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***Bohola:***

€1,134.

***Straide:***

Envelopes - €187. Loose - €34.70.

Restoration - €25.

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**Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Pentecost Sunday – 19th May 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, May 18th.** | **11.00am *Straide***  **8.00pm *Straide*** | **First Holy Communion.**  **Patrick & Agnes Mulroy & their daughter, Delia, Gurranard, Straide.**  **Martin Sweeney, Straide. (4th Anniversary)**  **Patrick & Margaret Roache & dec’d of Roache family, Muckanagh.**  **Gemma McHale Castlederg. (12th Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, May 19th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **James & Mary Hall, Knockatemple.**  **Patrick & James McNicholas, Althbawn.** |
| **Monday, May 20th.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Tuesday, May 21st.** | **10.00am *Straide***  **7.30 – 8.30pm** | **For all the People.**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, May 22nd.** | **10.00am**  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Private Intention*…...….(Adoration follows until 12 noon)***  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, May 23rd.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Friday, May 24th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Saturday, May 25th.** | **8.00pm *Straide*** | **Kathleen Tunney, Blanemore. (Month’s Mind)**  **Kathleen & Michael Joe Smyth, Straide. (6th & 9th Anniversaries)** |
| **Sunday, May 26th.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **Private Intention.**  **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 Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Willie Cryan, London and formerly of Lismirrane, who died in London on Saturday last, May 11th. He was the brother of Tommy Cryan, Lismirrane. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Saturday last, May 11th in Straide we were delighted to welcome *Sadie Jean Gardiner*, Knockshanbally, into God’s family. Congratulations to her parents, Grace and James, her godparents and the wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:*** The Pilgrimage takes place on this 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.

***Pastoral Council Meetings:*** A meeting of the Bohola Pastoral Council will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday evening next, May 22nd at 8.00pm and the Straide Pastoral Council will meet in the Parochial House on Thursday evening, May 23rd at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

***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 and 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).

***Laudato Si' Week, "Seeds of Hope,"*** which celebrates the anniversary of the publication of the encyclical letter Laudato Si’ on Care for Our Common Home, is taking place this week, May 19th to 26th. The theme for the week is ‘Seeds of Hope’ and calls us all to be those seeds of hope in our lives and in our world, rooted in faith and love. This week invites us to come together to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Laudato Si’ Week reminds us of the urgent need to care more deeply for our common home and the need for personal and cultural transformation in the midst of ecological crisis.

***First Holy Communion*** took place this Saturday, May 18th in Straide church. Our congratulations to Grace Canning, Micheál Costello, Fiadh McDonnell, Rhíonah McGlynn, Conor McHale, Oisín Noonan Doherty, Moya Page and T.J Riozzi Kelly on reaching this significant point in their faith journey. Congratulations also to their parents, families and friends who shared in this very special occasion.

Our grateful appreciation to all in Straide National School, especially Mrs Laura Finnerty and Ms Mary Dempsey for preparing the children so well and to School Principal, Mrs Caithríona Murrihy for all her backup support. We also record our appreciation of Anne Grady and Alan Regan who facilitated the parents’ meetings throughout the year.

Special thanks to our church choir for the lovely music and singing on the day and which added so much to the occasion. Thanks also to our servers. As always we are indebted to the many church volunteers who ensure all is in order in the church and to all on the RSS scheme who take such good care of the church grounds. Last but not least, we say a big ‘thank you’ to the Parents Association who prepared and provided the welcome refreshments in Straide Hall afterwards. We pray for God’s blessing on all the children and hope that they welcome Jesus, not only today, but as a companion by their side for the rest of their lives.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, May 19th:*** *“It is a shame that the Holy Spirit tends to be an afterthought” ….* Richard Rohr is an American Franciscan friar, renowned author, and founder of the ecumenical Centre for Action and Contemplation. He believes that, of the two baptisms mentioned by Christ – baptism with water, and baptism with fire and the Holy Spirit - many of us have not truly experienced the latter. The gift of the Spirit is within us, but we need to fan into flame this gift we already have. If we are to draw on that dynamic presence, we must believe in it and want it. To listen to his thought-provoking homily on Pentecost, and to access other online spiritual resources, visit: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Pray for Life Novena:*** The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday, 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday, 31st May. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit *www.prayforlife.ie* for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on *facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena*, *@PrayforLife\_ie* on X and *@prayforlifenovena* on Instagram. Let us know if you are praying the novena together as a parish, family or other group via [*www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events*](http://www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events). This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

***‘Siege to Siege'* -** a stunning evening of 16th and 17th Century choral and instrumental music of the Hapsburg Empire. Presented by Ireland's premiere professional choir, Resurgam and joined by St Muredach's Cathedral Choir, accompanied by the English Cornett and Sackbutt Orchestra on Friday, May 31st at 8pm. Directed by Mark Duley. Tickets at [*www.resurgam.ie*](http://www.resurgam.ie).

***The All Ireland Rosary Rally*** takes place in Knock on Saturday, June 1st from 9.30am concluding with Mass at 3.00pm. Details on church noticeboard.

***Exam Mass June 3rd at 7:30pm in Knock Basilica:*** is for all students and their families preparing for exams. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God’s strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. Bring your pencil case to have it blessed!

***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*. Essential items to bring are water, light snacks, sunscreen, warm clothes, hat, stick, and sturdy walking boots or shoes. Free event and refreshments served afterwards.

***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.

***World Orienteering Day:*** Celebrate World Orienteering Day with a free, family friendly event at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, from 11am to 2.30pm on Saturday, 25th May. Learn about map reading and navigation skills, in association with ATU Castlebar campus. This event is suitable for all ages and all fitness levels. Drop in at any time between 11am and 2.30pm to try out this fun activity. Admission is free. No booking required. See [*www.museum.ie*](http://www.museum.ie/) for further details.

***Living Well Programme:*** The next programme in the Castlebar area commences on Tuesday, May 28th. Please contact Liam Gildea at *086-0142675* or by email at [*lgildea@southmayo.com*](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com).

***Anam Cara Mayo***, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 28th May at 7:15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parentst. We also offer an online support service. 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/).

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

***Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours:*** Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. The Centre will be opened on Saturdays from 25th May until the end of September from 12.00pm until 5.00pm. Tel: *096-45374*.

***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.

***Extended Online Newsletter*** includes much more! See it on *Straide Parish Facebook* page or on *www.straideparish.com*.

***If crime doesn’t pay, how come the police get wages?***

***Extended Online Newsletter***

***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*](mailto: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).

***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.

***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***](mailto:pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org) **or contact any local priest for more information.**

***World Priest Annual Global Rosary Rally:*** World Annual Global Rosary Rally for the Sanctification of Priests takes place on Friday, 7th June. Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass will lead the Rosary at 2.15pm, praying the Joyful Mysteries. The Rosary can be view on *www.facebook.com/fatherpeytoncentre/* or on [*www.churchtv.ie/frpeytoncentre/*](http://www.churchtv.ie/frpeytoncentre/).

***‘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*](mailto:comefollowmegalway@gmail.com).

***On the Move: A Higher Calling:*** Join Focus Ireland’s iconic climbs and help us to raise vital funds to support those experiencing homelessness in our communities. Our Carrauntoohil hike takes place on June 15th or Croagh Patrick on June 16th. Alternatively, organise your own hiking challenge with your family or friends. Contact Niamh on *087-489 1974* or email *events@focusireland.ie*.

***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*.

***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*.