***Offertory Donations:***

Sunday 25th: €810.



Thanks for all your contributions.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st August 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, July 31st.** | **8.00pm Vigil*\****  | **Tommy & Mary Jordan and their daughters, Mary & Christina, Lower Treenduff.****Kate & Martin O’Brien, Rathruane.** |
| **Sunday, August 1st.** | **9.30am*\******11.30am** | **For all the People.****Private Intention.** |
| **Wednesday, August4th.** | **10.00am****7.00 – 9.00pm** | **Private Intention.****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, August 6th.** | **8.00pm*\**** | **Séamus Reddington, Ardacarra (25th Anniversary).** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Saturday, August 7th.** | **8.00pm Vigil** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Sunday, August 8th.** | **9.30am*\******11.30am** | **For all the People.****Private Intention.** |
| ***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.*** |

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *John Doyle*, Clogher and London, brother of Caitriona Doyle, Clogher, who died in London on July 14th. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday next, August 5th, in St Mary’s and St Andrew’s Catholic Church, Dollis Hill, London, NW2 6HE with burial afterwards in Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery, Oxhey Lane, Watford, WD19 5RL at approx. 12noon. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Paul Clarke* who died last week in Chicago. Paul’s parents, Pat and Mary (née McNicholas) were originally from Tooromeen. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Saturday last, July 24th, we were delighted to welcome *Lauren Helen Cryan* into God’s family. Congratulations to her parents, Thomas and Louise, her godparents and family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, August 1st:*** *Blessings for Sound and Light…*… ‘The art of blessing, the art of calling in the invisible help of the divine, is ever present to the Celtic mind,’ writes the musician and composer Owen Ó Súilleabháin. He composed the score for a short film in which US-based Emmy-award winning filmmaker, Andrew Hinton, has adapted two of David Whyte’s ‘Blessing’ poems in a short film. ‘Blessing for Sound’ and ‘Blessing for the Light’ are interpreted through a visual journey across the Irish landscape. The music incorporates a 1905 wax cylinder recording of a song called ‘Cé Phort Láirge’ (Waterford Quay). It is one of the oldest recordings of traditional Irish music in existence. Access this inspiring combination of words, images and music at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Focus on the Gospel***

*I can imagine them saying, ‘He’s talking about bread again’. Jesus often mentions bread – the staple of life. In the years before Jesus, bread was understood as a gift of God from Heaven; Jesus is the new Bread of Heaven and of life.*

*The meaning expanded over time and when Jesus talks about giving the bread of life, he is talking of his Word and the Eucharist. The Word of God feeds the mind and soul, giving meaning to life, encouragement in living our lives in the spirit of the Gospel, giving us a way of life we can touch into every day.*

*In the first part of every Mass we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharistic bread. Catholics for years stressed Holy Communion over the Word of God. While both are essential to our Christian life, our daily life is well helped by reading the Gospel every day. We often talked and still sometimes talk about ‘getting Communion’, ignoring the first part of the Eucharist.*

*Maybe we can list sometime the words of the Scripture that enlighten our lives, words that help us and keep us in touch with God. The Jewish people wore the words “The LORD is our God, the LORD alone”, called the Shema, around their neck, touching them often to touch the Lord. Maybe we can do something similar*

 *~ Donal Neary SJ, editor, Sacred Heart Messenger ~*

***Guided Nature Tours for Heritage Week:*** Enjoy a free guided nature tour of the beautiful gardens and grounds of the National Museum of Ireland at Turlough Park, Castlebar, during National Heritage Week 2021. These tours take place on **Saturday, 14th August**, at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm; **Sunday, 15th August**, at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm; **Saturday, 21st August** at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm; and **Sunday, 22nd August**, at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Booking is required. Email *educationtph@museum.ie* to book your place.

***Affordable Live-in Homecare*** provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on *087-9916791* or *087-7440729*. Our website is [*www.alhomecare.ie*](http://www.alhomecare.ie/).

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Kate O’Hara on winning €280 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).

***North West STOP*** invites you to greet the dawn in *Sunrise for STOP* any morning of the bank holiday weekend (31st July to 2nd August) to support their free counselling services throughout the Northwest. Sign up at: [*https://www.njuko.net/sunrise-for-stop/*](https://www.njuko.net/sunrise-for-stop/) to receive a t-shirt/registration pack and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates. Search for "North West STOP". Access our counselling service by call or text to *086-777 2009*.

***Western Care Association Staff Recruitment:*** Have you an interest in working with people with a learning disability and / or autism? Western Care Association is recruiting Relief Staff to work in our services based across Co. Mayo. For further information please visit our website at [*www.westerncare.com*](http://www.westerncare.com/) or email *hr@westerncare.com*.

***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***.

*****RTÉ Pro-Abortion Bias Continues:*** *Next Wednesday, RTÉ is devoting its primetime slot after the Nine News to screening the pro-abortion film, ‘the 8th’.*

*The film which is marketed as a documentary is nothing of the sort. It is a wall to wall pro-abortion propaganda production that makes no effort to include the pro-life perspective or to challenge any of the myths and falsehoods propagated by abortion campaigners.*

*To add insult to injury, RTÉ is using taxpayers’ money to heavily advertise the screening taking place next week.*

*We didn’t learn today or yesterday about the blatant and embedded problem of bias at RTÉ. It has existed for years and it’s not going to change overnight. That doesn’t mean for a second that we should tolerate what’s going on. Quite the opposite.*

*One of the difficulties we face is convincing people of the seriousness of the problem.* ***So many people accept what the media presents without questioning it.*** *The first thing we must do is educate and inform people about the problem. There are lots of ways we can reach people and we should always be on the look-out for new and novel approaches.*

*The e-card campaign to RTÉ that the PLC have been running has resulted in thousands of cards being sent to the Director General of RTÉ in recent weeks seeking a written explanation on why pro-life supporters should be expected to pay the TV licence given the outrageously slanted way RTÉ covers the abortion issue. We need to see thousands more e-cards reaching the Director General in the coming weeks! It only takes a minute to sign and it’s an effective way to make your voice heard.*

*If you haven’t done so already, please sign the e-card to RTÉ here* [*https://prolifecampaign.ie/stopthebias/*](https://prolifecampaign.ie/stopthebias/) *and share the link with family and friends to encourage them to also sign.* (Pro-Life Campaign)

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?" The mother answered, "God made Adam & Eve and they had children and so all mankind was made." Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved." The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?" The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple: I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

***Karl Marx is a historically famous philosopher***

***but no one ever mentions his sister, Onya,***

***the inventor of the starting pistol!***