

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Advent – 4th December 2022



Masses for the Week

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| 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. |
| Monday, December 5 th . | 10.00am | Private Intention. |
| Tuesday, December 6 th . | 7.00 – 8.00pm | No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide. |
| Wednesday, December 7 th . | 10.30 -11.30am 7.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Special Intention.....(Adoration follows until 9.00pm) |
| Thursday, December 8 th . | 10.00am Straide | Bill & Ellie Hyland, Tavna. |
| Friday, December 9 th . | 7.00pm Straide | P.J. & Annie Ruane, Ballylahan. |
| Saturday, December 10 th . | 11.00am* 7.00pm *Vigil Bohola | Ann Tallott (née O'Brien), Kilkenny & Treenduff (Month's Mind). For all the People. |
| Sunday, December 11 th . | 9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide | Michael & Catherine Brennan & deceased family. Nora McHale, Oughtoosie & dec'd of McHale & Hannon families. Kathleen Hughes, Knockafall. |
| <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 *Michael McNeely, (better known as Mickie Austin)*, Glenmask, Tourmakeady, who died on Thursday, November 24th and whose funeral took place in Killawalla on Monday last. He was the brother of Mary Duffy, Carragowan. May he rest in peace.

Bambinelli Sunday, December 4th: For the past several decades, 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 celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses this weekend. A suggestion is, following the blessing, 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.



Ministers of the Eucharist Retreat: A short afternoon Retreat for the Special Ministers of Holy Communion in the Fr Peyton Cluster takes place this Sunday in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, from 2.00 to 4.00pm. It will be led by Fr. Steve Gibson.

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.

Advent Adoration in Straide takes place this Tuesday evening, December 6th from 7.00 to 8.00pm and also on the remaining two Tuesdays of Advent, 13th and 20th, at the same time.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Thursday next. The Vigil Mass will be in Bohola at 7.00pm on Wednesday evening, followed by Adoration until 9.00pm. The morning Mass will be in Straide on Thursday at 10.00am.

Knock Shrine to Host an All-Night Vigil: The Vigil begins with Confessions from 10.00pm until Midnight on the night of Wednesday, 7th December. The Vigil will continue in the Basilica from Midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Private Prayer, concluding with Mass at 4.00am. This is always a very special night to honour Our Lady for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Vigil will be live-streamed online on the Knock Shrine website <https://www.knockshrine.ie/> and Facebook page.



Nov. 26th/27th:

Bohola:

€685.

Straide:

Envelopes - €308.60.

Loose - €67.90.

Restoration - €45.10.

Thanks for all
your contributions.

A Meeting of the Bohola Pastoral Council will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday evening next, 8th December at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

Preparation of Straide Church for Christmas will happen this Monday evening, December 5th at 7.00pm but extra assistance would be much appreciated. Anyone willing to give a little of their time will be most 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.

Bohola Christmas Kicks Off! On Friday evening last, the Christmas season got underway in Bohola with the lighting up of the new Christmas tree and very impressive it is! The Bohola community expresses its thanks and acknowledges the generosity of Bill Durkan for sponsoring the tree and lights. A special word of thanks also to Annette Clarke for sourcing the tree and looking after all the practicalities for getting it in place. The occasion was enhanced with the lovely carol singing of the pupils of Bohola NS led by their Principal, Mrs Teresa Mulligan. The Community Centre then hosted a very busy Christmas market, organised by the Community Park Committee. It's definitely Christmas-time in Bohola!

The 50th Edition of the Bohola Post

will go on sale later 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 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 kicking 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 Loren Devers who won a jackpot of €410 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>.

Christmas Fair: Castlebar Rural Training Centre (Humbert Way, F23 C967) will host a Christmas Fair on Thursday next, 8th December from 10am to 4pm with a display of crafts, cakes and arrangements. All are welcome. More details 094-9042127.

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. At the Saturday Market we welcome Knock Foroige who will fundraise for their club. Don't forget to pop by and support our young teenage boys and girls. We are so excited to announce that Santa will visit Christmas @ the Plaza on Sunday, 11th December at 2pm so let all the kiddies know that Santa Clause is coming to town. We have fabulous handmade gifts to kick off your Christmas shopping with more than 40 traders over two days, adjacent to Knock Shrine. Lots to see and do in the village with lovely restaurants and gift shops close by with free parking and wheelchair accessible. Knock Market @ the Plaza is the market to visit this Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in Knock.

Contact Leonie at [086-8486924](tel:086-8486924) or E-mail: leoniekilroy@gmail.com. Follow our Facebook page @ Knock Market & Events.

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.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, December 4th: A voice crying out in the wilderness John the Baptist features prominently in Advent liturgical readings, as the Forerunner of the Messiah. This gigantic figure stands at the crossroads of salvation history. He represents both continuity and change. On one hand, he looks back to the tradition of the great prophets of the Old Testament. On the other, he is the harbinger of a new creation. A series of beautifully illustrated and deeply informative short films explores the life of this pivotal Scriptural figure through masterpieces in the National Gallery of London and beyond. To see John the Baptist through the prism of art, from birth to beheading, offers extraordinary insights into Christ's cousin and precursor. To access this, and a wealth of other inspiring online Advent resources, visit www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

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 Irish Epilepsy Association will hold its annual church-gate collection at churches throughout Mayo next weekend.

Straide Church Rotas for December

First Reading: Kathleen Canning.

Second Reading: Myra Keenan.

Prayers of the Faithful: Myra Keenan.

Ministers of Communion: Mary Byrne 4th & 18th.

Geraldine Hynes 11th & 25th.

Offertory Collectors: Jimmy Mooney & Denis Canning.

Opening/Closing Church: Michael & Nora McNicholas.

The kids keep laughing about my memory.

They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!