



***27th & 28th:***

***Bohola:***

€648.

***Straide:***

 Envelopes - €365. Loose - €225.70.

Restoration - €25.

*Thanks for all your contributions.*

 **Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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 **Sixth Sunday of Easter 5th May 2023**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, May 4th.** | **8.00pm *Straide*** | **Pat Smyth, Blanemore. (8th Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, May 5th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens*****11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **For all the People.****Frank McNicholas, Lismirrane, and deceased family.** |
| **Monday, May 6th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, May 7th.** | **10.00am *Straide*****7.30 – 8.30pm**  | **Private Intention.** **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, May 8th.** | **10.00am****5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Paddy & Claire Hope and Willie Brennan, Shraheens. (*Adoration follows until 12 noon)*****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, May 9th.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Friday, May 10th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.**  |
| **Saturday, May 11th.** | **11.00am*\** *Bohola*** **8.00pm *Straide*** | **First Holy Communion.****Mary Roche, her uncle Joe Rynne and Tom & Mary Kate Murphy, Gurteens.** |
| **Sunday, May 12th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens*****11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **For all the People.****Micksey Clarke, Bohola. (Month’s Mind)** |
| ***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 Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Michael Gallagher*, formerly of Ardacarra, whose funeral took place recently in England. Michael was brother of Eileen Gallagher and first cousin of the late Tom O'Neill of Ardacarra. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Martin Brett*, formerly of Listrisnane, who died on April 3rd in England and whose funeral took place there recently. May he rest in peace.

***Healing Mass Thanks:*** A word of thanks to the members of Straide Pastoral Council and to all who helped out in any way in the organisation of this Mass on Friday evening. Thanks to our readers, servers and especially the choir for adding so much to our celebration of the sacraments. Thanks also to all who attended and who joined us via webcam. We will continue to remember in our prayers all who are sick, their families and those who look after them.

***The Youth 2000 Connaught Retreat*** will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer as well as time to relax and meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in to say hello! Donation only, 16 to 35 years. Visit *www.youth2000.ie* or email *connaught@youth2000.ie* to book a place or to get more information.

***Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024:*** Dioceses of Killala and Achonry Pilgrimage to Lourdes, under the leadership of Bishop John Fleming, Bishop Emeritus of Killala will take place from July 18th to 23rd, departing from Knock. Five nights full board accommodation in the Hotel Agena costs €929 (single rooms available, supplement applies). Main Pilgrimage bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by phone on *01-2410800* or Email *info@joewalshtours.ie*. Book online at *www.joewalshtours.ie/tours/killala-achonry-diocesan-lourdes-pilgrimage-2024*. No booking is definite until a non-refundable deposit of €300 has been receipted by Joe Walsh Tours. A limited number of places are available in the Assisted Section. Contact Eileen on *086-401 3897*.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, May 5th:*** *New Pilgrim Path and Skellig Michael ….* Many visitors to New Pilgrim Path ask about the significance of the breath-taking images of Skellig Michael on every page of the website. Just 500 years or so after the death and resurrection of Christ, the first monks arrived on this remote island, 12km (8 miles) from Ireland's southwest coast and lying at the very edge of the then known world. The monastery that they established in this inhospitable environment remains one of the most remarkable testaments to human faith on earth. The ancient history of Skellig Michael, its sacredness as a place, its influence on Christianity, its status as a place of pilgrimage, and its breath-taking beauty are all explored through words and images at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***The March For Life 2024***, organised by the Pro Life Campaign, takes place on Monday, 6th May in Dublin at 2pm (meeting point: Newman University Church side of St Stephen’s Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and has excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! For more information see [*www.marchforlife.ie*](http://www.marchforlife.ie).

***St Gobnait by Harry Clarke:*** There are just a few days left to see an exquisitely detailed and delicate pen and ink drawing by Harry Clarke, Ireland’s most celebrated stained-glass artist, at the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life, Turlough Park. The St Gobnait drawing, created by Harry Clarke in 1914, is on special loan from the Corning Museum of Glass in New York State. It is on display until Tuesday, 7th May after which it returns to the USA. St Gobnait is Ireland’s patron saint of bees and beekeepers. Admission to the Museum is free. Visit *www.museum.ie* for further information.

***Straide Church Rotas for May***

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

***Second Reading:*** Carmel Murphy.

***Prayers of the Faithful:*** Carmel Murphy.

***Minister of Communion:*** Joanne Jordan.

***Offertory Collectors:*** Denis Canning & Paddy McHale.

***Opening/Closing Church:*** Bridie Mulroy.

***Straide Darkness into Light Walk on behalf of Pieta House***, will take place at 4.15am on the morning of 11th May in Straide. This is our first time as an Official Walk and we would welcome you all to join us on our rural route. You can register online at *www.darknessintolight.ie* and click on Mayo/Straide option.

***The Darkness Into Light Kiltimagh Inaugural Walk*** in conjunction with Pieta House and Electric Ireland takes place on May 11th at 4.15am. Assemble at the Bocce Courts, behind the church by 4.05am. Walk starts at 4.15am SHARP! Sign Up in advance at *www.darknessintolight.ie* and select Kiltimagh/Swinford as your venue. Tel: *086-8077209* with any queries. *More details in online extended new*s*letter*.

***Political Candidates in Bohola!*** Exciting opportunity to meet our Independent European and local council candidates at Bohola Community Centre on May 9th at 7.30 pm! All are welcome to come and share your stories, concerns, and needs with these dedicated individuals. Dr. Gerry Waters, John Waters, AJ Cahill, Stephen Kerr, Suzie Dee, Louise Rosingrave, and many others will be there to listen and engage in meaningful conversations over tea, cakes, and chats. These candidates are running because they are not afraid to challenge the status quo and stand up for what they believe in. For more information, please reach out to Mazza at *085-8549977*.

***Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:*** The Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, 19th May. All parishioners are invited to come to Knock for this day of prayer and reflection. The Official Programme is as follows: 2pm Rosary, 2.30pm Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica, 3pm Concelebrated Mass in the Basilica followed by Benediction and Rosary.

***Achonry Reek Challenge:*** The Achonry Diocese Youth Commission is hosting the Achonry Reek Challenge ‘ARC’ (Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage) on Sunday, June 9th at 3pm with assembly for orientation in Murrisk car park at 2.30pm. If you are 18 or over (under 18s accompanied by parent/guardian welcome) and up for the challenge, contact Stephen to register at *youthministry@achonrydiocese.org*. Free event and refreshments served afterwards.

***Mayo Cancer Support Thanks:*** Mayo Cancer Support wishes to thank all those who supported and facilitated its recent Church Gate Collection at Shraheens and Bohola churches on the weekend of April 20th/21st last. Special thanks to the volunteer collectors. A total of €258.83 was raised. These funds will support the ongoing provision of emotional support to local people affected by cancer.

***‘Come Follow Me’ Weekend Workshop, 7th to 9th June:*** An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7–11) about the Catholic faith using the ‘Come Follow Me’ catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. It will be presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary’s Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required! For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on *(087)4090344* or email *comefollowmegalway@gmail.com*.

***Managerial Position at Fr Peyton Centre:*** The Father Peyton Centre, Attymass, seeks applications for the position of Manager. Full details of requirements and application process is in the online extended newsletter and at [*www.frpeytoncentre.ie*](http://www.frpeytoncentre.ie). Closing date is Monday, 20th May.

***Living Well Programme 2024***: Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. The next programme in Castlebar commences on Tuesday, May 28th. To find out more, contact Liam Gildea on *086-0142675* or by email at *lgildea@southmayo.com*.

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

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Harry Jordan, Bohola who won a jackpot of €404 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).

***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.

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***Women say that men have it easy because we never experience childbirth.***

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***CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness”*** – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar – Friday 31st May, 8pm. Presenters: Gerry Glennon (Midwest) & Angelina Nugent (Former Midwest). Speakers: EWTN’s Fr Robert Spitzer (video link), Br. Richard Hendrick, Stephen Giblin, Fr Shane Sullivan, Tara Niekamp, Niall McDonagh. Just 15 mins each to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Also, the Duggan Academy of Irish Dance & the Coolaney Gospel Choir entertain. Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music and more. This is not a conference, but a show! Tickets €23 plus booking fee at *www.ticketmaster.ie*. T.F. Box Office on *094-9023111*, or at the door. See [*www.canatalks.com*](http://www.canatalks.com).

***The 2024 Western People Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards Scheme*** is now open for applications. €5,000 in funds is available to support athletes from Co. Mayo. Further details and application forms are available by emailing *martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com*. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday, **May 10th**.

***Active Age Group Trip to Donegal:*** Parke Active Age Group invites anyone who may be interested to join them on their annual trip to Donegal and Derry from 16th to 19th of May. For details, phone Marian on *087-2758084*.

***The Darkness Into Light Kiltimagh Inaugural Walk*** in conjunction with Pieta House (The Organisation for suicide and self harm prevention and mental health support), together with Electric Ireland takes place on the morning of Saturday May 11th at 4.15am. Everybody is asked to be assembled at the Bocce Courts, Kiltimagh (behind the church) by 4.05am. There will be a brief talk at 4.10am and the walk starts at 4.15am SHARP! The route is just under 5K traversing Chapel Street, Cordarragh, and the Old Bog Road in Kilcon, before finishing back at the Bocce Courts at Dawn where light refreshments will be served. The Cill Aodain Choral Society will be singing at the Sculpture Park on the way back. The Commitee asks (where possible), that ALL houses and businesses have a light in their window on all approach routes to help mark the day. While Registration will be accommodated on the morning, the Committee encourages as many people as possible to Sign Up in advance at *www.darknessintolight.ie* and don't forget to select Kiltimagh/Swinford as your venue. All are welcome including your 4 legged friends too! On behalf of the Darkness Into Light Kiltimagh Committee, Thank You most sincerely for supporting this very worthy cause. Follow Darkness Into Light Kiltimagh on Facebook or Tel: *086-8077209* with any queries.

***VAKS Programme:*** Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! It is a particularly exciting opportunity this year as we launch our new state of the art Youth Village this summer! For further information, please check out our website [*www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine*](http://www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine) or contact us on *094-9375321* or email *youthministry@knockshrine.ie*.

***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 caller 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.

***ALONE Volunteer Recruitment Drive for Older People:*** ‘Hi, my name is Paul Stafford and I am the Volunteer Support Officer for ALONE and your local community. I am looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for up to one hour per week and/or telephone support for up to two hours per week. Our befriending programme is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on *086-0135043*, email *paul.stafford@alone.ie* or follow the link [*https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021*](https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021).

***RHS Home Care*** is a Non Commercial Home Care Provider bringing professional home care services to those who need assistance to remain living in their own homes. We are now recruiting new Healthcare Assistants in your area and would love to hear from you. Potential applicants must have the required QQI level 5 (two modules completed care skills and care of the older person). Please email you CV to *jobs@rhshomecare.ie* or call Aoife on *090-6625988*.

***Cemetery Masses:*** Advance notification for those away and at home who may be making plans for the summer - Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph’s Cemetery, Bohola on Saturday, **August 3rd at 6.00pm** and in Straide Cemetery on Sunday, **August 4th at** **11.00am**. Say a prayer that the weather will be somewhat kinder than last year, especially in Bohola!

***ACCORD Seeks Volunteers:*** ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and if you have enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, then Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Please contact Aisling on *01-5053112* or by email to *marriagepreparation@accord.ie*. See [*www.accord.ie*](http://www.accord.ie). Closing date for applications is Friday, 3rd May.

***Mayo Stoma Support Group*** will hold a meeting on 23rd May at 7.00pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. All are welcome. If you are attending please message Christopher on *(087) 6275766* with your name and number of people attending.

***Postgraduate and Mission & Ministries Programmes at St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth.*** Programme applications close from 30th June to 30th August for different programmes. Visit *sppu.ie/courses* for more information.

***Millions Facing Starvation in Ethiopia:*** All are encouraged to please pray for the people of Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought and civil war have left many in crisis and in danger of starvation. Mary’s Meals feeds tens of thousands of children one meal in each school day in the region. If you feel called to support our mission and help us reach more children, please visit *marysmeals.ie* or contact *01-8535163*. Thank you.

***‘Take the Risk for Christ’. Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** Have you the courage to “Take the Risk for Christ”?Contact our Vocations Director, **Fr Paul Kivlehan, The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. Tel. *094-9860011*, *Mobile 087-3683535*, E-mail** ***pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org*** **or contact any local priest for more information.**

