***Offertory Donations:***

Christmas & Sunday 27th:

Total: €2,410.



Thanks for all your generous contributions to both the Offertory and the priest’s Christmas collection.

Late contributions can still be handed in.

***To all who continued to make their contributions through a difficult 2020, mostly in lockdown,***

 ***a very sincere ‘Thank You’.***

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Second Sunday after Christmas – 3rd 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 3rd.** | **10.00am** | **Mary Durkan, Carroward, & her husband, Johnny.** |
| **Wednesday, January 6th.*****(Feast of the Epiphany)*** | **10.00am****6.00 – 8.00pm** | **For all the People.****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, January 8th.** | **8.00pm** | **Shane (John) Giblin, O’Dwyer Cheshire Apartments and Tullinadaly, Tuam, (1st Anniversary).** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **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.**  |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Jack McDonnell*, Toughnane, who died on Monday last, December 28th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Wednesday last. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Tuesday last, December 29th, we were delighted to welcome *Fiadh Annie Gilmore,* Foxford, into God’s family. Congratulations to her parents, Aileen and Cian, her godparents and family and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***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.

***A Word of Thanks from Bohola Parish Pastoral Council:*** “On behalf of the parish community, we would like to express a very sincere “thank you” to all those involved in church liturgies during lockdown and when the church reopened. We especially thank Fr. Stephen for all his work - both practically and spiritually - during a very challenging 2020. It is very much appreciated.” - *Bohola Parish Pastoral Council.* (The last bit is included reluctantly by the Editor!)

***2021 Parish Calendar*** is still available in the church.

***Christmas Prayer Resources:*** Some resources for praying at home during Christmas (up to and including the Feast of the Epiphany on Wednesday next), prepared by dioceses of Clonfert and Elphin, are available on our diocesan website [*https://achonrydiocese.org/godiswithus*](https://achonrydiocese.org/godiswithus). Bishop Paul Dempsey's Christmas Message, - text and video are also posted.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 3rd:*** *“If you want to see, you have to look twice.”* This week marks the great feast of the Epiphany when the three pilgrims from the East found the new born King in the most unlikely of settings. Elizabeth Myer Boulton is a young mother ordained in the American mainstream Protestant tradition. Her thoughts on the Epiphany provide a contemporary and deeply relevant take on this immense encounter. Access this and other rich online spiritual resources at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)**.**

***Coolegrane Christmas Lights Last Few Days:*** Please visit and support the 2020 Coolegrane Christmas lights at Coolegrane, Foxford. This spectacular display runs for a few more days until next Wednesday, January 6th and is a Covid-19 safe experience. This year's proceeds are for the *O'Dwyer Cheshire Home & Mayo Cheshire Transport Fund* towards upgraded accessible transport for the people they support. Coolegrane Lights are signposted from the Foxford /Swinford road near Callow.

***Western Care Association Challenge:*** Western Care Association are going to travel around the globe virtually to raise funds to enhance services throughout the county. We need your help to complete this challenge. We are looking for 150 volunteers to walk, jog or run virtually around the globe in aid of Western Care Association, starting from January 12th until 2nd April 2021.

Contact Michael by emailing ***mflanagan@westerncare.com*** to find out how you can be involved and help Western Care Association travel around the world virtually. Registration for the event is €10 per person. We look forward to hearing from you!

***Bohola Parish Challenge Run Fundraiser:*** Well done to Tom O’Brien who completed the challenge of running through the 30 Townlands of the parish on Thursday last, a distance of 30km in a time of 2 hours and 26 minutes. Thanks is expressed to Tom for his great effort in aid of the Bohola Community Park and to all who made donations. You can still donate on the go fund me page: *https:// gofund.me/8dad5d58* or contact any committee member.

***Free Online Living Well Programme:*** The next programmes commence in *January* on *Thursday 7th, Tuesday 12th, Monday 18th,* and *Wednesday 20th* 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).

***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***.

**The Law of the Garbage Truck**

*One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport.*

*We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"*

*This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."*

*He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.*

*The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.*

*Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets; so…Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!*

*Have a blessed, garbage-free day.*

 *- D.J. Pollay*

***A New Year Prayer***

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

**Wishing everybody a happy, healthy and peaceful 2021**

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with other people.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,

in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our friends, and the fantasies of our children.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the

unknown new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead.

Amen.

**95% of people are stupid. Thank God I’m in the other 10%.**