***Offertory Donations:***

Sunday 30th: €785.



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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th February 2022**

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| **Saturday, February 5th.** | **7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Mary & Liam Carroll, Barleyhill and deceased of Carroll & Mullagh families.** |
| **Sunday, February 6th.** | **9.30am*\******11.30am** | **For all the People.****Private Intention.** |
| **Monday, February 7th.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Tuesday, February 8th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Wednesday, February 9th.** | **10.00am****6.00 – 8.00pm** | **Private Intention. (*Adoration follows until 11.30am)*****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Thursday, February 10th.** | **7.00pm*\****  | Patsy Roche & deceased of Roche family, Bohola and Kelly family, Ballinlag. |
| **Friday, February 11th.** | **8.00pm*\**** | **Shirley Burke (1st Anniversary) & her husband, Seán.** |
| **Saturday, February 12th.** | **10.30am*\******12.00 noon*\******7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Chelsey Shea Miller (née McNicholas), Penticton, British Columbia.****Joe Mullaney, Toughnane. (Month’s Mind)****Mattie Foy, Ara. (1st Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, February 13th.** | **9.30am*\******11.30am*\**** | **For all the People.****Nora Lavin & her husband Jim, Altinea.** |
| ***The 9.30am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every Sunday.******Any other Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with \* above)******All Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.*** |

***Reading the Bible - How to Make Sense of it:*** A series of four sessions on how to read the Bible today: These will look at its formation, the various kinds of literature that it contains, the contexts in which the books were composed and some of the key figures and events that we encounter in them. Admission is free.

It is presented by Fr Eugene Duffy in The Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Tuesdays, February 15th & 22nd and March 1st and 8th from 8.00 to 10.00 pm each night. Light refreshments will be provided during the break in each session. If you have a bible, bring it with you on the night.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, February 6th:*** *Rediscovering Scripture through the Visual Arts …*… The ‘Christian Art’ website is the brainchild of a former director of Sotheby’s, London, now studying for the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster. Patrick van der Vorst’s offering is simple: “one newsletter a day where we simply send you the Gospel reading of the day, alongside a work of art that we believe is poignant, reflective and appropriate to that reading.”

Simple it may be, but the results can be astonishing as he draws on his encyclopaedic knowledge of the visual arts. The often surprising art choices – ancient and modern, paintings, sculptures, installations, furnishings – together with his imaginative commentary achieve at times the almost impossible: bringing the shock of newness to scripture passages long blunted by familiarity. To learn more, and read a sample email, visit: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Taster in Theology Series Spring 2022*** on *"Keeping Faith in the Future"* given by Professor Michael A. Conway, Professor of Faith and Culture, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The course nights are February 10th, 17th & 24th and March 10th from 7pm to 10pm. The cost of the course is €60 and booking is essential. Please phone *096-72066* or email *reception@newman.ie* to book a place.

***Arise Family Holiday Conference:*** Arise Family Holiday Conference is a week-long eventwith activities for the whole family including workshops, talks, seminars, and Mass each day, starting on Easter Sunday evening and going on until to Friday 22nd April. It will be a great opportunity for Catholic families to build community and grow in faith together. As Pope Francis reminds us: "Christian family is missionary: it announces the love of God to the world." NET Ministries Ireland is delighted to announce that we will be participating in the conference and running some of the events for the youth, along with Holy Family Mission and Youth 2000. It's going to be a great week for all. Please spread the word!

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is now accepting applications for 2022-2023. Application forms are available from the school by ringing *094-9384271* or by emailing *boholaschool@gmail.com*.

Should anyone wish to have a look at the fantastic facilities the school has to offer, please ring the Principal, Teresa Mulligan and she will arrange a time to show you around. A **Virtual Tour** can now be viewed on the school website [*www.boholans.ie*](http://www.boholans.ie). This gives an indication of what school life is like in Bohola NS, its staff, classes, sporting activities, musical activities, Christmas plays, quiz Teams etc.

***New Priest Welcomed:*** On Friday, Bishop Paul welcomed **Fr.Victor Akongwale** to ministry in the Diocese of Achonry. A priest of the Ogoja Diocese in Nigeria, Fr Victor brings to our diocese many years of experience in priestly ministry.

As he joins our diocese, we recall [Bishop Thomas McGettrick SPS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_McGettrick) – a native of Killavil in Bunninadden Parish, who was ordained a priest of Achonry Diocese in 1930 but went on to be a founder member of St Patrick’s Missionary Society, Kiltegan. Later he became Bishop of Ogoja, Fr Victor’s native diocese (1955-1973), and would no doubt rejoice with us as a son of his diocese returns to Achonry to share the Gospel in new surrounds.

Reflecting on this link and in welcoming Fr Victor, Bishop Paul said, “It has gone full circle”. Thanks be to God.

Fr Victor takes up duty as Curate in Swinford Parish. He is wished every joy, happiness and a fulfilled ministry in our midst.

***Note to all Readers!*** We hope to get a proper rota of Readers (Ministers of the Word) up and running (reading!) again in the near future. We ask all those on the original rota to let us know whether or not you wish to be included in the new rota. Otherwise you may unwittingly be included or excluded! Thanks to all those who have already responded. New readers will be most welcome. Please contact Fr O’Mahony or any member of the Pastoral Council.

***New CD – “I Thirst”:*** A CD entitled “I Thirst” has just been released which is a beautiful collection of healing prayers and hymns, especially suitable for the sick. It is suitable for group or personal use in hospitals, hospices, nursing/residential care homes, your own homes or car. Nearly 80 minutes in duration with 19 participants, this prayer accompaniment will be a treasured gift for every household or nursing setting. It can be purchased online at Knock Shrine bookshop or Castle Street Bookshop, Castlebar (Mayo.books.ie), Eason’s Ballina, Smyth’s Bookshop Claremorris, Seamus Duffy’s Bookshop Westport and other local outlets. Further information is listed on a poster in the church porch.

***Bereavement Support:*** Losing a loved one is always a difficult experience. During Covid, many support services were missing but *from February 2nd, the weekly bereavement support group will resume every Wednesday morning at 11am in the Family Centre at Knock Shrine*. These meetings aim to help those who are grieving to find healing, hope and comfort. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley on *094-9375320*.

***Exciting Employment Opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal:*** Applications are invited for an **Operations Manager** which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and application pack, contact Mary at *071-9861518* or email *mary@loughderg.org**.*

***St. Nathy’s Class of 1981:*** St Nathy’s College Leaving Cert Class of 1981 is hoping to have a class reunion in August. A call out to anyone who entered St Nathy’s in September 1976 or perhaps joined/left the class that would have sat the Leaving Cert in 1981 to get in contact and say “An Seo”!! Call or text Marty Groarke on *(087) 635 0034*.

***The Colm Horkan Memorial Run 2022:*** Walkers and runners invited to participate on the day or virtually in the Colm Horkan Memorial Run 2022. The run, which takes place next Saturday, February 12th from 9.30am, will be a mix of a physical run in Charlestown and a virtual run for people unable to make it on the day. As in 2021 you can choose to run, jog, cycle or walk 5km, 10km or do a half-marathon and participants can take part anywhere in the world at your own pace and distance. The 5km route in Charlestown is suitable for families and casual walkers. Entry is open and you can register to take part either virtually or physically by visiting[*https://www.popupraces.ie/race/colm-horkan-memorial-run-2022/*](https://www.popupraces.ie/race/colm-horkan-memorial-run-2022/)*.*

***Computer-based Business Courses*** start in Ballinrobe and Swinford in early February 2022. The courses are free and provide unemployed adults with an opportunity to return to education, update their skills, and learn new skills in a supportive learning environment. All course materials are provided, including the use of a laptop, family friendly hours, small class sizes and QQI accreditation. VTOS eligibility criteria may apply.

For further details – contact **Beatrice,** Further Education Centre, Ballinrobe on *086-0610020*, email *beatricebrophy@msletb.ie* or **Emer,** Further Education Centre, Swinford on *086 0610009*; email *emermullins@msletb.ie*.

***North West STOP*** offers a *free counselling* service with no waiting lists. Call or text *086-7772009* to arrange an appointment.

***COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:***Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am to 8pm. The contact number is ***0818-222024***.

***It takes a lot of balls to golf like I do!***