

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Third Sunday of Advent – 11th December 2022



Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 10 th .	11.00am* 7.00pm*Vigil <i>Bohola</i>	Ann Tallott (née O'Brien), Kilkenny & Treenduff (Month's Mind). For all the People.
Sunday, December 11 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	Michael & Catherine Brennan & deceased family. Nora McHale, Oughtoos & dec'd of McHale & Hannon families. Kathleen Hughes, Knockafall.
Monday, December 12 th .		No Mass.
Tuesday, December 13 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i> 7.00 – 8.00pm	Private Intention. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, December 14 th .	10.00am 7.00 – 9.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 11.30am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, December 15 th .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Private Intention.
Friday, December 16 th .	8.00pm	Private Intention.
Saturday, December 17 th .	11.00am* 7.00pm*Vigil <i>Bohola</i>	Micheál Walsh, Ardacarra (Month's Mind). Martin & Annie Groarke, Ballyglass and all family & relations, living and deceased.
Sunday, December 18 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People. Molly & Tommy Walsh, Islandeady & their son, Sean Walsh, Tralee. Mercedes Molloy, Tavana (10 th Anniversary).
<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>		

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

Michael Corrigan, Carracastle, who died on Thursday last, 8th December. His remains will repose in the Sheridan Community Centre from 4.00 to 5.30pm on this Saturday evening. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at 12.30pm in Bohola followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium.

Julia Mulderrig (née Conlon), Altbawn who died on Monday last, December 5th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Friday with burial afterwards in Kilkinure Cemetery, Kiltimagh.

Sean McKeon, Harrow, London and formerly of Redhill House, Ballyvary, who died last week and whose funeral arrangements will be announced later. He was the brother of Vincent and Jimmy, Redhill and of Michael, Ballyvary. We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

Baptism: On Saturday last, December 3rd we were delighted to welcome *Emil Matthew Ahmed*, Tavanaughkanaffe, Shraheens, into God's family. Congratulations to his parents, Leona and Adam, his godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

A Meeting of the Bohola Pastoral Council deferred from last Thursday evening will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evening next, 14th December at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

Advent Adoration in Straide takes place this Tuesday evening, December 13th from 7.00 to 8.00pm and also on the following Tuesday 20th, at the same time. All welcome!

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, December 11th: *Advent is not only a period of joy "Advent is not only a period of joy. It is also a time when those who are lonely feel lonelier than during other periods of the year... When Jesus was loneliest, he gave most. That realization should help to deepen my commitment to service and let my desire to give become independent of my actual experience of joy."* These words - which will resonate with many at this time of year - are from a short reflection by renowned spiritual teacher, Henry Nouwen. Read the reflection at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

The Irish Epilepsy Association holds its annual church-gate collection at churches throughout Mayo this weekend.



Dec. 3rd/4th & 8th:

Bohola:
€815.

Straide:
Envelopes - €184.
Loose - €83.77.
Restoration - €135.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Parish Pastoral Councils: The Diocesan Pastoral Leadership Team, together with Bishop Dempsey, requested that each parish put in place a single Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for each parish in the diocese and that these be in place by February 5th next. This process is already underway in some parishes. A PPC is a leadership group, chosen by the parishioners, to work together with the Parish Priest in identifying and addressing the pastoral needs of the parish. Its purpose is to help people in the parish to notice God's word addressed to them and then how best to respond to that word. It is about enriching the faith lives of the people of the parish and not primarily about the bricks and mortar issues.

Carol Service: Bohola National School cordially invite you to its Carol Service in Bohola Parish Church on Monday, December 19th at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Church Collection is taken up at this time. You can contribute by placing your donation in one of the envelopes which are left in the church and return it with the offertory envelopes at Mass or put it through the letterbox of the parochial house in either Straide or Bohola. Please support this worthy cause.

The 50th Edition of the Bohola Post

will definitely go on sale this week in all the usual outlets. A collector's item, not to be missed!

Christmas Tractor Run: Moy Davitts LGFA is hosting a Christmas Tractor Run in Foxford on this Saturday, 10th December in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice and Moy Davitts LGFA. Registration begins at 4.30pm at Foxford Leisure Centre with the tractor run chugging off at 6pm. €20 per tractor entry and raffle prizes on the evening. Feel free to come along and join in with our Christmas festivities.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Pat & Martha Guiry who won a jackpot of €455 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>.

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 20th December at 7.15pm in the T.F. 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. We now also offer an online support service. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085-2888888 for any queries. For more information see anamcara.ie.

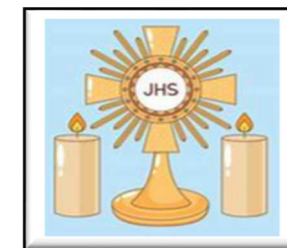
Lights of Love in aid of Anam Cara: At Anam Cara, we know that facing the festive season can sometimes be hard for those who have lost a child. This Christmas, we are asking our supporters to remember and celebrate a loved one by lighting up our virtual Christmas tree with a very special "Light of Love". If you would like to support our Lights of Love appeal, simply follow this link <https://visufund.com/lights-of-love-in-aid-of-anam-cara> and click "dedicate".

By donating, you will be helping Anam Cara be there throughout the whole year to support bereaved parents.

Mayo Cancer Support Men's Group: Mayo Cancer Support Men's Support Group will meet at its headquarters, Rock Rose House, 32 St Patrick's Avenue, Castlebar (opposite Mayo University Hospital) this Thursday, December 15th at 7.00pm. Participants will gain insight, support and understanding from peers who have gone through a similar cancer journey either personally or with a loved one. All are very welcome. Come along on the night or call (094) 9038407 for more details.

This Advent, turn to Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration.

In darkness, turn to Jesus
In doubt, turn to Jesus
In fear, turn to Jesus
In weakness, turn to Jesus
In confusion, turn to Jesus
In sin, turn to Jesus
In despair, turn to Jesus
He is the way, the truth and the life through it all,
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and of our lives.



Coolegrane Christmas Lights: The Coolegrane Christmas Lights, renowned for being one of the largest displays of Christmas lights in the county, return again this year. This annual event, famous for their spectacular design and colour is located in Askillaun, Foxford, F26 Y519. The Hughes brothers have kindly chosen Western Care Association as their charity for this year. This is an amazing opportunity for children and their families to experience some of the magic of Christmas while supporting a very worthy cause. The lights were officially turned on on December 8th and will shine brightly until January 6th.

Crafty Little Christmas Weekend: Come along to a family-friendly Crafty Little Christmas Weekend at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Saturday and Sunday, the 17th and 18th of December. Enjoy choirs in the galleries, the colour and costume of the mummies with the renowned Armagh Rhymers, Christmas craft workshops, guided tours and a decoration hunt in the galleries. Admission is free. See www.museum.ie for full details.

Christmas @ the Plaza: Kick start your Christmas with a visit to Pope Francis Plaza, Knock where we will hold a two-day Christmas event on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Something is seriously wrong when the world is offended by everything but sin.