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***16th & 17th:***

***Bohola:***

€810

***Straide:***

Envelopes - €245. Loose - €88.41.

Restoration - €35.

*Thanks for all*

*your contributions.*

**Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Palm (Passion) Sunday – 24th March 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, March 23rd.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Michael Halligan Jnr., Straide & Castlebar (9th Anniversary).**  **Fr. Dermot Burns (7th Anniversary).**  **Pat & Bridget Mulroy & dec’d of Mulroy family, Bohergloss, Straide.** |
| **Sunday, March 24th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **For all the People.**  **Johnny Durkan, Carroward (4th Anniversary), his wife, Mary and parents, Matt & Mary Lizzie Durkan.** |
| **Monday, March 25th.** | **10.00am *Straide***  **7.30pm** | **Private Intention.**  **Chrism Mass in St Nathy’s Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen.** |
| **Tuesday, March 26th.** | **7.00am*\****  **7.00 – 8.00pm** | **Nora Naughton (née Kilgallon), Clooneen & London. (25th Anniv.)**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, March 27th.** | **10.00am*\****  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Thomas Kilgallon & his wife Ellen (née McNicholas), Clooneen. ……… *(Adoration follows until 12 noon)***  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, March 28th.** | **8.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper.** |
| **Friday, March 29th.** | **3.00pm *Straide***  **8.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.**  **Stations of the Cross.** |
| **Saturday, March 30th.** | **9.00pm *Straide*** | **The Easter Vigil.** |
| **Sunday, March 31st.** | **7.00am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **Dawn Mass of the Resurrection. Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntleva, & dec'd of McNicholas & Mullaney families.**  **For all the People.** |
| ***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 *Jimmie Mallee*, Athboy, Co Meath, formerly of Shanaghy, son of the late Pete and Tilly Mallee, who died on Thursday last, 21st March and whose funeral takes place in Athboy on this Sunday. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Saturday last, March 16th in Bohola we were delighted to welcome *Harry Ryan McGowan*, Carroward, into God’s family. Congratulations to his parents, Jessica and Jonathan, his godparents and the wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***A Word of Appreciation:*** Mai Walsh and family wish to thank everyone for your kindness, support and prayers during their recent bereavement of William Walsh, Lismirrane. Mass will be offered for your intentions. Thank you.

***Mass with Burial of Ashes of Mary Lowe Chavez*** will take place in Straide on Easter Monday at 12 noon. Mary was formerly from Straide and the sister of Martin Lowe, Straide and of Geraldine McKeon, Ballyvary. She died in Chicago on August 29th last. May she rest in peace.

***Palm (Passion) Sunday*** is today and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Church’s year. For today we thank the Ministers of the Word at all Masses. Our thanks also to those who provided the palms for blessing at the beginning of each Mass. Special thanks to Frank Reid who has been providing the palms in Straide for the past forty years and also to Helen and Diane Burke, Shraheens, for once again donating the palm crosses.

***Lent/Easter Confessions:*** *“The Light is on for You”* in Bohola and Straide churches this Sunday, March 24th from **6.00pm to 7.00pm** where a visiting priest will hear individual confessions. You are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to prepare for the Easter celebration in the best possible way. Confessions will also be available with your local priest in the sacristy after each ceremony during the week or at any time by appointment.

***Straide Passion Play:*** Rehearsals continue on this Monday night, March 25th at 8.00pm sharp.

***The Annual Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers of the St Joseph’s Cluster*** will take place in Kilmovee on this Sunday, March 24th from 3.00 to 5.00pm. It will be conducted by Fr. Stephen Farragher.

***The Chrism Mass - Monday, 25th March at 7.30pm in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen:* The Chrism Mass is a special gathering of the "Diocesan family." Bishop Paul has issued an open invitation to all parishioners from across the Diocese. This might be especially of interest to those involved in parish life such as members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Societies, Adoration Groups, Collectors, Members of BOMs, Sacristans, John Paul II Participants, Parish Secretaries, Choirs, etc. Light refreshments will be served in St. Nathy's College after Mass.**

***Holy Week Ceremonies:*** Following consultation with the Pastoral Councils in Straide and Bohola, the arrangements for Holy Week ceremonies were agreed as outlined on the opposite page. There is a bit of give and take on both sides and that is much appreciated. It is a sign of changing times and more change is inevitable as we go forward.

These are the most important church ceremonies of the year, especially the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night – without Easter there would be no Christmas or no Christian faith. You are encouraged to make every effort to attend and celebrate what is at the core of our faith.

***Ministers of Holy Communion*** inBohola and Straide are asked to renew their commitment for the coming year at the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday at 8.00pm in Bohola. We are most grateful for their valuable service in this ministry throughout the year.

***Calling Straide Decorators!*** Following the Passion on Good Friday, the church in Straide will be prepared for the Easter Vigil and the Easter season. Anyone who is free on Friday evening to give a hand will be most welcome.

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024:*** Lent is a time when we have the opportunity to recommit our support to our brothers and sisters around the world through the Trócaire Lenten Appeal. Please return your Trócaire Box in the next two weeks and it would be greatly appreciated if you could convert coins into notes.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, March 24th:*** *A Radical Alternative Theory of Atonement ….* As we stand at the threshold of another Holy Week, many still struggle with the idea that Jesus had to die for our sins as a sacrifice to appease a wrathful God. Franciscan theology, for many centuries, has offered an alternative, non-violent, atonement theory which has never been deemed heretical. This theory states that Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity, he came to change the mind of humanity about God. At-One-Ment rather than Atonement.

Read a short reflection by Franciscan, Richard Rohr, and listen to a fascinating interview with Pat Coyle, Director of Irish Jesuit Communications, at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Michael English Concert in St. Nathy’s Cathedral:*** An evening with Michael English (Church Concert) on Easter Monday, April 1st at 8pm. Tickets (€30) will be on sale at Duffy’s SuperValu on Holy Thursday and on Holy Saturday from 9am-12noon. They are also available from Towey’s Shop, Main Street, and the Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen *(094-9860011)*. Tickets can be bought on the night at the door OR online *www.michaelenglish.ie*.

***Bereavement Programme at Knock Shrine:*** A four week programme on ‘Understanding Grief, a journey towards Healing’ will be held in St John’s Welcome Centre, Knock on April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th beginning each evening at 8pm. It will be presented by Monica Morley. Admission is free but booking is essential. Call *094-9375320*.

***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*.

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

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Martin Canning, Ballyvary Post Office who won a jackpot of €412 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).

***Anam Cara Mayo***, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 27th March at 7:15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar.

***Knock Drama Group Presents ’Paige Fright’ An Ode to Joy*** at Aghamore Community Centre (F35 AT21) on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April at 8pm. Strictly over 18’s. Tickets €12.50 plus booking fee are available online at Eventbrite. (Limited tickets available on the night at the door).Enquiries: Leonie *086-8486924* or Joe *086-2938216*.

***Clothes Collection:*** Kiltimagh Knock United's fundraising clothing collection returns this Easter. The collection days are Saturday, March 30th (11am to 1pm) and Bank Holiday Monday, April 1st (11am to 1pm) at the Kiltimagh Knock United clubhouse, CMS Park, Cloonlee, Knock (F12 HF61).

***Parke Arts & Drama Group******presents******‘The Park Bench’*** - *A Two Act Comedy by Ashley Burgoyne* on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April at 8.30pm in Parke Community Hall. Doors Open at 8.00pm. Admission: €12.00.

***Extended Online Newsletter*** includes expanded notes on some of the above plus *Six Week Mindfulness Class* in Foxford, *Mayo Stoma Support Group Meeting*, *Play Therapy Service*, *Marriage Encounter Weekend*, *CANA Talks* and more!

***Hang out with Jesus…He hung out for you!***

***Anam Cara Mayo***, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 27th March at 7:15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service. Please contact us on [*info@anamcara.ie*](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or *085-2888888* for any queries. For more information see [*anamcara.ie*](http://anamcara.ie/).

***Clothes Collection:*** Kiltimagh Knock United's fundraising clothing collection returns this Easter. You are asked to donate reusable and clean, old and pre-loved clothes - all women's, men's and children's clothing, handbags, belts, all paired shoes, also curtains, bedlinen, towels, blankets and soft toys. No pillows or duvets.

The collection days are Saturday, March 30th (11am to 1pm) and Bank Holiday Monday, April 1st (11am to 1pm) at the Kiltimagh Knock United clubhouse, CMS Park, Cloonlee, Knock (F12 HF61). All support appreciated as the club continues to raise funds for its new pitch and lighting. Any queries, send a PM on Facebook or speak to any committee member.

***Knock Drama Group Presents ’Paige Fright’ An Ode to Joy*** at Aghamore Community Centre (F35 AT21) on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April at 8pm. Hilarious comedy written and directed by Stephen Flatley. Strictly over 18’s. Tickets €12.50 plus booking fee are available online at Eventbrite. (Limited tickets available on the night at the door). Enquiries: Leonie *086-8486924* or Joe *086-2938216*.

We hope once again to entertain and make it a night of fun and laughter.

We would like to dedicate this play to the memory of Michael Carty, Carty's Bar, Knock. Michael was a wonderful friend to our Drama Family and we had many performances in Carty's Bar.

***Six Week Mindfulness Class*** starts on Tuesday, 9th April from 7pm to 9pm in The Moy Hotel, Foxford. More information on [*www.olliebrogan.com*](http://www.olliebrogan.com/) or contact Ollie on *087-2484187*.

***Mayo Stoma Support Group Meeting*** takes place on Thursday, 11th April at 7.00pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Contact Christopher on *(087) 6275766* with your name and number of people attending. All are welcome.

***Play Therapy Service:*** Are you worried about your child? A new Play Therapy service is now available at Knock Counselling Centre. Play Therapy is an excellent therapeutic response to younger and some older children/adolescents, who experience emotional or psychological distress. For further information please contact *094-9375032* or email: *counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie*.

***‘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).

***Fr. Peyton Cluster Meetings:*** In line with Bishop Paul`s wishes, it was decided to restart our Fr. Peyton Cluster meetings for laity and clergy. The first meeting will take place in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, on Wednesday, 10th April at 8 pm. Each Pastoral Council is invited to send 2 lay members as well as the priest.

***All Married Couples Deserve a WWME Weekend!*** The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April. Register online at [*www.marriageencounter.ie*](http://www.marriageencounter.ie). Good marriages can always be made better!

***Free Course:*** Do you love cooking? Do you want to improve your cooking skills? Are you interested in doing a training course to give you the culinary skills to work in a Restaurant or Hotel kitchen? Are you receiving a DA payment or do you need assistance in finding employment? If so, you can work part-time and keep your benefits. The course will help you develop your everyday cookery skills in a modern purpose-built culinary setting. You will explore a range of classic recipes aimed at breakfast, lunch and dinner options. This course is packed full of hints and tips for the home cook. In addition, a work placement in a local hotel or restaurant will be secured for you and on the job training and support will be provided. Call Ruairi on *087-1202617* or email [*ruairi.hughes@nln.ie*](mailto:ruairi.hughes@nln.ie).

***CANA Talks – “A Roadmap to Happiness”*** will take place in the T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Friday, 31st May at 8pm. Six speakers plus Special Guests. Inspiration & Entertainment. Each speaker has just 15 minutes to inspire you (from a faith perspective)! Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music and more. This is not a conference but a show! Tickets €20 plus booking fee at *www.ticketmaster.ie*. You can pay cash at the door. See [*www.canatalks.com*](http://www.canatalks.com).

***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.