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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**The Baptism of the Lord – 10th January 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, January 10th.** | **10.00am** | **Kieran Mullaney, his father, Jimmy & deceased of Brennan and Mullaney families.****Frank McNicholas, Gortnasella & deceased of McNicholas family.****Fred Conlon, Listrisnane.**  |
| ***Due to Covid-19 restrictions Mass will be celebrated privately on weekdays.******The Mass for All the People of the Parish will be offered during the week.*** |
| **Wednesday, January 13th.** | **6.00 – 8.00pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Sunday, January 17th.** | **10.00am** | Kathleen & Bernard Molloy, their son, Frank **& deceased of Molloy & Moran families.****Eileen Tierney, Ardgullen, her husband, James & Tommy Quinn.****Mary Commons, Listrisnane.**  |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *James Commons*, Balrath, Navan, Co Meath and formerly of Carragolda, who died on Saturday, January 2nd and whose funeral took place in Kentstown, Co Meath on Tuesday last. He was the brother of Bridie Conlon and uncle of Breda Kelly, Willie and Jimmy Byrne, Listrisnane and of Mary Kilkenny, Knock. May he rest in peace.

***Lockdown Continues*** with the church only open for private prayer. Sunday Mass will be at 10.00am and live-streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page. You can also listen in locally on Radio 105.5 FM. Mass intentions booked for the previous week will be included in that Mass unless those who booked the intention indicate otherwise.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm to 8.00pm for private prayer. The Newsletter continues to be published and is available in the church and Clarkes Shop, online at *Mayo.ie* and can be emailed to anyone who requests it.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 10th:*** As so much of the world enters another lockdown, many feel a deep sense of crisis. However, there’s a saying that a crisis should never be wasted. The philosopher Ivan Illich reminds us that the original meaning of the word is ‘turning point’, ‘the marvellous moment when people become aware of their self-imposed cages and of the possibility of a different life’. New Pilgrim Path this week introduces a wide range of opportunities for spiritual transformation in times of pandemic, from online courses and retreats to inspirational websites, music and poetry; from marvellous resources for contemplation, meditation and self-examination to a comprehensive listing of streamed religious services for a range of Christian denominations worldwide. Access these, and many more rich online resourcesat: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)**.**

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** *Is the One who “baptized you with the Holy Spirit” asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life?* If He is calling you to discern serving Him as a priest or consecrated religious, 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***.

***COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:***ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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***.

***Free Online Living Well Programme:*** The next programmes commence on *Tuesday 12th, Monday 18th,* and *Wednesday 20th January* on the zoom platform. Limited places. If you are living with a long term heath condition, you may be interested in doing the ‘Living Well Programme’. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. 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*. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: [*www.hse.ie/livingwell*](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

***Being Happy***

*You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments.*

*To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.*

*Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny’s author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It’s to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a “no”. It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.*

*To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: “I made mistakes.” It is to have the courage to say, “I am sorry.” It is to have the sensitivity to say, “I need you.” It is to have the ability to say, “I love you.” May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ...That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life.*

*You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up....Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.* (Author Unknown)

***Children's Letters To God***

*Dear God, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? ~ Norma*

*Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now? ~ Jane*

*Dear God, Who draws the lines around the countries? ~ Nan*

*Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? ~ Neil*

*Dear God, Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. ~ Joyce*

*Dear God, It rained for our whole holiday and is my father mad! He said some things about you that people are not supposed to say, but I hope you will not hurt him anyway. ~ Your friend (but I am not going to tell you who I am)*

*Dear God, Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. ~ Bruce*

*Dear God, If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton, because I hate her. ~ Denise*

*Dear God, I want to be just like my daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over. ~ Sam*

*Dear God, I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying. ~ Elliott*

*Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it. ~ Nan*

*Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.*

*Dear God, My brothers told me about being born, but it doesn't sound right. They are just kidding, aren't they? ~ Marsha*

*Dear God, If you watch me in church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes. ~ Mickey*

***The number of “followers” you have doesn’t make you better than anyone else.***

***Hitler had millions. Jesus had 12.***