



***10th & 11th:***

***Bohola:***

€1,008.

***Straide:***

Envelopes - €244.

Loose - €85.95.

Restoration - €80.

*Thanks for all*

*your contributions.*

 **Bohola /Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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 **First Sunday of Lent – 18th February 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, February 17th.** | **11.00am *Straide*****3.00pm *Straide*****7.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **Séan & Serena Carney, Gurteens (1st Anniversary) & Jo Golden.****Brendan Maloney, The Copper Beech Pub & Cloonaglasha, Tuam.** **Willie Duffy, Toughnane. (1st Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, February 18th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens*****11.00am *Straide*** | **For all the People.****Nellie Sweeney, Straide. (1st Anniversary)****Micheál Killeen, Straide (10th Anniversary).****Deceased of the Lynskey and Devaney families, Treenduff, Bohola.** |
| **Monday, February 19th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, February 20th.** | **7.00am****7.00 – 8.00pm**  | **Private Intention.****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, February 21st.** | **10.00am****5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Private Intention ….*..….(Adoration follows until 12 noon)*****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, February 22nd.** | **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Willie McHugh, Clooncondra. (Month’s Mind)** |
| **Friday, February 23rd.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Saturday, February 24th.** | **12.00 noon *Straide*****7.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **May Smyth, Blanemore (Month’s Mind) and her husband Mick (24th Anniversary).****Martin McNicholas, Ballyglass and deceased of Brennan & McNicholas families.****Mary Healy, Gortnasella. (10th Anniversary)****Berney McGeever & his parents, Bernard & Catherine, Carragolda.****Tommy Byrne, Carrowkeel. (2nd Anniversary)**  |
| **Sunday, February 25th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens*****11.00am *Straide*** | **For all the People.****Mary & Jim Jennings, Blackfort and deceased of the Hannon & Jennings families.** |
| ***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 Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

*Joe Mulroy*, Gurranard, who died on Monday last, 12th February and whose funeral took place in Straide on Friday.

*Anne O'Leary (née Earley)*, formerly of Ballyvary and Knocksaxon, who died in Norwich on December 4th last and whose ashes were buried in Straide on Thursday last.

*Gerald Hyland*, London and formerly of Carracastle, who died recently in London. He was the brother of T.J. Hyland, Carracastle. Funeral arrangements yet to be finalised but likely to take place in Bohola this coming week.

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

***Baptism:*** On Saturday last, February 10th in Straide we were delighted to welcome *Jody Lila Jordan*, Cloonconra, into God’s family. Congratulations to her parents, Linda and Patrick, her godparents and the wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***Diocesan Celebration for Engaged Couples and Married Couples Marking a Special Wedding Anniversary:*** Bishop Paul will lead a special ceremony for engaged couples preparing for their wedding, and also for married couples who have marked or will mark a special milestone anniversary last year or this year – 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 55 or 60 years. It will take place in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on **this Sunday, February 18th at 4.00pm**. Refreshments afterwards in St Nathy’s College. All welcome.

***Early Morning Mass on Tuesdays Of Lent:*** The practice of celebrating *Mass at 7.00am on the Tuesday mornings of Lent* will go ahead again this year, beginning on this coming Tuesday and will continue through Lent. It will provide early morning workers with the opportunity to attend Mass and the rest of us with the opportunity to make a little extra sacrifice by leaving our beds somewhat earlier!

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024:*** This year Trócaire’s lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org. **Trócaire boxes are now available in the church.**

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, February 18th:*** *Daily Audio Lenten Reflections ….* If New Pilgrim Path has a favourite website from our almost seven years of trawling for uplifting websites to share, it is ‘Pray As You Go’, a daily online audio guided prayer session provided by the English Jesuits. Its offering for each day of Lent is the most valuable we have encountered to date. It includes a mix of music, a scripture reading, and short reflective questions based on Ignatian spirituality. Between 10 and 13 minutes in duration, ‘Pray As You Go’is designed to help you pray whenever you find time. For mobile devices, simply download the "Pray As You Go" app. It is used 30 million times a year. Access this wonderful resource at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***MS Ireland Church Gate Collection*** will take place in Straide on Sunday next, February 25th at the 11.00am Mass.

***Rural Ireland Organisation*** will hold a public meeting on behalf of the Craggagh / Sraheens residents in Balla Community Hall on Monday, 19th February at 7.30pm. The meeting is to address plantations adjacent to people’s homes in this area and across rural Ireland and to discuss the General Afforestation Policy.

***Information Meeting on Forthcoming Referendums*** will take place in Bohola Community Centre on Tuesday, February 20th at 7.30pm. Tracey O’Mahony from the Irish Council of Human Rights will outline the implications of both referendums. The first relates to the 39th Amendment on the ‘family’ and the second is on the 40th Amendment on ‘care’. All are welcome.

***Mayo PPN Funding Information Workshops:*** Creative Ireland Funding Programme – Wednesday 21st February at 10am; The Arts Act Grant - Wednesday 21st February at 11am. To register, follow the link: *https://mayoppn.ie/mayo-ppn-funding-information-workshops/*.

***Mayo Stoma Support Group Meeting*** takes place on Thursday, 22nd February at 7.00pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Contact JJ on 087-2300580 if attending.

***Kiltimagh Drama:*** Clann Machua Drama group in Kiltimagh present *"Stolen Child"* in the Townhall Theatre, Kiltimagh on Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February with curtain up nightly at 8.00pm.

***Invitation to Friends of Carmel Gathering at Holy Hill*** on Saturday, February 24th. Theme: ‘Sons and Daughters of your Father in Heaven’ It begins at 10.30am with coffee and ends at 4.00pm with a soup lunch provided by the community. (Donations invited on the day). All are very welcome and feel free to invite others. Please let us know if you would like to join us by emailing *friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com*.

***Anam Cara Mayo***, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 28th February at 7:15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service. Please contact us on *info@anamcara.ie* or *085-2888888* for any queries. For more information see [*anamcara.ie*](http://anamcara.ie/).

***The Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance*** will be held on Friday 8th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Music by The Duets. Tickets are €35 per person. Please contact Thomas at *087-2344338* or Caroline at *086-1660196* for more information and to book your tickets.

***Micksie Goes Viral!*** Congratulations to Micksie Jordan, Garrahill who received 275k views in just over four weeks on Facebook with the song 'Galway Bay' performed at the Christmas Kilmovee Cois Tine evening. No mean achievement!

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is currently accepting applications for enrolment in September 2024. For application forms please email *boholaschool@gmail.com* or call *094-9384271*. Please note: children must be 4 years of age by April 1st, 2024.

We are also delighted to announce the opening of our Afterschool Club with Aoife and Joe Joyce, Directors of Little Nest Care Ltd. Registration forms are available from the school, by emailing *littlenestcareltd@gmail.com* or by phoning *083-1948292*.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Edel McHale, Castlebar, who won a jackpot of €397 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. 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).

***Social Bingo*** continues every Monday in The Sheridan Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.00pm for an 8.30 start.

***Managerial Position at Fr Peyton Centre:*** The Father Peyton Centre, Attymass, seeks applications for the position of Manager. Key responsibilities include co-ordination of Community Services, development and maintenance of the Centre and management of Staff. A minimum of three years’ experience and an in-depth knowledge of community services and funding are required.

Request an application form by emailing *frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com*. The deadline for completed application forms is 5.00pm on Friday, February 23rd. Further details on [*www.frpeytoncentre.ie*](http://www.frpeytoncentre.ie).

***If you throw a cat out of the car window does it become kitty litter?***