***Offertory Collection:***

Sunday 9th: €655.



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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th August 2020**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, August 15th.** | **8.00pm** | **Tim McNicholas, Cloonacanana.** |
| **Sunday, August 16th.** | **9.30am****11.30am** | **For all the People. (*Live Streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page).*****Johnny Durkan, Carroward (Months Mind). *(Live Streaming).*** |
| **Wednesday, August 19th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Friday, August 21st.** | **8.00pm** | **Johnny & Mary McNicholas, Ara.**  |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Saturday, August 22nd.** | **8.00pm** | **Eileen & James Tierney, Ardgullen, & Tommy Quinn.** |
| **Sunday, August 23rd.** | **9.30am****11.30am** | **For all the People. (*Live Streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page).*****Fred Conlon, Listrisnane.** |
| ***The 9.30am Sunday Mass will be Live Streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every Sunday.*** |

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

*Bridget Foye (nee Naughton)*, Carrowniskey, Louisburgh, wife of the late Michael Foye, Lisgorman, who died in Dublin on Saturday, 8th August and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Monday last.

*Austin McGovern,* Crossroads, Killygordon, Donegal, brother of Carol Jordan, Shanaghy, who died on Friday, August 7th and whose funeral took place in Killygordon on Wednesday last.

*Bridie Browne (nee Kelly),* Kingsbury, London and formerly of Lismirrane, who died on Friday, August 7th. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

*Tom McNicholas*, London, brother of the late Michael McNicholas, Lismirrane, who died on Monday last, August 10th.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

***Baptism:*** On Saturday last, August 8th, we were delighted to welcome *Matthew Patrick Browne,* Ballincollig, Cork into God’s family. Congratulations to his parents, Patricia and Thomas, his godparents and family and we wish them every blessing for the future.



***Parish Pastoral Council*** will meet (socially distant) in the church on Wednesday evening next, 19th August at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

***A New Pilgrimage on Lough Derg’s Lakeshore:*** *Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 18th, 22nd, 26th, and 30th August. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 071-9861518 or *info@loughderg.org* for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking is essential.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, August 16th:*** “The globe is at a crossover moment in time. The fully human life is dropping out of the grasp of the next generation”. American Benedictine theologian, writer and activist, Joan Chittister, is interviewed by Oprah Winfrey about her 2019 book, *The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage.* The book was written in response to the continuing social disintegration afflicting America and the world. It is a clarion call for "prophetic spirituality," what she defines as an "antidote to social sin." Her claim is that we have divorced spiritual obligation from political policy and have retreated from engagement with a suffering world to a kind of pious indifference. Listen to this animated and inspirational interview at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/)**.**

*NOTE:*In addition to the Website of the Week, New Pilgrim Path also features a Poem of the Week and Music of the Week. We have also recently added new material to many of our standard pages. We invite you to see what's new at: *Online Retreats & Courses, Daily Prayer, Inspiration* and *Sacred Music.*

***Thank You for Supporting Pope Francis'COVID-19 Emergency Fund:*** Your support and prayers for our overseas missionaries and the people they serve are always appreciated and greatly needed. To donate go to [*www.wmi.ie/covid-fund*](https://wmi.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1e3a0945dd2f610bf1558ad6a&id=6f38f7249a&e=d1528aaba1), call Fiona on 01-4972035 or lodge money directly:

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***The AGM of Bohola Community Park*** will take place on this Sunday, 16th August at 7pm in The Community Centre, Bohola. Due to social distancing guidelines, all attendees will have to adhere to the regulations. Therefore, entry will be on a first come, first served basis. Seated attendance only. No standing. There will also be a one way system in operation. Entry will be through the main front door. New volunteers always welcome.

***Moy Davitts 50/50:*** Congratulations to Sandra Hall on winning €584 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw. 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 [*http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50*](http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50). It might be you !!!

***Magical Minds Montessori, Swinford,*** is re-opening on August 31st. There are still a limited number of places available for September. If you would like more information please contact Lorraine on 087-7566533 or email *magicalmindsmontessori@gmail.com*.

***A Woman of Faith***

*You can almost hear the chuckle. It is not mentioned, but I always imagine that Jesus smiles or even laughs as he delivers the line, ‘Woman, you have great faith.’ Today’s gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to ‘give her what she wants.’*

*Jesus’ rebuke seems shockingly unkind: ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs’. But the woman doesn’t give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master’s table. ‘Good for her!’ – we feel like cheering.*

*It’s a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. His disciples, who know him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus’ reference to ‘house-dogs’ tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than his own disciples.*

*Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them – those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.*

Tríona Doherty (Intercom)

*Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel*

* 1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people, so this now adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
	2. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection, but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
	3. In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge – we are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly, welcoming face to a stranger?
	4. Who are the ‘Canaanite women’ who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

 *John Byrne OSA (Intercom)*

***I need to social distance from the fridge***

***so I can flatten my curve!***