest peacefully, Cian.

My little man, down what centuries of light did you travel to reach us here, your stay so short-lived; In the twinkling of an eye you were moving on, bearing our name and a splinter of the human cross we suffer; Flashed upon us like a beacon, we wait in darkness for that light to come round, knowing at heart you shine forever for us. (Light – Hugh O'Donnell)

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Josephine Hall, Knockatemple, who died on Thursday June 4th. Her remains will repose at Coady's Funeral Home, Castlebar, this Saturday from 4pm to 6.30pm and will arrive at Bohola Church for her funeral Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday with burial afterwards in St Joseph's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of James (Jim) Doherty, Islandeady and formerly of Straide, who died on this Friday, June 5th. Reposing in St Aidan's Room, St Patrick's Church, Islandeady on Monday from 5.30pm to 7pm. Jim's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11am. May he rest in peace.

Baptism: On Saturday last, May 30th in Straide, we were delighted to welcome Annie Murray, Ballina, into God's family. Congratulations to her parents, Joyce and Michael, her godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

Achonry & Elphin 2026 Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 12th June to Sunday 14th 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 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.

National Pilgrimage for Life 2026: Join the National Pilgrimage for Life at Knock Shrine in prayer for the protection of all human life on Saturday, 20th June. Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm followed by Rosary Procession. Organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



30th/31st:

Bohola:
€828

Straide:
€401.

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

Corpus Christi Processions will take place after this weekend's Masses in Bohola and Straide, weather permitting. We encourage all to join in and participate in the Rosary and singing in order to make them prayerful occasions. The processions will be led by the Cross-bearer, followed by the general congregation, the choir, altar servers, the First Communion children, and the Blessed Sacrament in that order. Benediction will follow when the procession returns to the church.

Fr. Peyton Memorial Centre, Attymass, Upcoming Events: Guided Prayer Afternoon: Join the Fr Peyton Centre for a Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, June 11th from 2pm to 4.30pm. Rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass included.

One Day Retreat, Saturday June 20th: 'Opening our Hearts to God's love this Summer'...Beginning at 11am and concluding 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 light lunch. Booking is essential.

Rosary on the Reek, Saturday June 27th: 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.

Summer Opening Hours (May–September): Monday to Friday: 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Saturday: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

For more information on all the above, contact info@fatherpeytoncentre.ie or call Fina on [096-45374](tel:096-45374) or [087-6816821](tel:087-6816821).

Spina Bifida/Hydrocephalus Church Gate Collection will take place in Bohola and Straide this weekend, June 6th/7th. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Straide Bus Service: Contact Citylink on [\(091\) 564164](tel:091564164) and continue to lobby for their bus service to be restored to Straide. The more pressure, the better!

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR): Straide Parish is currently seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Local Safeguarding Representative. Anybody willing to take on this important role is encouraged to contact Fr. Stephen or any Pastoral Council member as soon as possible.

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.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to John Gilmore Jnr. who won a jackpot of €1,390 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 Golf Classic Thanks to Our Sponsors: A very successful and enjoyable Moy Davitts Golf Classic took place in Ballina Golf Club last Saturday. Thanks are extended to the many individuals and businesses who kindly supported this important club fundraiser, particularly the main event sponsors, RBC Brewin Dolphin and Michael Conlon (Bohola/New York).

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:091527831).

Moy Singer's 40th Anniversary Gala Concert: The Moy Singers celebrate their 40th Anniversary with a Gala Concert on Saturday, 13th June at 8pm in the Great National Hotel Ballina. An evening of variety is guaranteed with The Moy Singers and special guests. Tickets are available on eventbrite, from The Great National Hotel, the Tourist Office and from choir members.

Family Carers Ireland Carers Event June 8th: Family carers are invited to join us for a gentle and restorative 'Summer Saunter' in the beautiful grounds of Turlough House. For more information or to book your spot, email mavocs@familycarers.ie or call [094-9041148](tel:0949041148). Begins at 11.00am with a relaxed stroll, coffee break at 12 noon, followed at 1.00pm by a supportive workshop, 'Recognising and Responding to Carer Burnout', in the workshop space at the café area.

Are you Recovering from a Cardiac Event? You're Not Alone: Join the Croí Heart & Stroke Charity, Mayo Cardiac Peer Support Group, for heart recovery and support in The Ellison Hotel, Castlebar, on Wednesday 17th June from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. A Dietitian will present on a heart-healthy diet. Connect with others who understand, share experiences, and learn together. This initiative is a collaboration between Croí and the HSE in Mayo.

Friends of Carmel Retreat Day takes place on Saturday, June 13th at Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, from 10am to 4pm. Email friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com for bookings.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, June 7th: Pope Leo's Encyclical - If you want to understand the modern intersection of ethics and artificial intelligence, read 'Magnifica Humanitas'. This seminal document is an urgent wake-up call, a brilliant, urgent blueprint for protecting our souls, our work, and our shared future from becoming mere data points. Pope Leo has just redefined what it means to be human in a world run by code. At 42,000 words, it is not a quick read, but you can listen to the Pope introducing it at its recent launch in a ten minute address.

A speaker at the launch was Chris Olah, co-founder of Anthropic, an American artificial intelligence (AI) safety and research company. Founded in 2021 by former leaders of OpenAI, the company was created with a specific focus on building AI systems that are safe, aligned with human values, and "constitutionally" trained to be helpful, honest, and harmless. Access both presentations at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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

I'm thinking of getting a pet to go jogging with me....Maybe a turtle!

Extended Online Newsletter

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 15th 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. Alternatively, to book a face to face counselling session, please call Accord Ballaghadereen on [087-9972503](tel:087-9972503).

DIOCESSES 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.

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](tel:086-0523014).

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).

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 or email 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. Text: [087-4996606](tel:087-4996606). Call: [087-3980575](tel:087-3980575).

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).

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

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.

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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.

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.*

Social Democrats TD "really angry" at fellow parliamentarians for opposing abortion bill

Social Democrats TD Eoin Hayes has been scathing in his criticism of Oireachtas colleagues who opposed his party's recent abortion bill, which sought to abolish the three-day waiting period before an abortion and to widen the grounds for late-term abortions.

In a blog post, the Dublin Bay South TD has gone so far as to say he is "really angry" at some of the opposition to the bill, directing much of his criticism at Sinn Féin and Health Minister Jennifer Carroll MacNeill for not getting behind the Soc Dem proposal. The bill was defeated in the Dáil at Second Stage by 85 votes to 30.

It's one thing to support ending human life through abortion, but to publicly declare anger towards those who took a different position takes things to an entirely different level.

Deputy Hayes is no doubt correct that some of the opposition to his party's bill was motivated by tactical political considerations, but that does not bestow any virtue on the Soc Dem proposal, which was an extreme life-ending bill and warranted defeat.

Deputy Hayes is known to speak in very emphatic terms on abortion but does not have a track record of engaging particularly deeply with the issue. We deserve better from our elected representatives when they put forward proposals, particularly on life-and-death issues.

Deputy Hayes, who backs widening the grounds for late-term abortions, should clearly spell out what cut-off points, if any, he supports. And since his party leader never answered the question, perhaps he could: before backing the recent Soc Dem bill, did he meet or consult with any of the thousands of women who availed of the three-day wait and ultimately chose to keep their babies?

