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***Bohola:***

 €970.

***Straide:***

€626.

*Thanks for all your*

*contributions.*

 **Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th November 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, November 16th.** | **12 noon *Straide*****7.00pm *Straide*** | **Vincent Gorman, Blanemore. (Month’s Mind)****Pat & Delia Burke, their sons Tom & Vincent and daughter Mary.****Carol Rowan and her sister Mary Draper, Derby, England.** |
| **Sunday, November 17th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens*****11.00am*\** *Bohola*** | **For all the People.****Michéal Walsh, Ardacarra (2nd Anniversary), his father Michael, and uncles Gerald & Tom.****James and Eileen Tierney, Ardgullen, and Tommy Quinn.*****Followed by Rosary in St Joseph’s Cemetery.*** |
| **Monday, November 18th.** | **10.00am** **7.00 – 8.00pm****8.00pm *Straide*** | **Josie Reddington, Carroward.****Holy Hour of Adoration for the Holy Souls.****Service of Remembrance of the Dead & Prayers for the Bereaved.** |
| **Tuesday, November 19th.** | **7.00 – 8.00pm**  | **No Mass.****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, November 20th.** | **10.00am****5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Special Intention.*…...….(Adoration follows until 12 noon)*****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, November 21st.** | **10.00am *Straide*****7.00pm** | Holy Souls.**Service of Remembrance of the Dead & Prayers for the Bereaved.** |
| **Friday, November 22nd.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Holy Souls.** |
| **Saturday, November 23rd.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Julia, Pat & Helen Maloney and James & Bridget McDonnell.** |
| **Sunday, November 24th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens*****11.00am*\** *Bohola*** | **Margaret & Patrick Carney and deceased family.****Mary & Patrick Ryan, Treenduff, their son Tommy (3rd Anniversary) and Thomas Ryan. *Followed by Rosary in Bohola Old Cemetery.*** |
| ***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.*** |

***November Remembrance Services for the Dead & Grieving*** will be held this week in **Straide on Monday at 8.00pm** and in **Bohola on Thursday at 7.00pm**. These special occasions offer an opportunity for bereaved families and friends to come together in prayer and reflection as we remember our loved ones who have died and especially those who died during the past year We warmly invite you to join us as we find comfort in faith, unity, and cherished memories.

***Bohola Cemetery Rosaries*** take place after Mass on 17th and 24th in St Joseph’s Cemetery and the old cemetery respectively.

***November Adoration Holy Hour in Bohola*** continues on Monday evenings of November from 7.00 to 8.00pm for all our faithful departed and for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one at this time. Please join us and all are welcome.

***Remembrance Sunday Commemoration at Straide War Dead Memorial:*** A special thank you to Fr. Stephen O' Mahony and Canon Andrea Wills for presiding over the Ecumenical Service and Commemoration at Straide War Dead Memorial last Sunday, November 10th. Thank you also to all those who played a part in the ceremony. Our readers and the laying of a bouquet of flowers greatly enriched the occasion. I am most grateful to the Castlebar Concert and Marching Band who provided superb and poignant musical accompaniment. A sincere thanks to Straide Community Development Group for allowing us the use of the Community Centre and for setting up in advance of the event. My colleagues at both the Michael Davitt Museum and Mayo North East Leader Partnership generously gave their time to ensure the event was appropriately organised and delivered. Thanks also to Straide RSS scheme who superbly maintain the site and to the Management of the Michael Davitt Museum who made the facility available on the day. Thanks to all who attended from Straide, Foxford and further afield, great to see such a healthy turnout on a sunny day. Finally, thanks to Cllr Neil Cruise and Cllr Ger Deere for providing funding for this year's event.

*(John Reid, Straide & District War Dead Memorial Association)*

***Readers Retreat:*** A Retreat has been organised for Readers in the Mayo parish clusters in the Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sunday next, November 24th from 3.00 to 5.00pm. It will be led by Fr Tom Grufferty, a native of the diocese, working in Knock. All Readers are encouraged to attend.

A Retreat for Ministers of Communion will be held in Spring.

***2025 Sunday Missal:*** If any Reader wants a copy of the 2025 Sunday Missal, please let Fr O’Mahony know immediately, if not sooner, as it needs to be ordered now!

***Week of Witness/Red Wednesday:*** Did you know that some 360 million Christians live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith? Each year the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Ireland – which supports some 6,000 communities in 140 countries – highlights their plight during the ‘Week of Witness’ (Nov. 17-24). Red Wednesday (Nov. 20) is the highlight of the week, and Catholics are urged to keep the suffering Church in their prayers in a special way. You can find out more on [*www.acnireland.org*](http://www.acnireland.org/).

***Bishop Kevin’s Pastoral Message & Meetings Feedback:*** A limited number of copies of this document are available in the churches. It can also be accessed on our diocesan website [*www.achonrydiocese.org*](http://www.achonrydiocese.org). Please read and discuss if you are interested in what the future might hold as the merging of Achonry and Elphin progresses. A prayer card is also available.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, November 17th:*** *The Ability to Laugh –* The ability to laugh stands as a vital protection of sanity and a mighty form of resistance to inhumanity. That is what the great Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, Viktor Frankl, attests to in his extraordinary 1946 psychological memoir, Man’s Search for Meaning. Frankl’s thinking is vividly presented in the always fascinating ‘Marginalian’ website. Access it at:***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***.

***Church of Ireland Foxford Table Quiz*** in aid of the windows restoration project will be held on Friday, 22nd November in Cruisers, Foxford at 8.00 pm. Please support.

***Candlelight Concert*** with John McNicholl and his Band takes place in Bohola Church on Saturday, December 14th at 8pm in aid of the Durkan Community Park. Tickets are limited and can be purchased from committee members and are on sale online at *www.ticketor.com/boholacommunitypark/tickets/candlelight-concert-with-john-mc-nicholl-band-298454*.

***'Straide Talking' Annual Christmas Party*** will be held on Sunday, 15th December at 11.45 am in the Davitt Community Hall. It is organised by Straide Community Women’s Group. It is an event for everyone, not just for women. You are all invited to come and spend a little time together with neighbours and friends and enjoy some festive fare.

The Straide Women's Group is a forum to meet and do things together for leisure and pleasure, as well as engaging in community activities. Throughout the year, the group meets on the last Saturday of every month at 11am in Straide Davitt Community Hall. A short business meeting is followed by refreshments and chat. Each year the group organises events such as an annual Summer trip, and Autumn classes (supported by the MSLETB and Age & Opportunity), as well as talks and social activities. The next meeting is Saturday November 30th. New Members are welcome.

***Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas at the Father Peyton Centre!*** Gather family and friends for a heart-warming celebration of Christmas at the Father Peyton Centre. Join us on Saturday, 30th November from 12pm to 5pm for a festive event that brings the true meaning of the season to life. Further details on Extended Newsletter.

***Final ACRES TRAINING Day*** for ACRES Tranche 2 applicants will be held on Saturday, 30th November in Aclare, Co Sligo. Call *087-9193371* to book your place.

***The Moy Davitts AGM*** will take place on Sunday 1st December at 5.00pm in the Brown Memorial Hall, Foxford. If you wish to attend, please email *secretary.moydavitts.mayo@gaa.ie*.

***Official Launch of Moy Davitts 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book:***The launch of the club's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Moy Hotel.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Betty Byrne, Bohola 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 playing on the club app (Moy Davitts GAA).

***FREE Genealogy Consultations at Castlebar Library:*** In Partnership with Mayo County Library, Brendan Walsh from North Mayo Heritage Centre and Ger Delaney from South Mayo Family Research Centre will be in attendance for one-to-one consultations on Saturday, 23rd November (10am to 4pm). Booking is required on *096-31809*.

***JOB Opportunity:*** The North Mayo Heritage Centre wishes to recruit a MANAGER to run the Centre. For full job specification or to apply, please email *nmhcrecruitment@gmail.com*. Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday, 29th November.

***Escorted Tour to Northern Ireland, Monday 9th December:*** €549.00 per person sharing. Price includes luxury coach transport, 3 nights in Armagh City Hotel with breakfast and 4 course dinner. Visit Armagh Cathedrals, Belfast Christmas Market, Stormont, Hillsborough Castle, Navan Centre, Titanic Museum and Derry City. Music nightly. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia on *094-9006426* or *087-1890236*.

***Nia Classes in Swinford and Ballina:*** Non-impact aerobics on Mondays at 10am at Swinford Cultural Centre and on Wednesdays at 10am at Ballina Arts Centre. Gentle on joints, great for balance, flexibility and overall fitness. Join at any time. €10 a class. Contact Siobhan at *089 4182740*.

***Other still relevant notices from previous newsletters are included in the online Extended Newsletter.***

***I before E except after Old MacDonald Had a Farm!***

***Extended Online Newsletter***

***Social Bingo*** continues every Monday in The Sheridan Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.00pm for **8.30pm start**.

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**Highlights include:** *Stories and Magic with Father Steve* – Experience the spirit of Christmas through inspiring stories and a touch of magic as Father Steve leads a heart-warming exploration of what Christmas means. *Christmas Market* – Browse our market, showcasing the best of local produce, arts, and crafts. Find unique gifts, seasonal treats, and beautiful decorations crafted by local artisans. *Festive Entertainment* – Enjoy live performances, featuring local choirs and musicians, spreading holiday cheer throughout the day.

Don’t miss this joyful celebration of community, creativity, and Christmas spirit. Mark your calendar and make the Father Peyton Centre part of your Christmas tradition!

***Reconcilation Service for Christmas:*** A Reconciliation Service will take place in St. Michael`s Church, Foxford on Monday, 4th December at 7.30pm. This is for all the parishes of the Fr. Peyton Cluster. Visiting priests will be available for Confession.

***Pioneer Pledge for the Month of the Holy Souls:*** A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ” are available on [*www.pioneers.ie*](http://www.pioneers.ie). Contact the Pioneers on *01-8054226*.

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Elizabeth Killeen*, formerly of Barleyhill, Bohola, who died on November 1st in Kent, England. She was the mother of Michael (Straide) and Denis Kileen (England). Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May she rest in peace.

***“Welcome To The Family” - Exploring the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation:*** This series continues on Monday evenings until Monday 2nd December inclusive from 8pm to 9.15pm in Knock Prayer Centre.

***Marriage Counselling*** is available at Convent Rd., Ballaghaderreen and at Moneen, Castlebar. Enquiries to *087-9972503*.

***Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours*** are as follows: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: *096-45374*; Fr. Peyton Mission Office, Main Street Knock, F12 Y8 H2, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 3pm until 15th December.

***Become a Volunteer for Children with a Disability:*** Have you some free time on your hands or have you always been thinking of becoming a volunteer to help those in your community? Enable Ireland Mayo Services require volunteers in all areas of County Mayo to work with children with a disability. Our volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at our centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are required per week. We work around your availability to make this exciting opportunity suit your lifestyle. Training is also provided. If you are interested please email *sduffy@enableireland.ie* for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Volunteers are very positive about their experience.

***Formation of Baptism Teams:*** Many thanks to those who have volunteered to join the Baptism Teams. There is still room for members in both parishes so if you are in any way interested do not hesitate to make an inquiry by contacting Fr. Stephen by phone or any PPC member by emailing either *straidepastoralcouncil@gmail.com* or *boholaparish@gmail.com*. An expression of interest will not obligate you to join.

***FACT Social Club:*** We are an independent community-based service here in Foxford, Co Mayo, and we support people living with Dementia or in rural isolation. We are open Monday to Friday and provide social interaction, activities and much more in a safe and supported environment. If you would like more information on the services we offer, please contact us at *factsocialclub1@gmail.com* or telephone *094- 9256662*.

***Free Advertising with Mayo PPN:*** Are you holding a community event/activity? Email your details with a Jpeg poster to *mayoppn@mayococo.ie*. We will circulate via the PPN social media platforms to our 1,000 plus community groups.

***Mindspace Mayo:*** Mindspace Mayo offers a free support service to young people (12-25yrs) in Co. Mayo, presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to emerging mental health difficulties like mild depression and anxiety. Mindspace is located in Market Square, Castlebar and anyone can make a referral. Visit *www.mindspacemayo.ie* or call *094-9067001*.

***SeniorLine - Would like someone to talk to?*** SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year from 10am to 10pm, Freephone *1800 80 45 91*. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer callers to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone SeniorLine *1800 80 45 91*, open every day of the year, 10am to 10pm.

***Gianna Care***provides help to anyoneexperiencing an unexpected pregnancy, or who needs help following an abortion. Their trained client advocates, counsellors, nurses and doctors are there to help. See *giannacare.ie*.

***Mayo Cancer Support*** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call *(094) 9038407*.

***North West STOP*** offers a *free counselling* service with no waiting lists. Call or text *086-7772009* to arrange an appointment.

***Hospital & Home Visits/Family Deaths:*** *If you wish the priest to visit relations or friends in hospital or at home or to put a notice of family deaths outside the parish in the weekly newsletter – please make contact by phone or email.*

***SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS:***

**Designated Liaison Persons:**

***Diocese of Elphin:***

***•***Mary Nicholson, St. Mary’s, Temple Street, Sligo. Tel: *086 3750277*.

•Anne Leonard, c/o St. Mary’s, Temple Street, Sligo. Tel: *087 6474136*.

***Diocese of Achonry:***

***•***Helen Diskin, Bishop’s House, Convent Road, Ballaghaderreen. Tel: *087 0516888*.

***TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) – Duty Social Work Contact Details:***

Sligo *071-9155133*.

Leitrim *071-9650324*.

Roscommon *090-6637528*.

Galway *091-546366*.

Athlone *090-6483106*.

Mayo *094-9042283*.

***Garda Confidential Service:***

*1800 555 222*

**PRAYER FOR HEALING OF**

**SURVIVORS /VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

***God of endless love,***

***ever caring, ever strong,***

***always present, always just:***

***You gave your only Son***

***to save us by the blood of his cross.***

***Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,***

***join to your own suffering***

***the pain of all who have been hurt***

***in body, mind, and spirit***

***by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.***

***Hear our cries as we agonize***

***over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.***

***Breathe wisdom into our prayers,***

***soothe restless hearts with hope,***

***steady shaken spirits with faith:***

***Show us the way to justice and wholeness,***

***enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.***

***Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,***

***heal your people’s wounds***

***and transform our brokenness.***

***Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,***

***so that we may act with justice***

***and find peace in you.***

***We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

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