

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent – 27th November 2022



Masses for the Week

Saturday, November 26 th .	11.00am* 7.00pm Vigil Straide	Tommy Ryan, Treenduff (1 st Anniversary). Ollie Flannery (6th Anniversary). Pat, Julia & Helen Maloney, Umoon and James & Brigid McDonnell. Martin & Maudie O'Brien, Carragowan & Tess Nestor.
Sunday, November 27 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Holy Souls. For all the People. (Followed by Rosary in both Cemeteries)
Monday, November 28 th .	10.00am Straide	Holy Souls.
Tuesday, November 29 th .		No Mass.
Wednesday, November 30 th .	10.00am 7.00 – 9.00pm	Holy Souls.....(Adoration follows until 11.30am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, December 1 st .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Friday, December 2 nd .	8.00pm	Special Intention.
Saturday, December 3 rd .	7.00pm*Vigil Bohola	Mary & Martin Lyons, Lismirrane & sons, John, Joe & William and deceased family. First Communion Grow in Love.
Sunday, December 4 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide	For all the People. Dominic, Bridget, Anne & Joe Corcoran and Billy & Maisie Higgins. First Communion Grow in Love.
<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 soul of John Connor, Wishing Well, Redhill, Ballyvary, who died on Monday last, November 21st and whose funeral Mass was celebrated in Parke church on Wednesday with burial afterwards in Turlough Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of Patrick Joseph (Pat) Gallagher, Aghyaran, Co Tyrone who also died on Monday last, November 21st and whose funeral took place in Aghyaran on Thursday. He was the brother of Peggy Jordan, Gurteens, Straide. May he rest in peace.

Baptism: On Sunday last, November 20th, we were delighted to welcome Álainn Mary Duffy, Bohola, into God's family. Congratulations to her parents, Gráinne and Michael, her godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

Bohola Cemetery Rosaries for all our dead will be recited in St Joseph's Cemetery and in the old graveyard after Mass on this Sunday, November 27th providing the weather is kind!

Advent Adoration in Straide: Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide on this Tuesday, 29th but Adoration will go ahead on the remaining Tuesdays of Advent (December 6th, 13th & 20th) at 7.00pm.



Bambinelli Sunday, December 4th: For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses next weekend, December 3rd and 4th to tie in with the Grow in Love First Communion programme but not confined to those children. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes for blessing at Mass. Families can even make their own "bambinelli" if they want. It is suggested

that following the blessing, you take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens at Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family. This initiative is promoted by the Catholic Grandparents Association.



Nov. 19th/20th:

Bohola:

€760.

Straide:

Envelopes - €193.

Loose - €19.10.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Bohola Pastoral Council: The white smoke has appeared and four new members have been nominated to join the Pastoral Council. Barbara Conlon, James Grady, Ellis Mulhern and Mary Sewell will join existing members, Noreen Byrne, Emma Galligan, Vera Jordan, Marie McGahon, Tom O'Brien and Alan Regan. Thank you to those who participated in the nomination process and once again our grateful appreciation to outgoing members, Patria Jordan, Pat Clarke, John Jordan and Paul MacNicholas.

Ministers of the Eucharist Retreat: A short afternoon Retreat for the Special Ministers of Holy Communion in the Fr Peyton Cluster will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre on Sunday, 4th December from 2.00 to 4.00pm. It will be led by Fr. Steve Gibson. Please let Fr. Costello (087-2422273) know if you are attending as the Centre needs to know the numbers.

Reconciliation Service for Christmas: A Reconciliation Service will take place in St. Michael's church, Foxford on Monday, 5th December at 8.00pm. This is for all the parishes of the Fr. Peyton Cluster. Visiting priests will be available for Confession.

Making Sense of the Sunday Gospels: Taking a closer look at the Sunday Gospels and how they relate to our daily lives, using the traditional practice of Lectio Divina, "Praying with Scripture." The final session takes place this Tuesday, November 29th in An Chroi, Tubbercurry F91 X772 from 7.30 to 9.15pm. It will be led by Stephen Gibling.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, November 27th: Superb Advent Resources This Sunday, the 1st Sunday in Advent, we celebrate the 7th year of New Pilgrim Path. The website has grown from a handful of visitors to thousands across the world.

Reflecting the ecumenical nature of the site and the international spread of our visitors, we offer a feast of Advent material this week from many sources, ranging from poetry, music and art to Advent traditions, practices, and prayers. Access these rich spiritual resources at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Bohola Christmas Market takes place in the Sheridan Community Centre on Friday, December 2nd from 6.00 to 9.00pm. Lots of stalls, crafts and food. Christmas tree lights will be turned on at 6pm followed by carol singing. All are welcome.

Straide Talking Social Christmas Gathering: Straide Women & Active Age Group invites you to Straide Davitt Community Hall on Thursday, 8th December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm for a neighbourly social Christmas get-together with tea/coffee and light refreshments.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Kevin Gallagher who won a jackpot of €380 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>.

Parke Arts & Drama Group presents 'Cash on Delivery' by Michael Cooney in Parke Community Hall this weekend, Saturday, 26th and Sunday 27th November at 8.00pm. Admission €10. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Mayo Area Alcoholics Anonymous is holding a Day of Gratitude on Sunday, November 27th in the Travellers Friend Hotel, Castlebar, commencing at 12noon. There is an OPM at 3.00pm with AI Anon participation.

Memorial Walk for Hospice: The 2022 Mayo Roscommon Hospice 5km Memorial Walk will take place on Sunday, November 27th around the vicinity of Knock, as part of Shine A Light Tree Lighting Ceremony. The candlelight walk will start at 5.00pm followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Pope Francis Plaza, Knock. Register online at www.hospice.ie. All are welcome.

Pre-loved Dress Sale on Sunday 27th November at the Cultural Centre Swinford F12WK83 takes place from 1.00 to 4.00pm *in aid of Swinford Running Track and the Cresslough community*. With over 500 dresses to choose from, there is a dress for everyone, for all sizes, ages and all occasions: €5 entry, free raffle with lots of prizes.

This event is hosted by GAA Swinford Killasser Mother's and Others group. You can enjoy a unique shopping experience with very reasonably priced dresses, of €20 or under, all whilst having a cup of tea or coffee!

Knock Market @ the Plaza takes place on Sunday, 27th November at Pope Francis Plaza, Knock from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Mayo County Council Cathaoirleach's Awards: Mayo County Council is inviting applications for the second annual Cathaoirleach's Awards. The awards will recognise the unsung heroes that exist in every local community and who represent the best of Mayo; the individuals and groups that work quietly behind the scenes to make our communities stronger, more vibrant, and caring. The awards will recognise 11 winners across eight different categories from a broad spectrum of individuals and organisations from across the county. For more information, go to: www.mayo.ie/cathaoirleachsawards2022.

Youth 2000 National Christmas Retreat: The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will take place in Newbridge College, Newbridge from 9th to 11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16 to 35. Great CRAIC!., excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, fantastic music, group activities, youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, drama, games and plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young and Catholic today. Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie.

What do you call Santa living at the South Pole? A lost Clause!