



***23rd /24th:***

***Bohola:***

€732.

***Straide:***

€160.

*Thanks for all your*

*contributions.*

**Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**First Sunday of Advent – 1st December 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, November 30th.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Ollie Flannery. (8th Anniversary)**  **Annie Mary McKeon (Anniversary), her husband Michael and their sons Peter, Padraig and Seán, Redhill.** |
| **Sunday, December 1st.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\** *Bohola*** | Holy Souls.  **For all the People.** |
| **Monday, December 2nd.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | Holy Souls. |
| **Tuesday, December 3rd.** | **7.00 – 8.00pm** | **No Mass.**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, December 4th.** | **10.00am**  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | Holy Souls……………….(*Adoration follows until 12 noon)*  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, December 5th.** | **10.00am** | Private Intention. |
| **Friday, December 6th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Saturday, December 7th.** | **7.00pm\* *Bohola*** | **Mary & Martin Lyons, Lismirrane, their sons, John, Joe & William and great-grandson, Stephen Brennan.**  **Julia Mulderrig, Altbawn (2nd Anniversary), her husband Michael, and deceased of Mulderrig & Conlon families.**  ***First Communion Grow in Love.*** |
| **Sunday, December 8th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am Straide** | For all the People.  **Nora Mchale, Oughtoose, & dec’d of Hannon & Mchale families.**  **Dominic, Bridget, Anne & Joe Corcoran and Billy & Maisie Higgins.**  ***First Communion Grow in Love.*** |
| ***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 *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). Her funeral will take place in Bohola on next Friday and Saturday with times yet to be announced. May she rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Jimmy Loftus*, Castlebar and formerly of Ashbrook, who died on Tuesday, November 19th. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Saturday last, November 23rd in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome *Bobby Sé O’Brien*, Treenduff and London, into God’s family. Congratulations to his parents, Darren and Valerie, his godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***Advent Calendar Online:*** Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year’s theme of Hope, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025.

2024 marks the eleventh year of this popular seasonal resource that has established a unique presence on the web. As viewers open a digital door each day of Advent, they will experience brief personal video reflections relating to the Advent season delivered by lay women and men, young people and clergy, including prayers and scripture passages that encourage contemplation and action throughout the Advent season. *Note:* The virtual doors cannot be opened ahead of their actual date. All content will go live in the early hours of each morning. Access it at *www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/*.

***Straide Pastoral Council Meeting*** will be held in the Parochial House on Wednesday next, 5th December at 8.00pm.

***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! This is the last chance to order your copy.

***Bohola Lights Up!*** The lighting up of the Christmas tree takes place this Sunday evening at 6.00pm with carol singing by the pupils of Bohola NS led by their Principal, Mrs Teresa Mulligan. The Community Centre hosts a Christmas market from 5.00 to 8.00pm, organised by the Community Park Committee. Be there!

***Preparation of Straide Church for Christmas*** will happen on Monday evening, December 2nd at 7.00pm but extra assistance would be much appreciated. Anyone willing to give a little of their time will be most welcome.

***Reconcilation Service for Christmas:*** A Reconciliation Service will take place in St. Michael`s Church, Foxford on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7.30pm. This is for all the parishes of the Fr. Peyton Cluster. Visiting priests will be available for Confession.

***Epilepsy Ireland*** seek volunteers to take up a church gate collection in Bohola, Shraheens and Straide next weekend. Please let Fr. O’Mahony know if you are willing to help out.

***SVP Annual Collection 30thNovember & 1st December:*** St Patricks Conference, Foxford & District including Toomore, Attymachugh, Callow & Attymass needs your help in assisting us in what will be difficult times for some of our neighbours with the basics - Heating, Electricity, Food, Education and children’s needs. The SVP annual collection is our primary source of

income. We depend on it to meet the needs of many requiring assistance. Please give generously.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, December 1st:*** *Sacred Space Daily Advent Retreat - We Need Never Walk Alone -* The global online spiritual website, Sacred Space, presents an Advent retreat with a difference, beginning today, the First Sunday in Advent.

***Straide Church Rotas for December***

***First Reading:*** Kathleen Canning.

***Second Reading:*** Myra Keenan.

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

***Minister of Communion:*** Hugh Rainey.

***Offertory Collectors:*** Kevin Bogue & Peadar Lennon.

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

In any journey, it helps to have a guide. The Bible provides us with a large and varied company of those who made the salvation journey before us and who have much to teach us. Every day this Advent, you are invited to make a journey through the unknown in the company of one of these, including Christ, Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Jacob, Nicodemus, Job, Elijah, Mary Magdalene, and the unknown woman who washed the feet of Jesus in the house of Simon the Pharisee. More recent sources of inspiration include Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Ávila, St John of the Cross, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, and CS Lewis. Access this retreat and a host of other online Advent resources, including daily prayer, music and poetry, at: ***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***.

***Candlelight Concert:*** On Saturday, December 14th, Bohola Parish Church will host a Candlelight Concert, with John McNicholl and full band. A lovely way to start the festive season. Tickets can be brought in Clarkes Shop, Bohola or by calling Mary Ellen on *08- 7929138*. There is limited seating, so please book in advance. This is event is in aid of the Durkan Community Park.

***'Straide Talking' Annual Christmas Party*** will be held on Sunday, 15th December at 11.45am 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 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 club's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book will be launched by Martin Carney on Saturday, 7th December at 8.30pm in the Moy Hotel. All are welcome to attend. The sporting, cultural and social memories of Moy Davitts GAA club and Moy Davitts LGFA are compiled in this wonderful limited edition publication which will be available to purchase at the launch.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Michael McDonagh, Foxford who won a jackpot of €335 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).

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

***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*.

***Christmas Market at Turlough Park:*** There will be a Christmas market in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, 15th December.

***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 photographs by email to [*mayoppn@mayococo.ie*](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie).

***School Reunion:*** A night to celebrate the 30 year reunion of the Class of 1994 Scoil Muire agus Padraig, Swinford will take place in Melletts, Swinford on Friday, 27th December. DJ & dancing from 9pm. Spread the word!

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

***Dear Santa, Before I explain, how much do you know already?***

***Extended Online Newsletter***

***Christmas market at Turlough Park:*** There will be a Christmas market in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, 15th December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists, including candles, calligraphy, art, cards, textiles and more. There will also be a live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. See *www.museum.ie* for further details.

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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*.

***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*](mailto:straidepastoralcouncil@gmail.com) or [*boholaparish@gmail.com*](mailto: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*](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.

***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.***

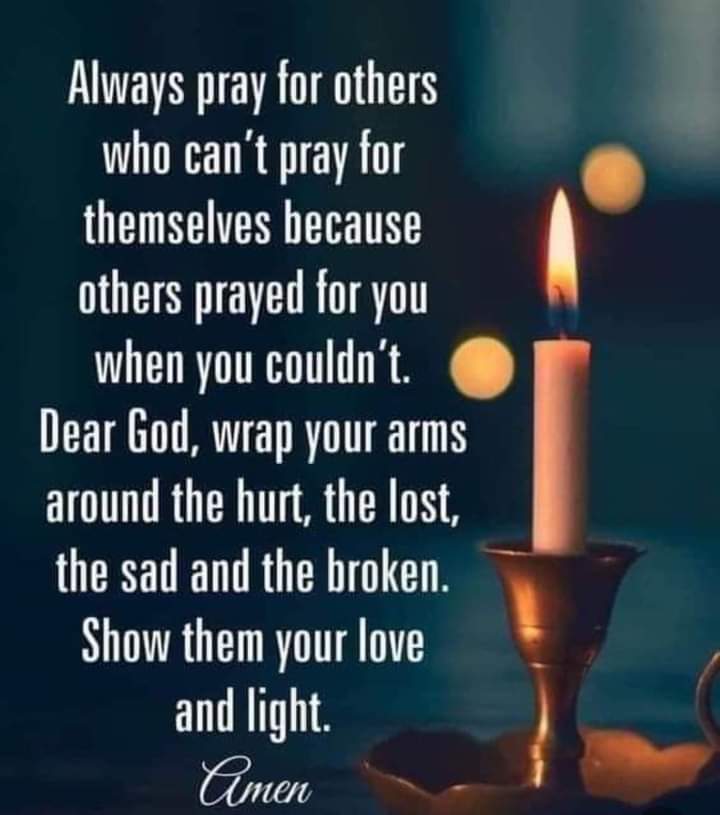
***Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,***

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

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

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

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

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