

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th January 2023

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 14 th .	11.00am* 12 noon Straide 7.00pm Straide	Julia Mulderrig, Altbawn (Month's Mind). Fr. John Smyth, Straide (Month's Mind). Marie McDonnell, Castlebar (4th Anniversary).
Sunday, January 15 th .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am* <i>Bohola</i> 12.30pm*	Kieran Mullaney & his father Jimmy, Boleyard and deceased of Brennan & Mullaney families. Joe Mullaney, Toughnane (1 st Anniversary). Funeral Mass of Charlie Brett, Treenabontry.
No weekday Mass until Wednesday 25th as Fr O'Mahony will be away.		
Wednesday, January 18 th .	10.30 – 11.30am 7.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday, January 21 st .	7.00pm Straide	Private Intention.
Sunday, January 22 nd .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am* <i>Bohola</i>	Fr. Billy Hughes & deceased of Hughes family. Kathleen & Bernard Molloy, their son, Frank & deceased of Molloy & Moran families. Eileen Tierney, Ardgullen (13 th Anniversary), her husband, James & Tommy Quinn.
The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend. Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above) All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel. All Straide Masses can be seen live on www.straideparish.com or www.churchtv.ie/straide.		

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Charlie Brett, Treenabontry, who died on Thursday last, January 12th. His remains will arrive at Bohola church at 6.00pm this Saturday evening and his funeral Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at 12.30pm with burial afterwards in St. Joseph's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Please also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Brendan Dullaughan, Dundalk, who died on Friday, January, 6th and whose funeral took place in Dundalk on Tuesday last. He was the uncle of Sarah Canning, Ballylahan. May he rest in peace.

Straide Parish Pastoral Council

The list of names of those who were nominated to serve on the Straide Pastoral Council is posted at the back of the church. Ten people on the list have withdrawn their names – they hadn't been asked to allow their names go forward by those who nominated them. We ask that those remaining on the list would confirm their intentions one way or the other. We can then proceed to form the PPC should there be sufficient numbers.

Please note that the Constitution for Pastoral Councils states that **"in order to ensure the effective working of the PPC, membership of the Council should consist of between 8 and 15 people"** and **"only one member of a family can be elected"**.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 15th: *Thomas Merton's Prayer* James Finley lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where the world-renowned monk and author, Thomas Merton, was his spiritual director. In a 12-minute talk, Dr Finley provides a superb commentary on the following famous prayer by Thomas Merton:

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Listen to the talk at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Study Theology, is this for You? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before Wednesday, February 8th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com.



7th/8th:

Bohola:

€635.

Straide:

Envelopes - €210.

Loose - €78.60.

Restoration - €40.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today John identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". This is a very different sort of leader than people were expecting. Not a great king but a sacrificial lamb. The one who would put his people before everything even his own life. He is baptised by John with water as a sign of his humanity. John testifies to Jesus' power to baptise with the Holy Spirit as a sign of his divinity. True God and True Man. The servant of both.

The Greek word for sin used in the New Testament is hamartia. It is a technical term from archery meaning to miss the mark. In this sense it can cover both wilful wrongdoing and the occasional shortcomings we are all guilty of: the failure to love each other as we should and to accord every life the dignity and respect it deserves.

As always, for Christians following the path of Jesus, the path of hope and redemption, has its challenges. Are we "lambs of God" who will put others first? Do we strive to see the dignity in other people? To raise them up? Do we welcome the displaced and offer comfort to the marginalised?

This week, maybe think about the times we fell short or were wide of the mark. Take the time to forgive someone who hurt us and to seek forgiveness from someone we have hurt.

Bohola National School Enrolment: Bohola National School is currently accepting applications for enrolment in September 2023. For application forms please email boholaschool@gmail.com or call [094-9384271](tel:094-9384271). Please note: children must be 4 years of age by April 1st, 2023.

Missing an iPhone? An iPhone was left on the altar of Bohola church on Sunday, January 1st, presumably found in the church that day. If you are the owner or know who it might be, please get in touch.

Karate Classes begin in the Sheridan Memorial Community Center, Bohola on Wednesday 18th January from 7.00 to 8.00pm. Children from 5 upwards to Teens and Adults will be enrolled. Avail of a FREE TRIAL Class on our opening night in Bohola. Karate Classes also available in Foxford Leisure Centre on Tuesday evenings 6pm to 7pm and 7pm to 8pm. For more information contact the coach, Aaron McLoughlin at [086-0657738](tel:086-0657738).

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Pat & Martha Guiry who won a jackpot of €415 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. 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 <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>.

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 24th January at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or [085-2888888](tel:085-2888888) for any queries. For more information see anamcara.ie.

Award winning, Claremorris Musical Society proudly presents its 16th annual production - "9 to 5 The Musical" from Wednesday, February 1st to Sunday, February 5th at 8pm nightly in Claremorris Townhall Theatre. Tickets on sale now and available at www.townhall.ie or by calling the Townhall on [094-9310999](tel:094-9310999).

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust: A church gate collection for The Irish Pilgrimage Trust will take place next weekend 21st / 22nd of January. The pilgrimage takes 10 young people with varying degrees of disabilities to Lourdes at Easter for one week. This is the first pilgrimage since 2019 and your support would be greatly appreciated.

North West STOP offers a **free counselling** service with no waiting lists. Call or text [086-7772009](tel:086-7772009) to arrange an appointment.

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call [094-9038407](tel:094-9038407).

HOW TO BE MISERABLE

See yourself as the centre of the universe. Focus attention on yourself. Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use "I" and "me" as often as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious. Be jealous and envious. Be sensitive to slights. Never forgive a criticism. Trust nobody but yourself. Demand agreement with your own views on everything. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favours shown them. Never forget a service you have rendered someone. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others.

(Author unknown)

Politically Correct:

A term used for whiney, over-sensitive pansies who need everything sugar-coated for them.