

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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The Nativity of Our Lord – 25th December 2022



Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 24 th .	5.00pm Straide 7.00pm* Bohola	The Nativity of Our Lord. The Nativity of Our Lord.
Sunday, December 25 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola 11.00am Straide	Christmas Day Mass. Christmas Day Mass. Christmas Day Mass.
Monday, December 26 th .	11.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Tuesday, December 27 th .	7.00pm Straide	Private Intention.
Wednesday, December 28 th .	11.00am 7.00 – 9.00pm	Jack McDonnell, Toughnane (2 nd Anniversary). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, December 29 th .	7.00pm	Mary Durkan & her husband Johnny, Carroward.
Friday, December 30 th .		No Mass.
Saturday, December 31 st .	7.00pm Straide	For all the People.
Sunday, January 1 st .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Private Intention. Private Intention.
<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 Death: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tom Lyons, Philadelphia who died in Philadelphia on Saturday last, December 18th and whose funeral will take place in Narberth, Philadelphia on January 4th. His mother, Cecilia (née McNicholas) was originally from Bohola and he was also related to Rev. Patrick McNicholas and Rev. Thomas McNicholas, both of whom served as Parish Priests in Bohola in the 1800's. Tom paid a visit to the church in Bohola only last August. On Wednesday, January 11th at the 10.00am Mass we will remember Tom and pray for his eternal reward. May he rest in peace.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, December 25th: *Britten's Ceremony of Carols* Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' is extraordinarily beautiful and deeply reverent. In our website of the week it is done full justice by the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, one of the finest collegiate choirs in the world. What better way to celebrate Christmas Day than by praying along with this sublime music? We include all the lyrics. Do visit us on Christmas Eve also, for a very special poem and piece of music. Access all this at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Carol Service in Bohola Parish Church: Very well done to Mrs Mulligan, the staff and pupils of Bohola National School for getting us all in the Christmas spirit last Monday evening with their beautiful Carol Service. If you were daft enough to miss it, it can still be viewed on the Bohola Post Facebook page!

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 its 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 lit up on December 8th and will shine brightly until January 6th.

Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas: International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, is inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life-changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards is also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01-8535163.

Befriending Volunteer Western Alzheimers: Can you spare a couple of hours per week? A little time goes along way. Become a befriender to those living with dementia. Full training provided. Contact Caroline on [087-3694477](tel:087-3694477) or [094-936490](tel:094-936490).



Dec. 17th/18th:

Bohola:

€525.

Straide:

Envelopes - €551.

Loose - €65.21.

Restoration - €60.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Bohola Parish Challenge New Year's Eve & Prize Draw: The Durkan Bohola Community Park is holding the Bohola Parish Challenge and local Walk/Run this New Year's Eve. Our local Walk/Run will start at 1.00pm from our New Pavilion located in the Community Park in the direction of Altinea, Upper and Lower Treenduff and finish in the Village. If you would like to take part in the Parish Challenge please contact Tom O'Brien on [087-7866688](tel:087-7866688).

All donations of €10 or more to the development of our community park will gain entry into our fabulous New Year draw with a 1st prize of two premium tickets to Manchester United V Chelsea at Old Trafford. €10 per entry or €20 for 3 entries. See our Facebook for further details. Tickets are also available in Clarke's shop, The Village Inn and Gourmet Genie in Bohola and in Teach O'Houra, Walshtown Filling Station and Ryan's Bar in Kiltimagh and in the Copper Beech in Straide or from any committee member. The draw will take place after the Parish Challenge in The Village Inn at approximately 3.30pm where refreshments and treats will be available. Please come out and support our community. Contact Sean Flynn, Chairperson, on [086-1699524](tel:086-1699524) for further information. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Anthony Ruane who won a jackpot of €300 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last weekend. 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>.

Parish Pastoral Councils

The Irish bishops described the work of the Parish Pastoral Council very succinctly when they said: "It is a faith-filled leadership group, through which priests and people together are co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their parish".

The PPC members will have to take time to pray together to figure out where God is leading the Church and the parish at this time. Their work is rooted in a prayerful reflection on the needs of the faith community for which they have a responsibility. They will also have to bring their wisdom and intelligence to bear on their deliberations. Thus, a PPC needs people with a wide variety of gifts and perspectives to deliberate on what is required for the parish to grow as a community of faith.

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.

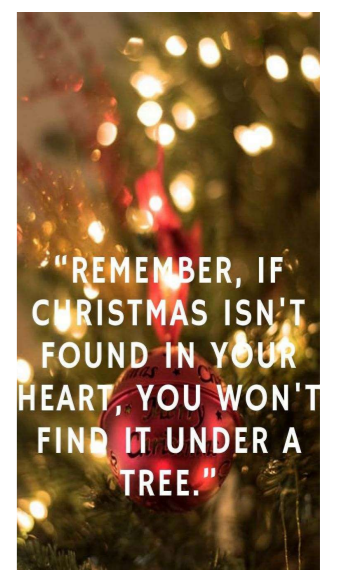
Live-in Home Care: ALHomecare is in business for 9 years, we work with hundreds of families and we have nearly 300 carers working nationwide. It is a safe and affordable alternative to nursing homes and private visiting carers who we are aware are in serious short supply especially at this time of the year as cold and wintry weather approaches. Contact Tom at [087-7440729](tel:087-7440729) or Eileen at [087-9916791](tel:087-9916791), who will be happy to chat anytime.

Free Online Living Well Programme: The next Living Well Programme, begins on *Thursday, January 12th* (10.30am to 1.00pm). Please contact Liam Gildea on [086-0142675](tel:086-0142675) or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: www.hse.ie/livingwell.

A Happy Christmas to all our parishioners at home and abroad. A special welcome to all who are home for the holiday period and warm wishes go to those who can't be home for one reason or another. May everybody be blessed with a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas season.

Child in a Manger

Child of the Earth, struggling to birth.
 Child of the Manger, surrounded by danger.
 Child of the stable, without hearth or table.
 Child of the hay, there he must stay.
 Child of the night, hidden from sight.
 Child of the day, for those gone astray.
 Child of the cold, for the young and the old.
 Child of the stars, for those behind bars.
 Child of the wind, for those who have sinned.
 Child of the hills, walk with us still.
 Child of the sky, for those who must cry.
 Child of the road, to carry our load.
 Child of the street, who washes our feet.
 Lord, bless the children born tonight and all those waiting to be born in difficult and trying circumstances. Fr. Michael Maginn



Christians are like Christmas trees - real or artificial!