

Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th October 2017



Masses for the Week

Saturday, October 7 th .	8.00pm Vigil	Jim Ruane, Carragowan. Lawrence Brennan, Gortnasella.
Sunday, October 8 th .	10.00am Shraheens 11.30am Bohola	Private Intention. For all the People.
No weekday Masses due to church closure.		
Saturday, October 14 th .	8.00pm Vigil	Kathleen & Tommy Deacy, Carragolda.
Sunday, October 15 th .	10.00am Shraheens 11.30am Bohola	Private Intention. For all the People.

Church Progress: Work on the main body of the church is almost complete. Even though many smaller details have to be worked on in the coming weeks, Mass will resume there next Saturday evening, 14th October at 8.00pm. You should see a big difference since Mass was last celebrated there on August 20th. If you don't, you should probably go to Specsavers! Whether or not the difference is good or bad, no doubt people will make up their own minds.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Sheridan Community Centre committee for making this facility readily available for weekend Masses and at other times during the period of church closure. Your help and co-operation is greatly appreciated as is the help of the many who ensured that all was in place for every Mass and tidied up afterwards.

Taaffe Memorial Headstone: During the 150th anniversary celebrations of Bohola church in 2014, it was decided that it would be fitting to have a headstone erected for Philip Taaffe who is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery. Philip Taaffe was the benefactor of the entire building and decoration of the church from 1859 to 1864. The headstone is now nearing completion. When it is completed it is intended to have a blessing at the graveside. It is also hoped to have a tour of Glasnevin Cemetery. We hope a number of people would travel to Dublin for this event and perhaps a bus could be hired for the occasion. There is no definite date as of yet but it will probably be mid to-late November (Saturday, 18th November looks most likely at present). Please get in touch with Fr. Stephen or Caitriona Doyle (087-2369702) if you are interested in traveling.

Pastoral Council: At its meeting on Monday night last the Pastoral Council agreed that the Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 7.00pm when the clocks go back so the first earlier Mass will be on Saturday, November 5th.

The main discussion focused on the fact that priests are an endangered species and the implications this will have for parishes in our diocese. Many of you will be aware that as from September there is no priest in Kilkelly and Swinford has been reduced to one. A few other statistics worth noting: There are 39 priests in the diocese including the bishop. Twenty four are over 60, only one under 40. One priest was ordained in the last 13 years and there is currently no student for priesthood. Twenty five are working in parishes, the remainder have retired or are in non-parish roles. Seven are due to retire in the next nine years. By 2026, assuming we have no unexpected deaths, illness or people leaving ministry, of the twenty five priests currently in Parish Ministry there will be EIGHTEEN left for 23 parishes and 50 Churches, including Mass Centres/Convent.

All of the above has one obvious outcome – things will not remain as they are at present. It is clear that a future plan is urgently required. The upcoming priests' conference in Westport will begin to address the challenges that lie ahead. A preparatory meeting for this conference was held in Tubbercurry a few weeks ago to which representatives of Pastoral Councils were invited. They are also invited to a meeting as part of the Westport conference. We will keep you updated.

The other item on the agenda was the World Meeting of Families to be held in Dublin next August and the possibility of Pope Francis visiting Bohola! See separate note for the diocesan launch in preparation for this major event.

Diocesan Launch of World Meeting of Families Preparation: Families from all the parishes of the diocese are invited to gather in the CBD Sports Hall in Charlestown on Sunday, 12th November from 3pm to 5pm for the diocesan launch of this event. Any families that might be interested in attending should please contact the priest in their parish soon.

Medjugorje Retreat Weekend takes place in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock from Friday evening, 27th October to Sunday afternoon, 29th October. Further information from Bernie at 086-8196653, Teresa at 085-7839388 or Robert at 004478-40341715. Web at www.medjugorjecouncil.ie.

Family Carers Ireland Regional Forum: Are you caring for a loved one? If so, we would be delighted if you could attend our Carers Regional Forum in The McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris on Wednesday November 8th from 10am – 1 30pm. It is a great way to meet other family carers from other parts of Mayo, Galway & Roscommon. This forum will give carers the chance to talk about any issues/concerns they have in their local area. If you're interested please contact Bernadette 086-3775702. Lunch is included so booking essential. There is no charge for this.

Offertory Collection:

Sunday, 1st: €600.

Thanks for all your contributions.



Bohola National School Parents Association have organised a cash 4 clobber clothing bank at the school. All unwanted clothes and textiles accepted. No pillows, duvets or cushions please. This will help fund ongoing projects throughout the school year. All support greatly appreciated.

Moy Davitts 50/50: Congrats to Brendan Darcy Co..Clare and Bohola who won €563 in last week's Draw. The weekly draw continues in Doherty's of Straide on Saturday 7th October and The Riverbank, Foxford on October 14th. Many thanks for your continued support.

Readers:

Shraheens: Caoimhe Horan, October 8th.

Colm Carney, October 15th.

Bohola: Vigil: James Lynskey, October 14th.

11.30am: Alan Regan, October 8th & 15th.

Servers:

Bohola: Siobhán Redmond, Gina McNicholas & Taylor Jordan..

Shraheens: Kelly & Mathieu Gril.

Sewing Classes in Ballyvary: Beginners class will start on Monday, 9th October from 8-10pm for 8 weeks. Patchwork class will start on Wednesday, 11th October for 8 weeks, from 8 to 10pm. Beginners, improvers and advanced all welcome. If you have your own machine bring it along or one can be provided for you. Call / text Aine on 087-1352612 if you need more information or to book your place.

O'Dwyer Arts Centre: Christmas Crochet Workshop starts on Tuesday, 24th October from 11am to 1pm. Adult Art and Print workshops begin on Thursday, 12th October from 11am to 1pm. Contact 087-9049710.

Pottery Workshop takes place on Thursday evenings in O'Dwyer Arts Centre, Lismirrane. For details contact 086-8335085.

Art and Painting Workshops with Aisling Flynn are commencing in O' Dwyer Arts Centre, Lismirrane in October. For further information contact Carol on 087-9049710.

Children's Traditional Music Classes in the O'Dwyer Arts Centre, Lismirrane in October for children aged 5 to 12 years. Contact Carol on 087 9049710.

Career Options, Davitt College: Davitt College, Castlebar in partnership with Mayo County Council, South West Mayo Development Co. Ltd. and North East LEADER Partnership Co. is organising a *Career Options Event* in Davitt College on Saturday, 14th October from 12noon to 4p.m. This event is one of the most comprehensive career planning and Third Level expo's in one single venue in the West of Ireland. Representatives from 35 Third Level, Further Education and Apprenticeship Training Centres will attend the expo. There will also be presentations relating to CAO, SUSI, HEAR, DARE and UCAS along with an esteemed guest speaker, Mr Brian Mooney, Career Guidance Columnist with the *Irish Times*. All senior cycle students in TY, 5th and 6th Year and their parents are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Westport College of Further Education is enrolling for Autumn Night Classes which start on the week of Monday, October 9th. Information and enrolling for all our night classes is on www.westportcfe.ie - Apply on line. Some places still available.

Strengthen Your Skills for Gaining Employment: Join our Computer Studies & Office Skills course. QQI Levels 4/5 accredited. If you or someone you know has an additional support need and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you are entitled to free upskilling. Small classes with continuous intake and individually tailored for your needs. Call in to the Centre at any time or ring for a chat to discuss your options. Transport may also be available. Contact: Castlebar@nln.ie; (094) 9022770; NLN, Breaffy Road, Castlebar.

Adult Education at St Attracta's Community School, Tubbercurry: Free Computer classes for *beginners* will be held every Tuesday evening for 5 weeks from Tuesday, October 10th until November 14th from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Ring 071-9120814 or email mroddy@stattractas.ie for details.

Self Care to Wellness Programme: If you are living with a long term health condition you may be interested in doing this 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. It will commence on Tuesday, 17th October in Castlebar in the Mosaic Centre (Building opposite Shaws) from 10.30 am to 1pm. **You must register in advance as places are limited to 15 participants.** Cost of programme is €20 to cover registration and manual. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Jackie Lynott on 087-7185615/ 094 -9034980 or email: selfcaretowellness@mayocil.ie for more information.

Fr Michael Gaitley in Knock: He is an American priest of the Marian Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception. He has developed a new, highly accessible and contemporary formula for consecration to Our Lady. He and the Irish team are hoping to have as many people as possible in Ireland do a personal consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary beginning on the 5th November and finishing on the 8th December. Fr Michael will be engaging in a countrywide tour to promote the consecration and will be in Knock Basilica on the 9th October at 7pm. This is a free event where the people can hear directly from Fr Michael as he explains how this renewed call for Marian consecration has changed not only his life, but the lives of millions of Catholics across the world. His talks will be followed by solemn benediction. You are invited to attend.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week: Mary's life shows us how to live in relationship with God, how to be open to God's will, and how to respond to God. In her great prayer, the *Magnificat*, she sums up the hopes of generations of prophets and patriarchs; she speaks prophetically about the Kingdom of God. *Living the Magnificat* is an online audio retreat which aims at helping make her prophetic words part of your daily life. Listen on www.NewPilgrimPath.ie.

The inventor of predictive text has died. May he rest in peace!