***Offertory Donations:***

This Week: €705.



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

Late contributions can still be handed in.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Second Sunday of Easter – 11th April 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, April 11th.** | **10.00am** | **John & Menia Aitken and deceased of McGloin & Aitken families.****Tom Butler, Shraheens.** |
| **Wednesday, April 14th.** | **7.00 – 9.00pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, April 16th.** | **8.00pm** | **For all the People.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Sunday, April 11th.** | **10.00am** | **Tom & Margaret Kenny and deceased of Kenny & Early families. Pat & Mai Kenny and son-in-law, Marty Ansbro.** |

***Sincere Thanks*** to all who helped in the celebration of the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. For the second year in succession we were limited by lockdown restrictions but it was great to have different voices through our many volunteer readers and it is hoped to continue with a reader at the Sunday Mass as we go forward (see note below). ‘Live’ music and singing also made a welcome return through the good offices of Teresa Mulligan who was present at all the ceremonies and we are deeply indebted to her. Thanks also to those behind the camera and we mustn’t forget our combustion engineers (those who lit the Pascal fire!). Once again the Pastoral Council came up trumps by overseeing the overall organisation of the week and ensuring that all help needed was in place for each ceremony. All their work is much appreciated.

Special thanks to Rose Reddington for having the church looking so well as always and to the girls and boys of the Fifth and Sixth classes of Bohola National School who carried out the tedious job of filling all the Holy Water bottles for blessing at the Easter Vigil. Last but not least, thanks to all of you who joined with us either through Facebook (thanks to the Bohola Post) or via the local radio channel. If nobody was watching or listening we wouldn’t have bothered!

Thanks again to one and all and continued Easter blessings to everybody.

***Online Mass Readers:*** Despite lockdown restrictions, it is permissible to have a reader or any other essential helper present at privately celebrated or online liturgies. As was illustrated last week, it is desirable to have a different voice so this is an open invitation to anyone who would like to read at Mass to give your name to any member of the Pastoral Council (which includes the priest!). If there is a sufficient number, a rota can be arranged for the remainder of the lockdown.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:*** Please note that because of the extra hour of brightness in the evenings, the time for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will now run from **7.00 to 9.00pm** on Wednesday evenings.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, April 11th:*** *An Alternative Theology of Atonement*… Amid the joys of Easter, many still struggle with the idea that Jesus had to die for our sins as a sacrifice to appease a wrathful God. Franciscan theology offers an alternative, non-violent, atonement theory which has never been deemed heretical. It is synopsised by Richard Rohr: “This theory says that Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity, He came to change the mind of humanity about God.” Listen to a fascinating interview on this topic with Pat Coyle, Director of Irish Jesuit Communications, at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Trócaire Boxes:*** If you haven’t already done so, please return your Trócaire Box as soon as possible. Money in envelopes can be returned in the same way as offertory envelopes. It is not advisable to leave boxes containing money visible in the church. Thanks to those who have already returned their donations.

***Galilee Spirituality Centre Online: In the Age of the Spirit:*** Four conversations for Eastertide, Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.00pm. For our first evening, April 20th, we welcome very special guest:

*Rev Dr Ruth Patterson, OBE. The Beloved Community – An Endangered Species?* Ruth Patterson is a Presbyterian minister, and since 1988 has been Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Ruth was the first woman to be ordained as a minister in Ireland. She has authored four books and many articles stemming from her commitment to unity and peace. Booking and Zoom link: *info@galilee.ie*. €5. All welcome.

Other guests in the series are Bishop Paul Dempsey on April 27th, Dr Cathriona Russell on May 4th, and on May 11th, Rev Patsy Kelly MSC.





***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** Second Sunday of Easter — April 11, 2021 – Divine Mercy Sunday…. *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you.”* Is Jesus trying to send you to proclaim his truth and peace as a priest, sister or brother? 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***.

***The 2021 Western People Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards Scheme*** is now open for applications. €5,000 in funds is available to support athletes from Co. Mayo. Further details and application forms are available by emailing *martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com*. Closing date for completed application forms is **Next Friday, April 16th.**

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Patricia Burke, Foxford on winning €345 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw on Saturday, 27th March. Congratulations also to Teresa Gril, Bohola on winning €368 in last Saturday's 3rd April draw. Happy spending ladies!!!! A huge ‘thank you’ to everyone for supporting the draw. It is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking [*https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts*](https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts).

***Foxford Leisure Centre:*** We are continuing to operate our weekly ***Zoom Bingo***, which is a service much missed by our customers. All information to be found on Foxford Leisure Centre Facebook page. After almost a year without Bingo we are delighted to be back. Bingo through Zoom each Friday night, eyes down at 7:30pm. €5,000 on offer on the night. Check it out on Facebook.

Also, we are still operating our ***Friend on a Fone Service***, if you know anyone that would like a weekly call just let us know. We all realize how difficult the last year has been on us all but especially those who are living on their own. Please do not hesitate to call us and discuss further contact for yourself or a loved one.

***Armchair Azure Tours in Mayo:*** Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is delighted to announce Armchair Azure, a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. For those living with dementia, the virtual visual art tours are an accessible way of engaging with art online. Tours are one hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer. Contact Katriona Gillespie at Mayo County Council Arts Service at *mayoarts@mayococo.ie* or phone *094-9064666*. We will be happy to answer your questions. Tours will take place at 11am on the following dates: April 19th and 26th, May 04th and 17th and June 07th.



***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).

We are running our Facebook Easter Competition with a prize of a €500 One4All voucher. We hope our competition will give people a bit of excitement as well as raise awareness about our affordable live-in homecare service.

***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***.

***Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service:*** Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on ***094-9005150*** between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email *mayo@locallink.ie*.

***If you are ever in doubt as to whether to kiss a pretty girl,***

 ***always give her the benefit of the doubt!*** *- Thomas Carlyle -* ***.***