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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday) – 25th April 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

**Masses listed below will be live-streamed on the *Bohola Post Facebook Page* and broadcast locally on *Radio 105.5 FM*.**

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| **Sunday, April 25th.** | **10.00am** | **For all the People.** |
| **Wednesday, April 28th.** | **7.00 – 9.00pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, April 30th.** | **8.00pm** | **Ellen & James Brogan and deceased family.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** | | |
| **Sunday, May 2nd.** | **10.00am** | **P.J. Burke, Carragolda, & his parents, Patrick & Celia.**  **Frank McNicholas, Lismirrane, and deceased family.** |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Maureen McIntyre*, Glenties, Co Donegal, mother of Maura Malee, Shanaghy, who died on Friday, April 9th and whose funeral took place in Glenties on Sunday, April 11th. May she rest in peace.

***Mass for Vocations Sunday:*** Bishop Paul Dempsey will celebrate the Vigil Mass on this Saturday, 24th April at 8.00pm in the Cathedral for Vocations Sunday. We invite you to join and pray with us via the Cathedral webcam for vocations within the Achonry Diocese. See it at [*www.mcnmedia.tv*](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/) or [*https://achonrydiocese.org/cathedralwebcam/*](https://achonrydiocese.org/cathedralwebcam/).

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 25th, 2021 …. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest, call your Diocesan Vocation’s Director or email the National Vocations Office on *info@vocations.ie*. For further information 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).

***Thought for Vocations Sunday:*** ‘The call of God is one of the most beautiful things on earth. Think of the interweaving of divine and human love involved in a vocation. When God calls us to a particular way of life, He looks on us with his love; the moment we become aware of it, a new life begins for us. Even before we were born, God was looking at us and loving us in the setting He had always planned for us. In fact, he brought us into being to put His plan for us into operation.

Anyone who hears His call often feels fear and even doubts or terror, but when s/he discovers its implications, s/he also feels joy. So the most beautiful moment is not when a person hears the call, but when s/he says ‘yes’ making God’s call real, her/his will clinging to God’s. It is an allegiance for life, a continual ‘yes’ to God who repeats the invitation forever’….. *Pasquali Forest.*

***Online Mass Readers:*** The invitation is still open to anyone who would like to read at Mass. Please give your name to any member of the Pastoral Council (which includes the priest!). If there is a sufficient number, a rota can be arranged for the remainder of the lockdown.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*** continues on Wednesday evenings from **7.00 to 9.00pm**.

***Trócaire Boxes:*** As the Trócaire money has not yet been forwarded, it is still not too late to hand in a box or donation. Thanks to all who have already done so.

***Galilee Spirituality Centre Online: In the Age of the Spirit:*** Four conversations for Eastertide, Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.00pm. All Welcome. Booking and Zoom link: *info@galilee.ie*. €5 donation.

*Bishop Paul Dempsey: The Contemporary Irish Church - A Church of Crisis or Opportunity?* Tuesday next, April 27th: A native of Carlow, Paul was ordained for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in 1997. He has worked in parish ministry, mainly in large urban settings. He was Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry and Vocations for a number of years and worked in the area of communications, both local print media and local radio. He was ordained Bishop of Achonry in August 2020.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, April 25th:*** *3-Minute Retreat*… The 3-Minute Retreat, an outreach of Ignatian spirituality, is a peaceful online prayer experience that helps the user to re-connect with God and re-centre the day. Changing daily, the website and app provide a bite-sized retreat filled with Scripture passages, tranquil music, and questions to prompt reflection. Join the over 40,000 3-Minute Retreat users who return each day to enrich their spirituality and rest in God’s loving presence. Access it here: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***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***.

***Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service:*** Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on ***094-9005150*** between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email [*mayo@locallink.ie*](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie).

***Reminder from HSE for Everyone Aged 60 and Over to Register for COVID-19 Vaccine:*** We would like to remind everyone aged 65-69 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE’s online registration system or on the phone with HSELive.

Following the success of the online registration for people aged 65-69, we are inviting those aged 60-64 to register from Friday, 23rd April. However, before we do, we want to remind those aged 65-69 who have yet to register to make sure to register as soon as possible. Everyone in this age group is now eligible to register including:

* frontline healthcare workers who haven’t gotten an appointment through their workplace
* people aged 65-69 who have a health condition that puts them at very high risk (vaccine allocation Group 4) and who haven’t been given an appointment through their hospital or healthcare team.

*Online registration – information for patients and service users:* People in this age group who are registering online will need their Personal Public Service Number (PPSN), their Eircode and an email address or a mobile phone number. A friend or family member can help.

If someone is finding it difficult to go online and register, they can ring HSELive for support on [***1850 241850***](tel:1850%2024%201850)or [***01 2408787***](tel:01%20240%208787) from 8am to 8pm, 7 days. If a person doesn’t have a PPSN they can register on the phone with HSElive. Once registered, the person will receive their vaccine appointment for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine.

If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on [***086 1800661***](tel:086%201800%20661) to register for vaccination.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Tom Fahy on winning €365 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. . 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 clicking [*https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts*](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsmartlotto.ie%2FBohola-moy-davitts%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2-SMSQVJnLPM1gbMk8VYcVq5QSNWsE5b18UD-SHwPhuifGrX08SNDlJc8&h=AT0MiLZlj4q4DBPOl03vVXSokuVERXZawyK8tGPOdkMD6iUtbbGAIDrP1wUMXoHHwBpf8OCfEYLll7lUaWyYzni7elqLyyDX1hxrkiRT4iLddt75pWrUPCYemDN43SvOspaI&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1bnP92vRmesJAH-zh16Oyc956taFyWxM0_3VLfj4QSf9SmpZw5cpQ61Vc5tvJdChYPj7SPty0LDMmT-1CuL0y1Dj6Ia-SpXR1Lif8cNpBMb3zmcNd83NlOLtCy4LEd6sxibGw9D72uG7DGqfgmtrvFR5ZcIPXTwnc_aJIQcIYHHlU6GWM4y_sHX7uH).

***Armchair Azure Tours in Mayo:*** Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is delighted to announce Armchair Azure, a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. For those living with dementia, the virtual visual art tours are an accessible way of engaging with art online. Tours are one hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer. Contact Katriona Gillespie at Mayo County Council Arts Service at [*mayoarts@mayococo.ie*](mailto:mayoarts@mayococo.ie) or phone *094-9064666*. We will be happy to answer your questions. Tours will take place at 11am on the following dates: April 26th, May 04th and 17th and June 07th.

***Living Well*** is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions.*Next programmes commence on Tuesday, 18th May and Wednesday, 26th May.*

You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on *087-3490393* or by email at [*liam.gildea@mayocil.ie*](mailto:liam.gildea@mayocil.ie)*.* Please see the following link for more information about the course: [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

***Scripture & Spirituality Conference 10th - 11th July 2021:*** “To love is to be *transformed into what we love*. To love God is therefore is to be *transformed into God*.” - *St. John of the Cross*.

This year’s conference focuses on St. John of the Cross and his life-changing teachings of how love can transform each and every one of us. Through six thought-provoking talks, each of us can learn how to become beacons of light to greater reflect Christ and offer hope to a world in much need of healing. This year, we have been blessed with 6 renowned speakers, authors and experts, who will help bring St John’s teachings to life and transform how we grow in our love and spirituality. For more information, see *https://www.carmelite.uk.net/conferences-and-events/scripture-and-spirituality-conference/*.

***The Benefits of a Good Vocabulary***

*I recently called an old engineering friend of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He told me that he was working on “Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment”. I was impressed until, upon further enquiry, I learned that he was washing the dishes with hot water under the supervision of his wife!*

*Priests are like aeroplanes – you only hear about the ones that crash!*