

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Easter Sunday - 9th April 2023



Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 8 th .	9.00pm* Bohola 9.00pm Straide	The Easter Vigil. For all the People. The Easter Vigil.
Sunday, April 9 th .	6.30am Straide 9.30am* Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Dawn Mass of the Resurrection. (Straide Abbey) Brian & Delia Corrigan and deceased of Corrigan & Clarke families. Tom Butler, Shraheens. Deceased of the Devaney and Lynskey families, Treenduff. Michael Walsh, Ardacarra, his son Micheál and his brothers, Gerald & Tommy (Tom).
Monday, April 10 th .	11.00am.	Private Intention.
Please note: No Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.		
Tuesday, April 11 th .	7.00 – 8.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, April 12 th .	10.00am – 12 noon 6.00 – 10.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (<i>Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Friday, April 14 th .	7.00pm Straide	Tom & Baby McHale, Pollagh.
Saturday, April 15 th .	8.00pm* Bohola	John Aitken & deceased of Aitken & McGloin families.
Sunday, April 16 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Mary & Johnny McNicholas, Ara, & deceased family. For all the People.
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.		

Recent Death: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Jack Devaney, New York, who died in Florida on Tuesday last, April 4th. He was the brother of Jim Devaney, New York. May he rest in peace.

Blessing of Homes with Easter Water: At the Easter Vigil each year, holy water is blessed. It is a tradition in Ireland that families bring this Easter water home with them to bless themselves, their homes, vehicles and also the graves of their loved ones. Families are encouraged to pray together and bless their homes with the Easter water when they return from Mass on Holy Saturday night or Easter Sunday, or at some other time during the Easter season. A limited number of little bottles of Easter water are available in the church together with a prayer of blessing. Please take one home.

He is Risen!

The emotions of the women coming to the tomb were a mixture of joy and awe. Their awe was a wondering if what Jesus said was really true, that he would rise from the dead. He has said this often to them. Their sort of doubt and maybe unbelief turned to joy as they found faith in the resurrection. In the Vigil Mass we see that the message of the angel at the tomb restored their faith, and then their meeting with him as he sent them to Galilee.

The message sums up the meaning of Jesus' resurrection. Resurrection was new life for Jesus, a life we will share one day. It was also a renewed mission. The time after Easter was a time where he went around consoling and instructing his new community of disciples. As he walks with us in life, he invites us the share in his mission of spreading his gospel. The gift of his risen life is a gift for sharing, and we have our part in that.

This began at dawn, a special time of day. Morning prayer for the early visitors to the tomb helped them get commitment to follow him to Galilee and always. Morning prayer can be our time of a similar moments with Jesus and of offering ourselves for the coming day in his service. It can also be a time of gratitude for a new day and asking God's help for the day.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)



1st & 2nd.

Bohola:

€550.

Straide:

Envelopes - €308.10.

Loose - €92.80.

Restoration - €150.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

Trócaire Boxes: We were reminded in the Gospel on Palm Sunday of the words of Jesus on the Cross - 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' These words of Jesus are still echoed in the world today in the voices of those who cry out for justice. This Lent, we heard the voices of Nasteha and the Mahat Family. They represented millions of people from Somalia for whom conflict, drought and climate change has resulted in unbearable hunger.

Please return your Trócaire Box as soon as possible. Through it we have the opportunity to recommit our support to our brothers and sisters around the world.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Easter Sunday, April 9th: *Imaginative Contemplation Exercise for Easter ...* The mental quality of thought that drove St Ignatius' vibrant spiritual life was his remarkable imagination. It played a central role in his conversion. Through his many years of directing others, he discovered how useful the imagination could be in fostering a deeper relationship with God.

For Easter Week, New Pilgrim Path features a wonderful imaginative contemplation exercise inspired by Eugène Burnand's vivid painting, "The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection." It is a marvellous way to celebrate this immense feast. Access it at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Adoration Time Change in Bohola: Adoration goes ahead on Wednesdays as usual but is now extended from 10.00am to 12 noon in the morning and will be in the Blessed Sacrament chapel from 6.00 to 10.00pm on Wednesday evenings.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday, 22nd April from 7.00pm to 10.00pm and on Sunday, 23rd from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Full details on posters in church or see www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

The Legion of Mary, Castlebar is organising an Easter Programme for Secondary School pupils to run from April 11th to 14th. Details on leaflets left in church. Phone [087-9216572](tel:087-9216572) or email legionofmarycastlebar@gmail.com.

Thanks to Straide Parish from Pro Life Campaign: Thank you most sincerely for the generous donation of €115.00 from your local church gate collection. Our work would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. There is much work to do. It was recently reported by the Minister for Health, that over 8,500 women availed of termination of pregnancy services in Ireland last year (2022). That is an increase of 27% on 2021- a devastating trend. We continue to support the wonderful work of Community Connect in every way possible, in providing tangible support to pregnant women and new mothers. See www.communityconnect.ie.

March For Life, Bank Holiday Monday, May 1st, Dublin City Centre: Organised by the Pro Life Campaign, this family friendly event is being held to educate the public about what is happening under the new abortion law, to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and to call for resources to be put in place to support and inform women about positive alternatives to abortion. For more information, see www.marchforlife.ie.

Conference on Evangelisation and Vocations in Ireland Today: In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25th April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on www.vocations.ie, or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney, secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie. God bless you!

Lough Derg 2023: Lough Derg is delighted to announce the re-opening of its Pilgrimage Season on Monday, 1st May with One Day Retreats and Three Day Pilgrimages run from 1st June until 15th August. All details are on poster in church porch or visit www.loughderg.org.

Pilgrimage to Fatima: Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th to 27th July. Pilgrims from all dioceses in Ireland are welcome to travel with him. Cost for 7 days is €899 per person sharing. Flights depart Dublin at 6.05am on Thursday, 20th July, arriving in Fatima at 11.00am. Single room supplement and insurance is additional. For further information, contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin on [00442890701606](tel:00442890701606) or [00447711808207](tel:00447711808207).

Holy Land Christmas 2023: Flight from Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Payment can be made by instalments. Contact James Treacy at [061-921470](tel:061-921470) or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Seán Walsh, Foxford who won a jackpot of €375 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.

Death was proof that Jesus was human. Resurrection was proof He is God.

Happy Easter to everybody!