

***Christmas***

***& 28th /29th:***

***Bohola:***

€3,142.

***Straide:***

€1,521.

*Thanks for all*

*your generous contributions to*

*both the Offertory and the priest’s Christmas collection.*

 **Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Second Sunday After Christmas – 5th January 2025**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, January 4th.** | **12 noon *Bohola***  **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Bill Walsh, Lismirrane. (1st Anniversary)**  **Gráinne Flynn, Drumcondra, Dublin. (Month’s Mind)**  **Bertie Rainey, his son Dominic and his wife Carmel, his sister Eileen and deceased of the Rainey family, Blanemore.**  **Celia Devaney, Ummoon (13th Anniversary) and deceased of Devaney & Dunleavy families.** |
| **Sunday, January 5th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am *Bohola*** | For all the People.  Mass and Funeral of Jimmy Conlon, Toughnane. |
| **Monday, January 6th.** | **11.00am *Bohola***  **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Epiphany and Funeral of Ann Dingerkus, Carragolda.**  **The Epiphany of The Lord.** |
| **Tuesday, January 7th.** | **7.00 – 8.00pm** | **No Mass.**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, January 8th.** | **10.00am**  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | Private Intention.……….(*Adoration follows until 12 noon)*  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, January 9th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | Private Intention. |
| **Friday, January 10th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Saturday, January 11th.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Brendan Maloney, Straide & Cloonaglasha, Tuam. (1st Anniversary)**  **Eileen Stephens, Grallagh (4th Anniversary), and deceased of the Stephens family.**  ***First Communion Grow in Love.*** |
| **Sunday, January 12th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am *Bohola*** | **Kieran Mullaney & his father Jimmy, Boleyard and deceased of Brennan & Mullaney families.**  **Joe Mullaney, Toughnane. (3rd Anniversary)**  **Pakie O’Brien, Turlough, formerly Rathruane. (Month’s Mind)**  ***First Communion Grow in Love.*** |
| ***All Masses in Straide (***[***www.churchtv.ie/straide/)*** ***and***](http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/)%20and) ***Bohola (***[***www.churchtv.ie/bohola/***](www.churchtv.ie/bohola/)***) are live-streamed.***  ***Shraheens Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by \* above)***  ***All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.*** | | |

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

*Jimmy Conlon*, Toughnane, who died on Thursday last, 2nd January. His remains will repose at the Sheridan Community Centre on this Saturday evening from 4.30pm with removal to Bohola church at 6.30pm. Funeral Mass on Sunday at 11.00am followed by burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

*Anne Dingerkus*, Ardacarra, who died on Thursday last, 2nd January. Her remains will repose at the Sheridan Community Centre on this Sunday evening from 4.00 to 5.30pm. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.00am followed by burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

*Michael Gaffney*, Baltinglass, Co Wicklow and formerly of Foxford, who died on Friday, 27th December and whose funeral took place in Baltinglass on Monday last. He was the husband of Kathleen (née O’Brien), Rathruane and the brother-in-law of Martin O’Brien, Rathruane.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

***Baptism:*** On Sunday last, December 29th in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome *Darragh Stephen Cryan*, Kiltimagh, into God’s family. Congratulations to his parents, Louise and Thomas, his godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, January 5th:*** *Looking Twice -* “If you want to see, you have to look twice.” This week marks the great feast of the Epiphany when the three pilgrims from the East found the new-born King in the most unlikely of settings. Elizabeth Myer Boulton is a young mother ordained in the American mainstream Protestant tradition. Her thoughts on the Epiphany provide a contemporary and deeply relevant take on this immense encounter. Access her reflection at:***www.newpilgrimpath.ie****.*

***Belated Thanks*** to the children in Bohola and Straide National Schools who created their own personal birthday cards for Jesus coming up to Christmas, a lovely thought remembering what Christmas is all about. The cards can be seen around the crib in both churches until the end of the Christmas season next Sunday. Well done to all concerned.

***Pastoral Council Meeting:*** Bohola PPC will meet in the Parish Centre on Thursday evening next at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

***Moy Davitts LGFA AGM*** takes pla***ce*** on Monday, 6th January at 7.00pm in Bohola Community Centre. All welcome. We are currently looking to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and PRO. If you would like to get involved with the club, contact [*moydavitts.mayo@lgfa.ie*](mailto:moydavitts.mayo@lgfa.ie).

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

***Mayo Women's Masters League:*** Kiltimagh Knock United is recruiting for a women's Over 30s team for the first ever Mayo Women's Masters League this February/March. Drop a message to the club Facebook page or WhatsApp Dee on *(087) 9291577* for more details.

***Breakthrough Cancer Research Camino Walk:*** Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research is taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th to 20th of June this year. Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk towards Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact *edel@breakcancer.ie* or phone *(021) 42266 55* for more details.

***SeniorLine - Would You 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.

***Straide Church Rotas for January***

***First Reading:*** Michael Kelly.

***Second Reading:*** Carmel Neary.

***Prayers of the Faithful:*** Servers.

***Minister of Communion:*** Gráinne McHale.

***Offertory Collectors:*** Denis Canning & Seamus Maloney.

***Opening/Closing Church:*** Frances Regan.

***St. Josephs Secondary School, Foxford Lotto:*** Please support the NEW St. Josephs Secondary School, Foxford lotto. Contact *094-9256145* for more details. Link to enter (€2.50 per line): *https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stjosephsfoxford/*.

***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*.

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

***“His Own People Did Not Accept Him”***

We all have certain fixed attitudes and views which have resulted from our upbringing, social class, culture, religious beliefs and experiences. If someone expresses very different attitudes and views, we can either reflect on what they say and allow them to challenge the way we think, or we can just simply reject them out of hand.

In today’s Gospel, the author expresses his amazement that Jesus, the Word of God, was rejected by the very people God had created and chosen as his own. What Jesus was saying and doing challenged the fixed views and attitudes of the people of Israel. When Jesus reached out to the tax collectors and sinners, who were considered to have been rejected by God because of their behaviour, the religious authorities could not accept that Jesus was carrying out God’s will.

Wealth was understood to be a sign of God’s favour, poverty a sign of God’s disfavour. So when Jesus criticised the accumulation of wealth by some, while others survived at a subsistence level, even the apostles were challenged: “Then, who can be saved?” (Luke 18 v26), they asked him. Jesus was seen as such a threat to the religious beliefs of the people of God that the authorities believed that it was their religious duty to get rid of him.

We too can often water down the radical demands of the Gospel when it challenges our lifestyles or comfort zones. Welcoming and reaching out to those who are poor and excluded, even at some cost to ourselves, is the challenge of Jesus to us today, just as it was then.

*Fr. Peter McVerry*





***Apparently there are two types of flu:***

***The harmless one that women and children get,***

***and the “near death” version that men get!***

***Extended Online Newsletter***

***Ballina Bereavement Support Group:*** Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely especially as we approach Christmas. Sometimes spending time, talking and sharing with others who share that experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a monthly Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Newman Institute on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. All are welcome.

***Home Instead Mayo*** is urgently looking for CareAssistants in all areas of Mayo. Help us provide care to someone inneed near you today! Training and support provided. Call *094-9044785* or email [*siobhan.brennan@homeinstead.ie*](mailto:siobhan.brennan@homeinstead.ie).

***Interested in having the Spotlight on your Community Organisation?*** Mayo PPN is currently running a series called ‘Community Spotlight’. It involves a weekly feature highlighting PPN groups’ events and activities and is showcased on the PPN website and social media platforms for one week. Send us a short description of your group –150/250 words and 3 or 4 photographsby email to [*mayoppn@mayococo.ie*](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie).

If you would like to find out more about this project have a look at some of the groups that have featured so far, go to: [*Community Spotlight - Mayo PPN*](https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=3188&r=auto&u=https%3A%2F%2Fmayoppn.ie%2Fresources%2Fcommunity-spotlight%2F&t=e6f3f74a9ebf5e68dd0b530a11583082417a0dce).

***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*.

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

***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.

***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*](mailto: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*](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie). We will circulate via the PPN social media platforms to our 1,000 plus community groups.

***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.***

***United States Conference of Catholic Bishops***



