



***7th/8th:***

***Bohola:***

€650.

***Straide:***

Envelopes - €318.

Loose - €67.11.

Restoration - €30.

*Thanks for all your*

*contributions to both the*

*Offertory and Priest’s*

*Harvest collections.*

**Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th September 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, September 14th.** | **8.00pm *Straide*** | **Ann Maloney, Tavnabeg. (1st Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, September 15th.** | **9.30am  *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\** *Bohola*** | **Private Intention.**  **For all the People.** |
| **Monday, September 16th.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Tuesday, September 17th.** | **10.00am *Straide***  **7.30 – 8.30pm** | **Private Intention.**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, September 18th.** | **10.00am**  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Private Intention….*..….(Adoration follows until 12 noon)***  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, September 19th.** | **10.00am** | Private Intention. |
| **Friday, September 20th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Saturday, September 21st.** | **3.30pm *Straide***  **8.00pm *Straide*** | **Sarah Stephens, Castlebar, London & Belmullet. (Month’s Mind)**  **Michael & Doreen Mulroy, Bohergloss.**  **Ellie & Patrick Maloney and their son, Michael, Ummoon.** |
| **Sunday, September 22nd.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens***  **11.00am*\** *Bohola*** | **Teresa O’Brien, Tavanaughkanaffe (4th Anniversary), her husband Pake, their son Noel and daughter Ita Sloyan.**  **Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore and her parents, Thomas and Kathleen McNicholas.**  **Jim Cunningham, uncle of Imelda Watson, Bohola. (1st Anniversary)**  **Tommy & Bridgie Byrne, Carrowkeel, their son Tom (Tommy) and granddaughter, Annemarie Byrne - Cunningham.**  **Bridie Malee (5th Anniversary), & her husband John, Shanaghy.**  **John (George) Aitken, Barleyhill and Dromintee and deceased members of the Aitken, Phillips and Mulholland families.**  **Mary Ivers and Patrick & James McNicholas, Althbawn.** |
| ***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.*** | | |

***What do you Seek? God's Mercy and Yours:*** We wish James Grady, Barleyhill, every blessing as he enters into the novitiate of the Irish Dominicans in Cork on this Saturday 14th September (the Feast of the Exhalation of the Cross). We ask you to keep him in your prayers as he sets out on this journey and seeks to accomplish God's will in his life.

***Bohola Pastoral Council*** met on Wednesday evening and the following were among the items that came up for discussion: Volunteers sought for Baptism Team; New members for PPC to replace two existing members; Attendees for meeting in Kiltimagh on next Wednesday regarding closer cooperation with Elphin diocese; Stewarding in church on certain occasions; November Remembrance Service / Mass fixed for Thursday, November 21st at 7.00pm.

***Formation of Baptism Teams:*** The Diocesan Pastoral Leadership Team has asked that each parish put in place a Baptism Team this year and nominees are to be forwarded by September 16th. A more comprehensive explanation of what is involved is published in the online extended newsletter and on notices in church porches

Anyone interested in putting their name forward is asked to do so by emailing either [*straidepastoralcouncil@gmail.com*](mailto:straidepastoralcouncil@gmail.com) or *boholaparish@gmail.com* as soon as possible. Please note that training will be provided for those taking up this ministry.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Fr. Stephen or any PPC member.

***Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist***: There will be an eight-week programme in Knock, each Monday evening, starting on September 30th, exploring the sacraments of initiation, i.e., Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This could be of benefit to Baptism Team members. Full details will be on the Knock Shrine website.

***Confirmation Dates:*** Bishop Kevin will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on candidates in *Straide on Saturday, March 8th at 4pm* and in *Bohola on Saturday, May 17th at 3pm*. We look forward to those being confirmed commit to their Catholic faith.

***Straide Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving*** takes place on Sunday, October 6th at 11.00am. It has been suggested that we seek donations of some of the fruits of your labours that can be sold after Mass with proceeds going towards the update of our website. The garage will be open the preceding week to store turf, straw, timber etc. Donations of bread, jams, eggs, vegetables, oats, wheat etc. will also be gratefully accepted. Hopefully we will provide you with a cup of tea/coffee after or before you bag a bargain!

***Bohola Coffee Morning & Bake Sale:*** The annual coffee morning in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice will take place in Bohola Community Centre on Thursday, 26th September from 10am to 2pm. Please support this very worthy cause. New helpers welcome to help out on the day or to do some baking. Please contact Vera on *087- 6401155* if interested.

***Straide Coffee Morning/Day*** will take place in the McNicholas homestead, Tavnabeg (F26CP38) on Thursday, September 26th from 10am to 10pm. All proceeds are in aid of Hospice. All are welcome and bring a friend!

***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*.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to James, Conor and Ava Langan, Bohola, who won a jackpot of €400 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 and by playing on the club app (Moy Davitts GAA).

***Social Bingo*** continues every Monday in The Sheridan Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.30pm for a **9.00pm start**.

***Nia Classes:*** Nia - simple dance, martial arts and yoga practiced barefoot to music. Classes on Sundays at 7:30pm and Mondays at 10am at the Swinford Cultural Centre from September. €10 or bring a friend for free (€5 each). Please contact Siobhan at *089-4182740*.

***Market @ the Plaza:*** Our next outdoor market will take place on Sunday, 22nd September at Pope Francis Plaza, adjacent to Knock Shrine (F12Y226). The Market offers home produced crafts made by local crafters and artists here in the west of Ireland. Market time is from 10am to 3pm. Contact [*leoniekilroy@gmail.com*](mailto:leoniekilroy@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you in Knock.

***Mayo County Council Corporate Plan 2024-2029:*** Mayo County Council invites all community groups to have their say on the new Mayo County Council Corporate Plan 2024-2029. A workshop will take place on Wednesday, 18th September from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Outdoor Training Centre, Milebush, Castlebar (Eircode F23 TH29). There is plenty of free car parking. Tea/Coffee/Refreshments served. No booking required.

***The Climate Crisis – What Can We Do?*** In response to the Climate Crisis, you are invited to a Webinar facilitated by Jane Mellett of Trócaire on Thursday, 19th September at 7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the following link: *https://bit.ly/3XDKJct* and enter your name and address.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, September 15th:*** *The Canticle of the Sun ….* We continue in the Season of Creation which finishes on 4th October. The Canticle of the Creatures, written by St. Francis of Assisi, is also known as the Canticle of the Sun. This hymn was written during the transition period in the development of the Italian language from Latin, and is the earliest known vernacular literature written in the Umbrian dialect of Italian.

Well known Catholic author, G.K. Chesterton said that this hymn "is a supremely characteristic work and much of Saint Francis could be reconstructed from that work alone". Pray along with it at: ***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***.

***Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for Women 18-35:*** An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, 21st September. Contact: *vocations@poorclares.ie* to book a place. For more information: see the website *poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days*.

***St. Bernadette Relics Visit to Achonry:*** The Relics of St Bernadette will be visiting our Diocese on Saturday, 5th October and Sunday, 6th October in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen. More details to follow.

***Marriage Preparation Course:*** ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently running a marriage preparation course in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on the weekend of 20th and 21st of September. Bookings can be made on the ACCORD website, *www.accord.ie* or by ringing *087-9972503*. Some places still available.

***Bereavement Support Group:*** Life after bereavement can feel empty and lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Family Centre, Knock each Wednesday at 11am. No booking required. Further information from Monica Morley on *094-9375320*.

***Young Adult Faith Weekend - September 27th to 29th:*** Join other young adults aged 18 to 35 for a weekend of faith, craic and time out in Mullaghmore with its amazing retreat house and fantastic beach. This event is organised by the young adult ministries of the Dioceses of Elphin, Galway, Clonfert and Achonry. Cost is €80. For more information/booking see Eventbrite: "young adult faith weekend" or please contact the priest of the Parish or the Parish Office.

***Other still relevant notices from previous newsletters as well as details on the formation of Baptism Teams are included in the online Extended Newsletter.***

***Never get into fights with ugly people: they have nothing to lose!***

***Extended Online Newsletter***

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

***Vacancies on the TUS Programme at the Fr. Peyton Centre Attymass:*** There are two vacancies for 1 year. The participant will work 19.5 hours per week, and they must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance or Jobseekers Benefit and have been fully unemployed for the past 12 months. A small top up is paid on top of your Jobseekers Allowance. Persons on the scheme may work legitimately for the remaining 19.5 hours of the week. Persons coming onto the scheme will have their wages paid into their bank account so it is vital that you have a bank account.

*Position 1* – Delivery of ‘meals on wheels’. Full clean driving licence and Garda Vetting are required.

*Position 2* – General Operative – working in the centre, cleaning and any other duties requested by the centre manager.

Informal enquiries may be made to the Manager at the Fr. Peyton Centre on *(096) 45154*. Elizabeth Fair – TUS Supervisor (087) 2073145.

***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.

***Train to Become a Care Giver?*** Mayo Training Institute in Castlebar is running a QQI Care Skills, QQI Care of the Older Person and Patient Moving & Handling course, 7 days over 4 weeks, classroom based. Dates: September 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and October 2nd and 3rd. More information on *094 9027587* or email [*info@mayotraininginstitute.ie*](mailto:info@mayotraininginstitute.ie).

***Mayo Recovery College*** will facilitate a suite of mental health & wellbeing modules taking place on the following dates throughout September in the Atlantic Technological University in Castlebar (online option also): ‘Let’s talk about stress’ on Tuesday 10th & 17th at 10am; ‘Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)’ on Wednesday 11th, 18th and 25th at 10am; ‘Recovery, let’s talk’ on Thursday 12th & 19th at 5pm; ‘Looking after our mental health while online’ on Tuesday 24th at 10am; and ‘Exploring Anger’ on Thursday 26th at 5pm. Call/Text Karen McHale on *086-0294901* or email [*recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie*](mailto:recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie) to register. See *www.recoverycollegewest.ie* New and existing participants are warmly invited to attend.

***Preparing for Marriage?*** Weekend residential course available from 20th to 22nd of September. Details on [*www.grasta.org*](http://www.grasta.org/) or at [*info@grasta.org*](mailto:info@grasta.org).

***Catholic Marriage Encounter*** is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage – more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next *Marriage Enrichment Weekend* runs from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th November in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Online booking at [*www.marriageencounter.ie*](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/).

***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.*

***Formation of Baptism Teams***

The Diocesan Pastoral Leadership Team has agreed that each of the parishes should put in place a baptism team this year. The plan is that each parish, would recruit at least four people who would visit each family presenting a child for baptism. On that visit they would provide the family with an outline of the baptismal liturgy and answer basic questions the parents may have about what may be required of them in celebrating the baptism. It is envisaged that it would be a very short visit, involving two members of the team, and that it would be an indication of the welcome that the parish has for its newest member. It is also a way of putting the family at ease around the liturgy itself.

It is suggested that each parish provide nominees for this ministry by September 16th. In choosing people for this ministry, it is important that they are sensitive to the realities of family life today and to the variety of faith perspectives among younger parents. It is important that the members of the team be people of faith themselves, but not crusading or overbearing in their approach to people. They need to be people who are gentle, empathetic and of good standing in their communities.

Once the nominations have been received, a short training program will be put in place to prepare you for your ministry.

If there is anyone that is interested in putting their name forward, please do so with your details to the following email: ***boholaparish@gmail.com*** or ***straidepastoralcouncil@gmail.com*** by September 14th.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Fr. Stephen or any member of the Pastoral Council.

Thank you.

***Forthcoming Marriage!***

***Invitqtion from Bishop Kevin Doran:*** *Following on from a previous notification, Bishop Doran now invites clergy, Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee members and all interested parishioners to initial meetings across the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin. As a reminder, these meetings are being held to help us identify the questions that need to be addressed and how we might approach them constructively as we work together towards a closer union.*

*The six meeting options are as follows:*

*1. Monday 16th September – Percy French Hotel, Strokestown (7pm – 9pm)*

*2. Tuesday 17th September – Sligo Park Hotel (7pm – 9pm)*

*3. Wednesday 18th September – Park Hotel, Kiltimagh (7pm – 9pm)*

*4. Wednesday 25th September – Athlone Springs Hotel (7pm – 9pm)*

*5. Monday 30th September – An Chroi Digital Hub, Tubbercurry (7pm – 9pm)*

*6. Saturday 5th October – Tully’s Hotel, Castlerea (11am – 1pm)*

*Note: It does not matter which of the six meetings people attend and those from the same parish do not all have to attend the same one.*

***Those attending are asked to register by giving your name and email address to Fr. O’Mahony or any PPC member.***

5th September 2024

***Statement of Bishop Kevin Doran following the publication of the Report of the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Day and Boarding Schools Run by Religious Orders***

I have been reading through the Report of the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Day and Boarding Schools Run by Religious Orders. It is not easy reading by any means, but I am conscious that, behind every paragraph is the experience of real people who, as children, suffered abuse and violence in a place where they should have been safe. They have the right to tell their story. The tragedy of the report is not simply that there are so many of them, but that so many of them had to carry their experience alone for so many years, before they felt sufficiently free to tell someone else.

While the report relates specifically to Religious-run schools, it would be naive in the extreme to suggest that child abuse was not also a reality in other schools, whether Catholic or of any other tradition. Sadly, sexual abuse has been endemic in our society. Both the Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin supported the work of the Scoping Inquiry, and we will certainly respond to any further enquiry that is deemed appropriate.

Survivors of abuse in schools are living in all our parishes. They are our brothers and sisters. As a bishop, I want to offer my sincere apology to all those who have been affected by abuse in the context of Church. I know from past experience that these words, however well intended, may sound hollow to survivors and their families. I appreciate that actions speak louder than words. Together with the safeguarding teams in both dioceses, I am committed to ensuring that the policies and procedures which have been put in place for the safeguarding of children will continue to be fully implemented. The Report serves only to renew that commitment. I encourage all our clergy and parishioners to be alert to anything which might put children at risk of harm and I encourage anyone who has a concern, a suspicion or knowledge of abuse to speak to the trained safeguarding personnel in our schools and dioceses, or to report them directly to An Garda Síochána or to Tusla.

***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***