

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Palm (Passion) Sunday 2nd April 2023



Holy Week

Saturday, April 1 st .	8.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>	Angela Conlon, Toughnane.
Sunday, April 2 nd .	9.30am* <i>Shraheens</i>	Tom & Margaret Kenny & deceased of Kenny & Earley families. Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore.
	11.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People.
Monday, April 3 rd .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
	7.30pm	Chrism Mass in St Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen.
Tuesday, April 4 th .	7.00am	Private Intention.
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, April 5 th .	10.00am	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 11.30am)
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, April 6 th .	7.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Friday, April 7 th .	3.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>	Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
	8.00pm <i>Straide</i>	Stations of the Cross.
Saturday, April 8 th .	9.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>	The Easter Vigil. For all the People.
	9.00pm <i>Straide</i>	The Easter Vigil.
Sunday, April 9 th .	6.30am <i>Straide</i>	Dawn Mass of the Resurrection. (<i>Straide Abbey</i>)
	9.30am* <i>Shraheens</i>	Brian & Delia Corrigan and deceased of Corrigan & Clarke families. Tom Butler, Shraheens.
	11.00am* <i>Bohola</i>	Deceased of the Devaney and Lynskey families, Treenduff.
<p>The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend. Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above) All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel. All Straide Masses can be seen live on www.straideparish.com or www.churchtv.ie/straide.</p>		

First Anniversary: In your prayers please remember Dan Molloy, Tavana, whose first anniversary occurs on Saturday next, April 8th. May he rest in peace.

Palm (Passion) Sunday is today and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Church's year. For today we thank the Ministers of the Word at all Masses. Our thanks also to those who provided the palms for blessing at the beginning of each Mass. Special thanks to Frank Reid who has been providing the palms in Straide for the past forty years and also to Helen and Diane Burke, Shraheens, for once again donating the palm crosses.

Lent/Easter Confessions: "The Light is on for You" in Bohola and Straide churches this Sunday, April 2nd from 6.00pm to 7.00pm where a visiting priest will hear individual confessions. You are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to prepare for the Easter celebration in the best possible way. Confessions will also be available with your local priest in the sacristy after each ceremony during the week or at any time by appointment.

The Chrism Mass: This year Bishop Paul is inviting parishioners from every parish in the Diocese to participate in the Chrism Mass at St Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen, on this **Monday, 3rd April at 7.30 pm**. He would particularly like those who are ministering in parishes such as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Sacramental Co-Ordinators, Adoration Groups, Altar Societies, Sacristans, Parish Secretaries, etc., to be present for this occasion. At this Mass, the Bishop blesses the oils that will be used at every baptism, confirmation, ordination and anointing of the sick in the Diocese over the next year. Priests also renew their commitment to service. Following the Mass, refreshments will be available in St Nathy's College. This is an occasion where we celebrate the unity of the people and priests of the diocese with the Bishop. You are most welcome to come and join in the celebration!

Holy Places Collection will be taken up on Good Friday to support our Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. They are the guardians of the Holy Places where Jesus walked amongst us, bringing the Good News that has so powerfully supported us, his followers all over the world, down through the ages. "We cannot remain indifferent: God is not indifferent!" - Pope Francis. This Collection invites us to care, as God cares for all humankind. Thank You.



25th & 26th:

Bohola:

€850.

Straide:

Envelopes - €214.

Loose - €57.34.

Restoration - €35.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Holy Week Ceremonies: Following consultation with the Pastoral Councils in Straide and Bohola, the arrangements for Holy Week ceremonies were agreed as outlined on the opposite page. There is a bit of give and take on both sides and that is much appreciated. It is a sign of changing times and more change is inevitable as we go forward so there is no guarantee that the same level of services will apply next year. However, there is no point worrying about that now, let us take each year as it comes.

These are the most important church ceremonies of the year, especially the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night – without Easter there would be no Christmas or no Christian faith. You are encouraged to make every effort to attend and celebrate what is at the core of our faith.

Ministers of Holy Communion in Bohola and Straide are asked to renew their commitment for the coming year at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.00pm in Straide. We are most grateful for their valuable service in this ministry throughout the year.

Altar of Repose: Even though there is no evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in Bohola on Holy Thursday, there will be an altar of repose set up in the Blessed Sacrament chapel from 6.00pm to 10.00pm where parishioners can respond to the invitation of the Lord to 'keep awake with him and watch for one hour'. It is here also that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for the distribution of Holy Communion at the Passion on Good Friday.

Calling Straide Decorators! Following the Stations on Good Friday, the church in Straide will be prepared for the Easter Vigil and the Easter season. Anyone who is free on Friday evening to give a hand will be most welcome.

Trócaire Boxes: The face on the Trócaire box is 8-year-old Nasteha Mahat from the Gedo region of Somalia in East Africa. The Mahat family had to leave their farm and village when the last of their goats died from drought and they had absolutely nothing left. Some months before, Nasteha's two-year-old sister, Ardo, had died of dehydration.

We remember the thousands of people who have been killed or injured recently in the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Buildings have been destroyed and the infrastructure devastated. Trócaire is working with our partner Caritas Syria to support those affected by this terrible event.

We remember people in Ukraine and other countries affected by conflict including South Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and pray for the millions of people around the world who are in crisis and at risk of being forgotten and left behind.

Lent is a time when we have the opportunity to recommit our support to our brothers and sisters around the world through the Trócaire Lenten Appeal. Please return your Trócaire Box in the next two weeks and it would be greatly appreciated if you could convert coins into notes.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, April 2nd: A Radical Alternative Theology of Atonement As we stand at the threshold of another Holy Week, many still struggle with the idea that Jesus had to die for our sins as a sacrifice to appease a wrathful God. Franciscan theology offers an alternative, non-violent, atonement theory which has never been deemed heretical. This theory states that Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity, he came to change the mind of humanity about God. Listen to a fascinating interview on this topic at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Starting on this Palm Sunday, New Pilgrim Path will offer daily sacred music and poetry for each day of Holy Week.

First Confessions for the eleven members of this year's Second Class of Bohola N.S. and the seven of Straide N.S. was celebrated on Tuesday and Wednesday evening last. Well done to our new little angels and thanks to their families and their respective teachers, Mrs Duffy, Ms Ivers and Mrs Finnerty and to all who helped them prepare and celebrate this important milestone in their lives. We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion in Bohola on May 6th and in Straide on May 13th, both ceremonies at 11.00am. We trust the haloes will still be shining by then!

Missing Flower Pot from a grave in Straide Cemetery – information leading to its return would be appreciated.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Deirdre Hardy who won a jackpot of €576 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>.

Claremorris Musical Society A.G.M.: Claremorris Musical Society will hold its A.G.M. on Monday, April 17th at 8pm in The Dalton Inn, Claremorris. This is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend.

FACT (Foxford Alzheimer's & Community Trust) Social Club is organising a *Spinning Cyclothon* (180km Foxford to Carrowteige), hosted by Foxford Woollen Mills, on Saturday, April 15th from 9am to 6pm. For further information call 094-9256662 or email factsocialclub1@gmail.com.

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.

We were all saved by a blood donor! (Matthew 26:28)

Straide Church Rotas for April

First Reading: Danielle Bourke.

Second Reading: Maire Mulroy.

Prayers of the Faithful: Maire Mulroy.

Minister of Communion: Geraldine Hynes.

Offertory Collectors: Michael Jordan & Vinnie Foy.

Opening/Closing Church: Bridie Mulroy.