

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th August 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, August 15 th .	11.00am <i>Bohola</i>	Funeral Mass of Breege Clarke, Tenerife, late of Ballylahan. (Followed by burial of ashes).
	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Private Intention.
Sunday, August 16 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	For all the People.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Gerry Bogue (5 th Anniversary), his wife Mary & deceased of Bogue & Deacy families. Denny & Cassie Canning, Ballylahan & Ballyvary.
Monday, August 17 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
Tuesday, August 18 th .		No Mass.
	7.30 – 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, August 19 th .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Thursday, August 20 th .		Wedding.
Friday, August 21 st .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Saturday, August 22 nd .	5.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Mass for Diamond Jubilee of Fr Malachy Smyth.
	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Annie McNicholas, Lismirrane (6 th Anniv.), her husband Johnny, their son John, grandniece Chelsey, and Frank Regan. Eileen & James & Tierney, Ardgullen, and Tommy Quinn. James & Mary O'Neill, Treenduff & deceased of O'Neill & McNicholas families.
Sunday, August 23 rd .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	For all the People.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Maura O'Connell, Falfadda, Ballyvary. (Month's Mind)
All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (www.churchtv.ie/straide/) and <i>Bohola</i> (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.		

Recent Death: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Breege Clarke, Tenerife, who died on Saturday, August 1st and whose funeral took place in Tenerife the following Thursday. A funeral Mass will be offered for Breege on this Saturday, August 15th at 11am in Bohola, followed by the burial of her ashes in St Joseph's Cemetery. She was the wife of Brendan Clarke, Tenerife and Bohola. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms: On Saturday last, August 8th, in Straide, we were delighted to welcome Fiachra Michael O'Donnell, Castlebar, into God's family. Congratulations to his parents, Tanya and John, his godparents, and the wider family circle. We wish them every happiness and blessing for the future.

Also on Saturday last, August 8th, in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome Jamie Robert Hall, Knockatemple, into God's family. Congratulations to his parents, Sandra and Kieran, his godparents, and the wider family circle. We wish them every happiness and blessing for the future.

Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place this Sunday, 16th August. It begins at 2pm with outdoor Rosary, continues with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, Eucharistic Procession and Mass at 3pm, followed by Rosary procession (weather permitting). Admission to Knock Museum is free.

Celebration of Fr Malachy Smyth's Diamond Jubilee of Ordination: The Smyth family cordially invite parishioners to celebrate this great milestone in Fr Malachy's priestly journey on Saturday, 22nd August. Mass will be celebrated at 5.00pm followed by refreshments in Straide Community Hall. Please RSVP to [087-4667284](tel:087-4667284) by this Saturday 15th as numbers are required for the Hall. We heartily congratulate Fr Malachy and look forward to celebrating with him on the 22nd.

Embrace the Grace' Young Adult Catholic Conference is a Legion of Mary conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on Saturday, 29th August from 9.30am to 6.00pm with a social afterwards. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com.



8th/9th:

Bohola

€843.

Straide:

€505.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Jubilee of Marriages: Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends, on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at <https://achonryelphin.ie/jubilee-of-marriages/>.

If you have any questions, you can contact Sr Pat Casey or Bernie Mulligan in the Achonry diocesan office on [094-9860034](tel:094-9860034), or Sheena Darcy in the Elphin diocesan office on [071-9150106](tel:071-9150106).

Straide Community Development Group AGM takes place next Sunday, August 23rd in the Community Hall at 6.00pm. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Straide Tai Chi Clases resume on Wednesday, September 9th from 10.45 to 11.45am in the Community Hall. Booking is essential on [087-4100052](tel:087-4100052).

Kiltimagh Writers Anthology: Kiltimagh Writers recently launched their first anthology of work by local writers. It's a collection of poetry, short stories, memoirs, and mini-sagas. Copies are on sale in Clarkes' shop, at €10 each. Get yours early, it's a perfect Christmas gift.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Anne Grogan who won a jackpot of €494 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).

Mountbellew Agricultural Show will be held on Saturday 22nd August in the Mountbellew Agricultural. College (H53 WE00). Entries to be made online. Closing date for entries is this Saturday 15th. Dog and Cat entries plus Junior Class entries will only be taken on Show Day. It's a great family day out. Free children's entertainment includes magic, scarecrow competition and pony rides. There's also a Fashion Show. Well worth a visit! For more information and details on classes etc., please see our website: www.mountbellewaqrishow.ie.

New 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). Full details of role descriptions are on church noticeboards. 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).

safeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone): Tuesday, 8th September in The Family Centre, Castlebar F23 PH39 from 10am to 1.30pm. To book, email darlene@breakingthrough.org. Only for over 18's not bereaved by suicide within 12 months.

Understanding Self Harm: Wednesday, 16th September in The Family Centre, Castlebar F23 PH39 from 10am to 5pm. To book, email darlene@breakingthrough.org. Only for over 18's not bereaved by suicide within 12 months.

Anam Cara's First Bereavement Information Evening Dedicated to Supporting Surviving Siblings: As part of our commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family. This event is the first, hopefully of many, of that commitment. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. We are also opening this Bereavement Information Evening to bereaved adult siblings over 18. This event will take place **online** on **Tuesday, 15th September at 7pm**. We are joined by an exceptional panel of local organisations and experts in sibling bereavement. Bereaved parents and adult bereaved siblings are warmly invited to register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/of6t-RhtRju5bzN9fQuIVQ#/registration>. To find out more about the services we offer please email us at info@anamcara.ie or call [085-288 8888](tel:085-288 8888).

Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, August 16th: *Poetry as Spiritual Practice* – Poetry has been described as capable of making one into a tuning fork of the Divine. Journey with Jesus is a weekly webzine of the global Presbyterian Church, which includes a poetry section offering over 300 poems by writers as diverse as Teresa of Avila, GK Chesterton, John Donne, Thomas Aquinas, Seamus Heaney, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, and many, many more. The site also provides poems specific to the Church seasons of Lent, Easter and Advent, and poems related to Celtic spirituality. Access it here: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

St Joseph Men's Camino: *Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one.* Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday, 12th September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker, **Fr. Mark Quinn**. Open to men over 18. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation and details at www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Burren Outdoor Retreat takes place from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at [087-9701130](tel:087-9701130) for information or Des at [085-1614951](tel:085-1614951) for bookings.

When chickens communicate, do they use foul language?

