***Offertory Donations:***

This Week: €440.



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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th 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 24th.** | **10.00am** | **For all the People.** |
| **Wednesday, January 27th.** | **6.00 – 8.00pm** | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer). |
| **Friday, January 29th.** | **8.00pm** | Tom McGowan, Knockranny, (1st Anniversary). |
| ***Due to Covid-19 restrictions Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** | | |
| **Sunday, January 31st.** | **10.00am** | **Mike & Helen McNicholas & dec’d McNicholas & Corcoran families.**  **Noel O’Brien, his parents, Teresa & Pake and his sister, Ita Sloyan.** |

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

*Nigel Mullahy*, New York and Barleyhill, who passed away on Tuesday, January 12th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Monday last.

*Tommy (Tom) Walsh*, Ardacarra and Queen of Peace Nursing Home, Knock, who died on Sunday last, January 17th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Tuesday last.

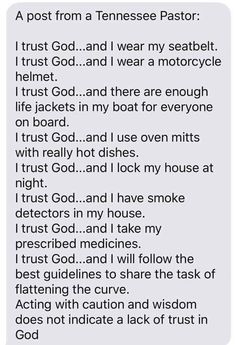
*Sr Emilian Doyle*, St John of God Sisters, Perth, Australia, who died in her 99th year in Perth on Friday, January 15th. She was the sister of the late Betty Mulhern, Lisgorman.

*Raymond Groarke*, Tasmania and formerly of Lisgorman and Kilcock who died in Tasmania on Monday last, January 18th.

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

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 24th:*** Now that so many of us have more time to spare than we may ever have experienced, might you consider making an online retreat? New Pilgrim Path provides links to a rich variety of online opportunities ranging from three days (‘Pilgrimage’ with the Benedictine nuns of Turvey Abbey in Wales) to 35 weeks (the complete spiritual exercises of St Ignatius), and many more in between. Most are self-guided, but some also offer the opportunity for individual spiritual direction. For these, and other wide ranging spiritual resources especially useful in times of pandemic, visit [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)**.**

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** *“The Kingdom of God is at hand.”* Is the Lord calling you to lead others to His Kingdom 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***](mailto:pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org).



***Have You Room in Your Home? Have You Room in Your Heart? Home Sharers Required:*** Would you be interested in sharing your home and supporting a person with additional needs, for a few hours per day, a couple days per month, or long-term. We are looking for single people, couples, married people and/or families to provide short or long-term respite for children or adults. If you are interested please contact Western Care Association, Social Work Dept. on 094 9025133.

***Age Action’s Getting Started KIT:*** Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or ipad. The programme called Getting Started KIT takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information, call 091 527831, e-mail [*gettiingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie*](mailto:gettiingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie) or see the following link: [*https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit*](https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit).

***Free Online Living Well Programme:*** The next programmes commence in *February* on *Thursday 18th*, *Monday 22nd*, and *Tuesday 23rd*, on the zoom platform. Limited places. If you are living with a long term health 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*](mailto: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).

***The Annual General Meeting of Moy Davitts GAA Club*** will be held via Zoom link on Friday, 29th January at 8pm. If you wish to attend this online AGM please forward your email address to [*secretary.moydavitts.mayo@gaa.ie*](mailto:secretary.moydavitts.mayo@gaa.ie)

***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***.

***“Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good”***

***Bishops’ Conference statement***

*The Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.*

*Questions have arisen that human foetal cell-lines, which have their origins in abortions carried out in the past, are used in the development and production of some of the vaccines for COVID-19.*

*If a more ethically acceptable alternative is not readily available to them, it is morally permissible for Catholics to accept a vaccine which involves the use of foetal cell-lines, especially if the potential risk to life or health is significant, as in the case of a pandemic. Refusal to accept a vaccine could contribute to significant loss of life in the community and especially among those who are most vulnerable. This reality must inform any judgement of conscience.*

*We reaffirm the consistent teaching of the Church that abortion is always gravely immoral. The Church has always made a distinction, however, between formal (deliberate) involvement in an immoral act and material involvement, which may be incidental and remote. The decision of those who decide to accept vaccines which have had some link with foetal cell-lines in the past does not imply any consent on their part to abortion.*

*We note that many of the vaccines currently being developed do not depend for their design or production on foetal cell lines. Catholics should continue to advocate for the availability of ethically-developed vaccines. In that way they bear witness that biomedical research should always be conducted in a manner which is consistent with respect for life and for human dignity.*

*Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. The Church, while respecting intellectual property rights, believes that essential medicines, including vaccines, should be made available on the basis of need rather than on the basis of capacity to pay. This position is consistent with the TRIPS agreement of the WTO, which permits national governments to arrange for the manufacture of essential pharmaceuticals, for domestic use and for the use of poorer countries, even without the consent of patent owners.*

***Seven World Wonders***

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

*1. Egypt's Great Pyramids. 2. Taj Mahal. 3.Grand Canyon. 4. Panama Canal. 5. Empire State Building. 6. St. Peter's Basilica. 7. China's Great Wall.*

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

*1. To See. 2. To Hear. 3. To Touch. 4. To Taste. 5. To Feel. 6. To Laugh. 7. And to Love."*

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous!

A gentle reminder: The most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

***Never wrestle with pigs.***

***You both get dirty and the pig likes it!...-*George Bernard Shaw-**