

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th August 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, August 8 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Tom & Mary Mulligan, Ardacarra & deceased of Mulligan & Corcoran families. Séamus Reddington, Ardacarra. (30 th Anniversary)
Sunday, August 9 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	For all the People.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Margaret & Edward McDonnell, Knockshnbally, and deceased of Mulroy & McDonnell families.
Monday, August 10 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
Tuesday, August 11 th .		No Mass.
	7.30 – 8.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, August 12 th .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Thursday, August 13 th .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Friday, August 14 th .	8.00pm	Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption. James & Delia Foy, Gurranard.
Saturday, August 15 th .	11.00am <i>Bohola</i>	Feast of the Assumption. Breege Clarke, Tenerife (followed by burial of ashes).
	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	For all the People.
Sunday, August 16 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i>	Private Intention.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Gerry Bogue (5 th Anniversary), his wife Mary & deceased of Bogue & Deacy families. Denny & Cassie Canning, Ballylahan & Ballyvary.
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 <i>Bohola</i> Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above) All <i>Bohola</i> Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.		

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

Lisa McSharry, Terenure, Dublin, who died on Sunday last, August 2nd. Lisa's funeral Mass is celebrated this Saturday morning in Terenure and will proceed to St Joseph's Cemetery, Bohola, for burial at 4pm approximately.

Breege Clarke, Tenerife, who died on Saturday last, August 1st and whose funeral took place in Tenerife on Thursday. Mass will be offered for Breege on Saturday next, 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.

Frances Smyth (née Durkan), Bristol, UK and formerly of Clooneen, who died in Bristol on Wednesday last, August 5th. Her funeral will take place in Bristol, and at a later date Mass will be offered for Frances in Bohola followed by the burial of her ashes in St Joseph's Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to Marissa Mulhern, Redhill, Ballyvary, and Peter Noone, Culduff, Callow, who were married in Straide on Saturday last, August 1st. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated next Saturday, August 15th. The Vigil Mass will be in Straide on Friday evening at 8.00pm with Mass in Bohola on Saturday morning at 11.00am.

The 15th of August is not just another day. It's a feast of joy! We remember Mary, the gentle mother of Jesus, being welcomed into Heaven. Her story is a reminder that God lifts the lowly, and that faith and love never go unnoticed. The Assumption invites us to celebrate with hearts full of gratitude and hope.

Cemetery Masses were celebrated last weekend in Bohola and Straide. A sincere word of thanks to all who got everything set up in both cemeteries and who tidied up everything afterwards. Special thanks also to the car park attendants, choirs, readers, Ministers of Communion, offertory collectors and servers who made both occasions fitting celebrations for all our departed loved ones. Thanks to all who attended in such large numbers, especially those who travelled from other parishes, near and far. Your generous contributions to the collections are much appreciated and will go towards the upkeep of our cemeteries.

Finally, sincere thanks to Castlebar Concert Band for providing the musical accompaniment in Straide and special thanks also to the members of Straide PPC and all in Straide Community Hall who organised the welcome refreshments after Mass on Sunday. May all the faithful departed rest in peace and we continue to remember them in our prayers.



1st / 2nd.

Cemetery Masses

Bohola

€1,850.

Straide:

€1,180.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Celebration of Fr Malachy Smyth's Diamond Jubilee of Ordination: The Smyth family cordially invite parishioners to celebrate this great milestone of Fr Malachy's priestly vocation 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 next Saturday 15th as numbers are required for the Hall.

We heartily congratulate Fr Malachy and look forward to celebrating with him on the 22nd.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Church Gate Collection will take place on this Saturday 8th August in Bohola, and on Sunday 9th August in Shraheens. Thank you in advance for your generosity towards this charitable organisation which does such great work helping those in need.

Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place next 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.

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).

Guided Prayer Afternoon takes place in the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, next Thursday, August 13th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information, contact: Fina on [096-45374](tel:096-45374) or [087-6816821](tel:087-6816821).

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th to 16th August: Calling all young people aged 16 to 35 to join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals are included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow [@Youth2000Ireland](https://twitter.com/Youth2000Ireland).

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, August 9th: *Forgiveness – the Welcoming Practice* – “St Francis of Assisi entered pain and suffering rather than trying to avoid it. This wasn't an act of moral achievement or heroic obedience. It didn't feel like winning, but more like losing, dying, and letting go. The religious word for letting go is forgiveness. Forgiveness is giving up your investment in and identification with your own painful story. This comes from a deep place of inner freedom and awareness of goodness—God's, your own, and the goodness of the person you choose to forgive.” These words are from Richard Rohr, the internationally renowned Franciscan author and spiritual teacher. They are a preface to ‘The Welcoming Prayer’ - a valuable practice of letting go and forgiving. Read his short introduction to the art of letting go at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

‘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.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Anne Davey who won a jackpot of €577 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 on-line. Closing date for entries is next 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.

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).

Looking for a lifeguard? Ours walks on water!

