**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th July 2020**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, July 25th.** | **8.00pm** | **Tom & Mary Mulligan & deceased of Mulligan & Corcoran families.****Noreen Moore, Clooneen & deceased of O’Brien & Moore families.** |
| **Sunday, July 26th.** | **9.30am****11.30am** | **Special Intention. (*Live Streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page).*****For all the People.** |
| **Wednesday, July 29th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Friday, July 31st.** | **8.00pm** | **Private Intention.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Saturday, August 1st.** | **8.00pm** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Sunday, August 2nd.** | **9.30am****11.30am** | **For all the People. (*Live Streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page).*****Private Intention.** |
| ***From Sunday, July 26th, the 9.30am Sunday Mass will be Live Streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page.*** |

***Tentative Steps!***

*On Tuesday last, the church was opened up again for public worship. To those who were in attendance at the weekday Masses, it was great to see you and this weekend we welcome back those who are returning for the first time since early March.*

*Given the restrictions and understandable caution and fear around COVID-19, it is difficult to assess the level of demand for public Masses at this stage. For the time being there will be two public weekday Masses, the rest being celebrated in private. This would appear to meet the current demand and will also reduce the need for cleaning. However, there is no problem increasing this number if the need arises. Please let us know your thoughts in this regard by contacting the P.P. or any member of the Pastoral Council.*

*The guidelines for returning to Mass are again printed on the opposite page with a few additions to last week’s newsletter. A copy of these guidelines is also on the noticeboard in the church porch. Thanks to our stewards for ensuring that all runs smoothly and to those attending for your understanding, patience and co-operation. As time goes on we hope you will feel more confident and secure in a safe return to church.*

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Michael J. Conlon*, Latton, Co Monaghan, who passed away on Tuesday last, 21st July, and whose funeral took place in Latton on Friday. He was brother of Jimmy and uncle of Gerry, Toughnane. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Jack Quinn*, Crillaune, Ross, Castlebar who died on Monday, 13th July and whose funeral took place in Castlebar on July 16th. He was brother-in-law of Tommy Howley, Carracastle. May he rest in peace.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, July 26th:*** Episcopal priest, writer, and internationally known retreat leader, Dr Cynthia Bourgeault is a core faculty member at the ecumenical Centre for Action and Contemplation alongside fellow teachers and colleagues, Fr Richard Rohr and James Finley. She describes the ‘Welcoming Practice’ as a vibrant, energetic, embodied witnessing practice, and an essential tool for inner transformation – a powerful “companion piece for turning daily life into a virtually limitless field for inner awakening.” Using it can help move us through challenging or painful experiences, times of disturbed emotion or anguish, and even moments where unhelpful control tendencies and self-inflation takes us over. Access this valuable spiritual resource at: [*www.newpilgrimpath.ie*](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/).

***The AGM of Bohola Community Park*** will take place on Sunday, 16th August at 7pm in The Community Centre, Bohola. Due to social distancing guidelines, all attendees will have to adhere to the regulations. Therefore, entry will be on a first come, first served basis. Seated attendance only. No standing. There will also be a one way system in operation. Entry will be through the main front door. New volunteers always welcome.

***Moy Davitts 50/50:*** Congratulations to Adam Conlon, Bohola, on winning €575 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking [*http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50*](http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50). It might be you !!!

Guidelines for Returning to Mass

***Before You Arrive***

* Where possible, check your temperature. If you have a high temperature, please do not come to Mass.
* If you feel any way unwell, please stay at home. Mass will continue to be live streamed on Sunday mornings.
* Consider coming to a weekday Mass instead of Sunday. The Sunday obligation remains suspended.
* If you are medically vulnerable, use your own good judgement to decide when it is best to return to Mass.
* The advice is to bring a face covering/mask to wear during Mass.
* Please come to church in good time so that long queues at the last minute can be avoided.

***When You Arrive***

* Please observe physical distancing of 2 meters at all times both inside and outside the church.
* Queuing may be necessary. Follow the directions of the stewards and they will show you to your seat. It will not be possible for people to choose their own seat.
* Entrance is by the back door only.
* Sanitise your hands on entering the church.
* Because of physical distancing, only 24 pews will be in use. People from the same household can sit together. Maximum capacity is 50 people.
* Offerings/offertory envelopes can be placed in designated boxes behind the back seat and middle seats.

***During Mass***

* Practice good cough and sneeze etiquette at all times (into sleeve or tissue).
* Toilets will remain locked. Should you need to use the toilet, contact the stewards who will have a key.
* No physical Sign of Peace to be exchanged during Mass.
* In order to minimise movement and maintain physical distancing, Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.
* Leave your seat only when directed by the stewards. Leave nothing behind on your seat. Newsletters, tissues etc. to be taken home.
* Maintain the 2 meter physical distance in the Communion line.
* Communion to be received on the hand only. No Communion on the tongue.
* Stewards will then direct you to the nearest exit door.
* Please sanitise your hands on the way out.

***After Mass***

* Do not congregate outside the church doors.
* In the event of an overflow because of the limited capacity, you will be able to listen to Mass via the external speakers and will be invited by the stewards to enter the church to receive Communion. Parking near the speakers will be reserved for those who may have to remain outside.

*A short video on what will happen when we return to church is available to watch on* [*www.achonrydiocese.org/return*](http://www.achonrydiocese.org/return)*toworshipinfo. All parishioners are encouraged to watch this video.*

*Should you become ill in church, you should have arrangements in place to go home immediately and contact your GP. If it is not possible to get home immediately, get the attention of one of the stewards who will take you to the* ***Isolation Area which is the Blessed Sacrament chapel*** *on the rear left hand side of the church.*

***The parish takes all appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities. These precautions reduce the risk of infection but do not eliminate that risk. Therefore, parishioners and visitors should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space.***



*Never in my whole life would I imagine that*

*my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!*