



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

***Bohola:***

€666.

***Straide:***

€696.

*Thanks for all your*

*contributions.*

**Bohola/ Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Third Sunday of Advent – 15th December 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, December 14th.** | **12 noon *Straide***  **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Fr. John Smyth and his sister, Teresa, Sr Mary of the Sacred Heart. (2nd & 41st Anniversaries respectively).**  **Merci Molloy, Rathcoole & Tavanaghbeg (12th Anniversary) and her husband Dan.**  **Kathleen Hughes, Knockafall.** |
| **Sunday, December 15th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\** *Bohola*** | **Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore, her daughter Karen, brother John and her parents Thomas & Kathleen McNicholas.**  **Michael & Catherine Brennan, Boleyard, their son-in-law Jimmy Mullaney & grandson Kieran.**  **For all the People.** |
| **Monday, December 16th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, December 17th.** | **7.00pm*\** *Bohola***  **7.00 – 8.00pm** | **No Mass.**  **Bohola NS Christmas Carol Service.**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, December 18th.** | **10.00am**  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | Private Intention.……………….(*Adoration follows until 12 noon)*  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, December 19th.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Mary Theresa Murray, Ummoon. (22nd Anniversary)** |
| **Friday, December 20th.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **P.J. & Annie Ruane, Ballylahan.** |
| **Saturday, December 21st.** | **3.00pm*\** *Bohola***  **7.00pm*\** *Bohola*** | **Stephen Jordan, Rathslevin. (1st Anniversary)**  **Tommy Kilgallon, Clooneen. (1st Anniversary)**  **Martin & Annie Groarke, Ballyglass and all family & relations, living and deceased.** |
| **Sunday, December 22nd.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am  *Straide***  **5.00 – 6.00pm *Bohola & Straide*** | Private Intention  For all the People.  **‘The Light is On’ – Christmas Confessions – Visiting Priest.** |
| ***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 souls of the following:

*Pakie O’Brien*, Chancery, Turlough: Craughwell, Galway and formerly Rathruane, who died on Monday last, December 9th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Thursday.

*Elizabeth Killeen (née Mullahy)*, Kent, England, formerly of Barleyhill, whose funeral took place in Bohola last Saturday, December 7th with burial afterwards in Straide Cemetery.

*Jimmy Loftus*, Castlebar and formerly of Ashbrook, whose funeral took place in Straide on Sunday last.

*Gráinne Flynn*, Drumcondra, Dublin, whose funeral took place in Straide on Sunday last.

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

***Bambinelli Sunday, December 15th:*** This weekend we celebrate “Bambinelli Sunday” at all Masses. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your “bambinelli” home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens at Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

***Advent Calendar Online*** continues to be available with daily prayers and reflections at [*www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/*](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/).

***Christmas Masses:*** Both Pastoral Councils agreed the following schedule Masses at Christmas: *Christmas Eve:* Straide 5.00pm, Bohola 7.00pm. *Christmas Day:* Shraheens 9.30am, Straide and Bohola 11.00am (compliments of a borrowed priest!).

***‘Straide Talking’ Christmas Gathering*** is going ahead on Sunday, 15th December at 11.45am in the Straide Davitt Community Hall. It is a unique opportunity to take a little time out and meet together with neighbours and friends. The event is hosted by the Women's Group and those attending will also enjoy tunes from local musicians. ‘Straide Talking’ is free but small donations are welcome for the upkeep of the Hall.

***Bohola NS Carol Service:*** Bohola NS will host a Carol Service next Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in Bohola church. This has been a great occasion for the past two years and you are all invited to come along and enter the Christmas spirit. A donation box will be at the door in aid of Bohola NS.

***Candlelight Concert:*** This Saturday evening we welcome John McNicholl and his band to Bohola Parish Church for a Candlelight Concert in aid of the Durkan Community Park.

***Carol service in Church of Ireland Foxford*** takes place on Sunday next, 22nd December at 5.00pm with the Brass Band. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

***Shraheens Defibrillator:*** There is no defibrillator in the locality of Shraheens Mass Centre and surrounding area. We are purchasing a defibrillator as soon as we have enough funds and will locate it outside the Mass Centre. We would appreciate any donations no matter how small or big to help make this a reality. For information or if you wish to make a donation, please contact Mary O Brien, Colm Carney or Sean Galligan on *087-2775740*. Happy Christmas to all.

***SVP Annual Christmas Appeal*** is ongoing for the Conferences in Kiltimagh and Foxford. Donation envelopes are available in the churches and can be returned via the offertory collection or directly to SVP. Please be as generous as you can.

***Epilepsey Ireland*** sincerely thank the parishioners of Bohola/Shraheens (€240) and Straide (€280) for your generous contributions to their church-gate collection last weekend. Special thanks to the volunteer collectors on the gates.

***SeniorLine - Would You like Someone to Talk to Over Christmas?*** 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, bereaved or far from family and wish for company during the 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 **and lift the phone.** Phone SeniorLine *1800 80 45 91*, open every day of the year, 10am to 10pm. No problem too big or too small.

***The 52nd Edition of the Bohola Post*** is now on sale in all the usual outlets. A snip at €10!

***Moy Davitts Golden Jubilee 1974 -2024*** is now on sale(€30) in Clarke's Yourstop, Bohola; McGloins Gala, O'Hara's Centra, Gannon's Post Office, Reapes shop in Foxford and the Foxford Wollen Mills. It will also be available to buy in Bookstand (Eason’s) in Ballina and Castlebar and in Castle Bookshop, Castlebar. This special book features many previously unpublished pictures of people from our 4 areas as well as some great articles written by past and present club members. All boys’ and girls’ teams from 2024 are also featured. It can be posted anywhere in Ireland for as little as €6 at your local Post Office. Contact Annette on *087-6781500* for international posting details.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Lynda Kennedy, Bohola who won a jackpot of €576 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).

***St. Josephs Secondary School, Foxford Lotto:*** Please support the NEW St. Josephs Secondary School, Foxford lotto. Extra spot prizes are to be added to the Christmas draw which will be on Thursday, 19th December. Contact *094-9256145* for more details. Link to enter (€2.50 per line): *https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stjosephsfoxford/*.

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

***Christmas Market and ‘Live Crib’ at Turlough Park:*** There will be a Christmas market and live crib in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm this Sunday, 15th December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists. The live crib display is with Kiltimagh Pet Farm. There is also some festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. Admission is free. See *www.museum.ie* for further details.

***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!

***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).

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, December 15th:*** *Praying the Great 'O' Antiphons -* Beginning on December 17th as the final phase of preparation for Christmas, many monasteries will chant the O Antiphons preceding the Magnificat during Vespers. The O Antiphons express the Church’s renewed longing and great expectation for the Messiah, her startled wonderment at the fullness of grace about to come into the world. Each Antiphon addresses Christ by one of his messianic titles. For an excellent introduction to praying the 1,000 year old sequence of prayers, visit: ***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***.

***Inaugurating the Jubilee Year December 28th:*** Pope Francis has announced that the coming year will be a Jubilee Year, with ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ as its theme. Bishop Doran will inaugurate the Jubilee Year at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass in the Cathedral on December 28th. Representative from all parishes are invited to attend and to assemble at the Phoenix Centre, near the main entrance to St Nathy’s College. There will be a procession from there to the Cathedral for the Mass.

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

***Mary wrapped the first Christmas gift.***

***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. Next meeting is Wednesday, 11th December. All are welcome.

***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*.

***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.

***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*.

***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.***

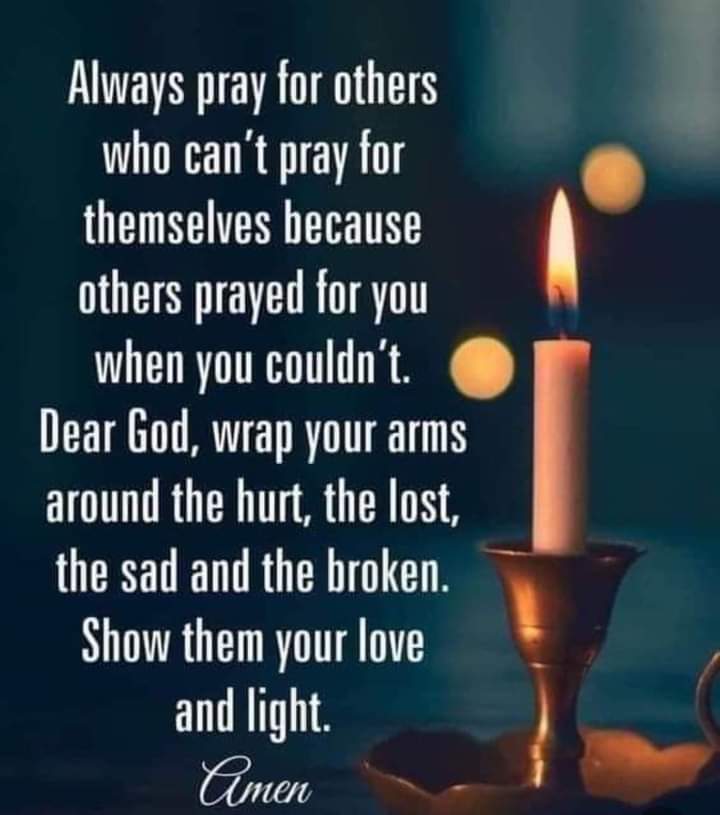
***Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,***

***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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