

Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday) – 18th October 2026



The Week Ahead

Saturday, October 17 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Jimmy Burke, Carragolda and deceased of Burke & Conroy families. Bríd and Joe McNicholas, Altbaun. (2 nd Anniversaries) <i>First Communion Grow in Love Enrolment Mass.</i>
Sunday, October 18 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	John & Vera Galligan, Ara, and deceased family. For all the People. <i>First Communion Grow in Love Enrolment Mass.</i>
Monday, October 19 th .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Nancy Burke, Cloongee, Foxford (1 st Anniversary) and deceased of Burke and Walsh families.
Tuesday, October 20 th .	7.30 - 8.30pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, October 21 st .	10.00am 5.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(<i>Adoration follows until 12 noon</i>) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, October 22 nd .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
Friday, October 23 rd .		Wedding in Ballintubber.
Saturday, October 24 th .	8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Pat & Nora Hall, their daughter Delia & grandson Dennis Murray. Julia & Michael Mulderrig, Altbawn. (4 th & 24 th Anniversaries) Johnny & Mary Jordan, Altinea & deceased of Jordan family. Teece & Tom O'Neill, Ardacarra and deceased of O'Neill & McNicholas families.
Sunday, October 25 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People. Thomas & Noreen McHale, Loughkeerane and Pakie & Eileen McHale, Currane.
All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (www.churchtv.ie/straide/) and <i>Bohola</i> (www.churchtv.ie/bohola/) are live-streamed.		

Recent Death: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Seamus McDonnell*, formerly of Ballinaculla, who died in Bahrain on Tuesday October 6th and whose funeral took place last Wednesday. He was the brother of Martin McDonnell, Ballinaculla. May he rest in peace.

First Holy Communion: At this weekend's Masses in Bohola and Straide, we have a very special welcome for the children who will receive their First Holy Communion next May. We also welcome their parents, grandparents and other family members. They begin this significant journey with their Enrolment Mass as they commit to the 'Grow in Love' programme where home, school and parish work together to help them grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God. May God bless them in the months ahead.



Straide Rosary for Peace continues before the 11am Mass on each Sunday of October, beginning at 10.40am.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday: The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "One in Christ, United in Mission". World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. Mission Sunday collections are held in every single parish where the Church is present. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church plays their part in supporting each other. All offerings and donations made for World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. On top of this, mission dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters, or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. This is why World Mission Sunday is so important. It offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women, and children to survive and thrive. To donate, use the envelope in your offertory collection box, the special envelopes available in church or donate through the missio.ie website.

Straide Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving: Sincere thanks to the Pastoral Council and to all who helped organise, and make all the preparations for last Sunday's Harvest Mass. Thanks also to all who participated – choir, the children who brought up gifts, led the prayers and served, readers and Communion Minister – and made it such a prayerful celebration. Special thanks also to those who provided and donated the goodies to go with the welcome cup/s of tea and coffee in the Parochial House afterwards.



10th / 11th:

Bohola:

€996.

Straide:

€367.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Durkan Bohola Community Park has been shortlisted for *Lidl's Green Fund*, one of 2 projects shortlisted in Mayo. Voting is open up to next Thursday, October 22nd. Spend €30 in Lidl, scan the app to collect a stamp card, submit stamp card, then select Bohola Community Park as local project. Funding will help create a community food garden within the park and other biodiversity initiatives.

Sam Maguire Cup Homecoming: Moy Davitts are delighted to announce the arrival of Sam Maguire to Foxford on Saturday, 24th October (1.30-4.30pm). Final location is weather dependent and will be announced next week. Please keep an eye on our social media for further updates.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Caroline Molloy who won a jackpot of €469 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).

Congratulations to Moy Davitts Ladies, newly crowned Intermediate County Football Champions.

Shraheens Mass Centre Choir Seeks New Members: Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join our little choir on Sunday mornings? If you would like to know more, please speak to any member of the choir or just come and join in. You will be most welcome.

Bohola Post 2026: Closing date for submissions to our 54th edition is 31st October. Please send your contributions or any queries via email to boholapost@gmail.com.

The Open Evening of St Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford for prospective First Years for the academic year 27/28 will take place on Wednesday October 21st. Tours of school from 6.30pm, with Principal's Address at 7.45pm. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the school office on [094-9256145](tel:094-9256145) with any queries.

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday, 27th October 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 information, call [01-4045378](tel:01-4045378), email info@anamcara.ie or visit www.anamcara.ie.

Mayo Stoma Support Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 29th at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. It is open to all who either have a stoma or care for those who have them. To book a place, please text [087-6275766](tel:087-6275766).

Bereavement Support Group in Ballina: A Bereavement Support Group meeting will be held at the Newman Institute, Ballina on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Trained facilitators conduct the meetings, which provide guidance and support to all who find loss difficult. All welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine on [094-9375320](tel:094-9375320).

Studio to Stall with Erris Workability: Studio to Stall is a wonderful initiative with Erris Workability, supporting people to develop their creativity, skills and confidence. Participants turn their ideas and creations from the studio into finished products, learning along the way about teamwork, communication, presentation and selling. The journey from studio to stall provides a valuable opportunity to share their talents with the wider community. The programme takes place in both Ballina and Belmullet, offering a welcoming space to get creative, learn new skills and connect with others. Eligibility criteria apply. If you would like to take part, contact Siobhan on [087-4996605](tel:087-4996605) to book your place. Come along and be part of the journey from studio to stall!

Erris Workability – Support at Your Own Pace: Erris Workability supports people with challenges to build confidence, develop skills and explore employment opportunities. We tailor the support to your needs and at a pace that suits you. Everyone's journey is different, and we're here to help you take the next step towards your goals. For more information, contact Siobhan on [087-4996605](tel:087-4996605). Eligibility criteria apply.

"Remembrance by Candlelight" St. Michael's Church, Foxford: On Friday 20th November at 7pm, join opera singer Sean Ruane alongside the Cill Aodáin Choral Society, Maria Lynn, John Mc Hugh, The Doherty's and The Doocey's, for a candlelight evening of amazing performances. The proceeds from this year's event are in aid of Hugh's House (in memory of baby Cian Mc Hale), along with the Foxford Enhancement Group, Foxford Christmas Lights and St. Michael's Church, Foxford. Advance booking essential. Tickets €20. Contact Sarah on [087-7965520](tel:087-7965520) or Irene on [087-2795242](tel:087-2795242).

Marriage Courses: Preparing for Marriage: Weekend residential courses are available from 13th to 15th November and from 26th to 28th February. **Marrried Couples Course:** Weekend residential courses are on 14th/15th November and 27th/28th February. Venue: De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Co. Laois R32 N6D8. Details at www.grasta.org or email info@grasta.org.

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.

There is a 0.0296% chance that your child will become a professional athlete.

There is a 100% chance that your child will stand before Jesus. Get them to church!

