***Offertory Donations:***

Sunday 5th: €1,085.



Thanks for all your contributions.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th September 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, September 11th.** | **8.00pm Vigil** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Sunday, September 12th.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am*\**** | **For all the People.**  **Mary Burke (née Lyons), Bohola & London (1st Anniversary) & her husband, Peter. Margaret Horan & her son, Brendan Sullivan & deceased family.** |
| **Wednesday, September 15th.** | **10.00am*\****  **7.00 – 9.00pm** | **John McGowan, Bohola.**  **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, September 17th.** | **8.00pm** | **Private Intention.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** | | |
| **Saturday, September 18th.** | **8.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Agnes Walsh & deceased of the Walsh family.**  **Martin McNicholas, Ballyglass & deceased of Brennan & McNicholas families.** |
| **Sunday, September 19th.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am** | **Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore.**  **For all the People.** |
| ***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.*** | | |

***Easing of Restrictions***

*Since last Monday, September 6th, an attendance of 50% of normal capacity can be present at church ceremonies. In practical terms this will make little difference as social distancing of 2 metres still applies. Consequently, none of the seats currently blocked off will be opened up for use. However, it may be possible to allow more than 50 in to the church depending on numbers from the same household occupying individual seats. Wearing of face masks and hand sanitisation are to be observed on an ongoing basis.*

*The Pastoral Council met on last Thursday evening to discuss these matters but more so to consider what will happen when practically all restrictions are lifted on October 22nd. How do we make the church as safe as possible so that people can come to church and feel comfortable? Will stewarding still be necessary? Are changes necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion in a possibly more populated church? Will the same number of weekend Masses be necessary? Should Shraheens Mass Centre re-open for Sunday Mass? While we discussed all these questions, no decisions were taken because* ***we want to hear from you!*** *If you have any thoughts or suggestions in relation to these questions or any other related issue, please make them known to any member of the Pastoral Council before decision-making time at our next meeting on* ***Tuesday, October 5th.***

*It’s great to have a little extra freedom with much more to come but freedom brings with it a responsibility for ourselves and for each other. We all have a part to play in moving on in the safest possible manner. Please God, we will do so.*

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Declan Walsh*, Sligo and formerly of Edgeworthstown, brother of Ms Margaret Fleming, Bohola N.S., who died on Tuesday last, September 7th and whose funeral took place in Sligo on Friday last. May he rest in peace.

***Medjugorje Pilgrimage (40th Anniversary of Apparition):*** Two pilgrimages are scheduled from 22nd to 29th of September and from 29th of September to the 6th of October. Flights from Knock to Mostar (just 20 mins from Medjugorje) are accompanied by a Spiritual Director. The cost is €765 and includes flights, luxury coach transfers, travel insurance, accommodation and meals. Accommodation is 2 minutes from St James Catholic Church. Further details from Anne Keadin on *086-3766293*.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, September 12th:*** *An Ecological Examen …*… Christian churches worldwide are celebrating the Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). The 500-year old Ignatian Examen is a daily prayer of review, used across many Christian denominations. The purpose is to discern the ways in which God has been present to you, the times when the Holy Spirit was drawing you towards life. A special ‘Ecological Examen’ has been developed as a tool for reflection and action to help deepen our call to care for creation and the most vulnerable. This inspiring self-guided resource can be accessed at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path*** will be offered on *Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October*, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option**. Advance booking is essential.** For further information, email [*info@loughderg.org*](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 071-9861518. [*www.loughderg.org*](http://www.loughderg.org/) *Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289.*

***Anam Cara***invites you to join us for an **online** *Bereavement Information and Support Evening* taking place on 16th September at 7pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here [*https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc*](https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc) or contact us on [*info@anamcara.ie*](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or *085-2888888.* Web Address:[*www.anamcara.ie*](http://www.anamcara.ie/)*.*

***Bereavement Support Group- Knock Shrine:*** Life after a family bereavement can feel very lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. A Bereavement Support Group meets every Wednesday at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley at Knock Shrine: *094-9375320*.

***Bohola Post:*** The deadline for submission of material to the 2021 edition of the Bohola Post is Saturday, October 30th. Get your articles and/or pictures in as soon as possible and all contributions are to be sent by email to [*boholapost@gmail.com*](mailto:boholapost@gmail.com). Travel early and avoid the rush!

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations firstly to The Kennedy cousins who won €325 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw on Saturday 28th August. Congrats also to Ann McDonnell on winning €333 last Saturday. A huge thank you to everyone who supports the draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking *https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts*.

***Western Care Association’s Annual Door to Door Collection*** is now taking place during the month of September. To donate, find us on Facebook "Western Care Association" or on *www.idonate.ie/wcadoor* or find the link on our website (*www.westerncare.com*) and make your donation. If you would like to donate in any other way, (Cheque, Postal Order or Bank Transfer) we would be very happy to talk to you. Please contact Teresa Ward on *094-9029174* or *087-2467857* or email: *tward@westerncare.com*. Your support is greatly appreciated.

***Castlebar VTOS (MSLETB) Places Available:*** Students may study for a range of Courses/Awards all certified by QQI Level 5: Apprenticeship Preparation, Culture and Heritage, Hospitality Studies, Business Administration, Language and European Studies, Tourism and Business Studies, (ECDL) (European Computer Driving Licence). Care of the Elderly and Intellectual, Disability. Modules also on offer. Email *pauladonnellan@msletb.ie* for further information.

***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***.

***Faith and Action***

*A good work today involves the world we live in! St James in the reading links faith and action. A good act involves many contexts. In his words on faith in action Pope Francis refers often to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*

*We are people with a love of creation. This week – try this, take a walk and try to experience the world as if you have never seen it before. Look at a forest, first see how green it is and then take time to enjoy all the different shades of green. A walk in a local park or even your garden will be the same. We must build our love of creation to keep us strong in our care for creation. We care for what we love.*

*Fisher folk will tell you about finding fish full of bits of plastic, plastic that can end up in us when we eat the fish! Huge islands of plastic on the surface of the ocean. The mess after gigs, concerts or even a few hours in the park. The earth cries to us for care. Maybe our storms and change of weather can serve as a reminder of our duty of care.*

*Maybe we can use fresh eyes when we look at our care of the poor, the marginalised and those least able to help themselves. Do our attitudes and actions reflect our Christian values? Most of the negatives of climate change effect the very poor with drought and storms and flooding. A water shortage in a poor country can have catastrophic effects.*

*What can I do? Individually we can only do a little but, together, a little means a lot. Recycling? Use of plastic? Waste of food? Some help each week for the poor here or abroad. It is care for creation and the poor – both are a very Christian thing to do.*

*Donal Neary S.J.(Editor Sacred Heart Messenger)*



***In victory, you deserve champagne;***

***In defeat, you need it.***

***- Napoleon Bonaparte -***