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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st January 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, January 31st.** | **10.00am** | **Mike & Helen McNicholas & dec’d McNicholas & Corcoran families.****Noel O’Brien, his parents, Teresa & Pake and his sister, Ita Sloyan.** |
| **Monday, February 1st.** | **10.00am** | **Feast of St Brigid.** |
| **Tuesday, February 2nd.** | **8.00pm** | **The Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas Day)** |
| **Wednesday, February 3rd.** | **10.00am****6.00 – 8.00pm** | Feast of St Blaise.Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer). |
| ***Due to Covid-19 restrictions Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Sunday, February 7th.** | **10.00am** | **For all the People.** |

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

*Delia Rice (née Stephens)*, Islandeady, mother of Tina Galligan, who passed away on Thursday last, January 28th and whose funeral takes place in Islandeady at 12 noon today, Sunday 31st.

*Teresa Casey (née McNicholas)*, who died during the week in Wigan. She was the daughter of the late Richard McNicholas, formerly of Treenduff.

*Bridget (Breda) McGowan (née Condon)*, late of Elstree, Hertfordshire, England, who died on January 10th and whose funeral takes place in Stanmore, Middlesex with burial in Elstree on Tuesday next, February 2nd. She was the wife of the late John McGowan, formerly of Kinaffe.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

***Feast of St Brigid*** is tomorrow, Monday, February 1st and Mass will be live-streamed at *10.00am*. St Brigid’s Crosses can be left in the church today or any time before Mass tomorrow for blessing. Please attach your name so that you can collect them later in the church if you so wish.

***Feast of The Presentation of the Lord*** is on Tuesday and Mass will be live-streamed at *8.00pm*. This day is also known as *Candlemas Day* when traditionally, candles are blessed. If anyone wishes to have candles blessed, just follow the same procedure as for St Brigid’s Crosses – leave them in the church beforehand with name attached and they can be collected anytime afterwards (a sort of ecclesial click and collect!).

***Feast of St Blaise*** is on Wednesday and Mass will be live-streamed at *10.00am*. St Blaise is associated with the blessing of throats but for obvious health and safety reasons that will not be possible this year. However, the *“Prayer of Blessing of Throats”* will be said towards the end of Mass.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 31st:*** “Alone Together” is a website offering online resources to help people live through the coronavirus pandemic. The special quality of these resources is that they don't come from theories; they all come from those with experience of social distancing or isolation, people who have lived this reality - either intentionally, like monks and nuns - or against their will, like hostages or the housebound.

The resources include three films to help with ‘Shaping the Day’; ‘Isolated’ – lived experiences of isolation and distancing; helpful reflections from the “Alone Together” community; and ‘How to’ – simple guidance from a range of isolation experts. This hugely valuable website is introduced by Dom Christopher Jamison OSB, a Benedictine monk who became well-known through the BBC TV series The Monastery.

For these, and other wide ranging spiritual resources especially useful in times of pandemic, visit [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:***ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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***.



***Age Action’s Getting Started KIT:*** Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or ipad. The programme, called Getting Started KIT, takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information, call 091 527831, e-mail *gettiingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie* or see the following link: [*https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit*](https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit).

***Online Donations to the Parish:*** Many thanks to parishioners who have been dropping in their envelopes for the weekly offertory and other collections. Your continuing generosity in these difficult times is greatly appreciated.

It is now possible to make a contribution to the weekly offertory collection or other collections online should you wish to do so through the diocesan website *www.achonrydiocese.org.* On logging into the website, simply click the link to online donations and how to make a donation is explained there. You will be asked to select an amount you wish to donate, whether this is a one off donation or one that you wish to repeat at an interval you select. You will select your parish and enter your details including Name, Email and Envelope Number if you have one and supply your credit card details. The site is secure and your credit card details are not retained or known to the parish or diocese. If you include your email address, a receipt will be emailed to you to confirm your contribution and to keep for your own records. Your donation will be forwarded directly to our parish account. If you are interested in this method of payment, take a look at the website and see what you think.

***Balla Secondary School Enrolment:*** Application Forms for entry into First Year are available to download from the Enrolment 2021 section of the school website, *www.ballasecondaryschool.com* and the Virtual Open Night video will be available to view from 7pm on Tuesday, 2nd February.

***Have You Room in Your Home? Have You Room in Your Heart? Home Sharers Required:*** Would you be interested in sharing your home and supporting a person with additional needs, for a few hours per day, a couple days per month, or long-term. We are looking for single people, couples, married people and/or families to provide short or long-term respite for children or adults. If you are interested please contact Western Care Association, Social Work Dept. on 094 9025133.

***Free Online Living Well Programme:*** The next programmes commence in *February* on *Thursday 18th*, *Monday 22nd*, and *Tuesday 23rd*, on the zoom platform. Limited places. If you are living with a long term health condition, you may be interested in doing the ‘Living Well Programme’. This is a 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. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on *087-3490393* or by email at *liam.gildea@mayocil.ie*. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: [*www.hse.ie/livingwell*](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

***Knock Shrine Online Faith Discussions During Lent:*** Ash Wednesday falls on 17th February and heralds the beginning of Lent 2021. This year Knock Shrine will host a new series of online discussions to help engage Christians during Lent, under the title *'Living Christian Faith - Lenten Conversations'*. What nurtures our faith and what challenges it today? Where do we find hope and joy in our lives? How can our faith build mental strength, wellbeing and resilience? How has the Covid pandemic impacted upon our faith? These are just some of the questions that will be explored over the 6 weeks of Lent. Faith Renewal at Knock Shrine is all about reaching out to people. This will open a conversation on contemporary issues of faith and church life.

Chaired by Father Eamonn Conway DD, Priest in Tuam diocese and Professor of Theology at Mary Immaculate College, the conversations will explore a different theme each week and guest speakers will discuss some of the important questions we all face in living out our faith.

The discussions will be streamed online via the Knock Shrine website offering people from all over the world the opportunity to engage in relevant topics and to hear from a range of people, from those in public life such as Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Senator Ronan Mullen to groups of young teachers and members of the clergy.

The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at [*www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live*](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on *Facebook @knockshrine*. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

***Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity*** begins on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. The idea is simple - a continuous Rosary will be offered up every minute of every day for PEACE and CHARITY in Ireland. There needs to be a minimum of 2 parishioners per parish, one with surname beginning A-L and one with surname M-Z, who will pray the Rosary, at a set time, twelve times per year. It is however hoped that many families from each parish will be involved.

Every parish in Ireland has a date and time allocated to it, the same for every year. Bohola’s date is the 1st of every month and you can check out the specific times at [*http://www.continuousrosary.com/*](http://www.continuousrosary.com/). It would be appreciated if you could get family and friends overseas involved.

For those of you who may like to pray the Rosary every day, and promote it to others, please visit [*www.1in10rosary.ie*](http://www.1in10rosary.ie), an initiative under the spiritual leadership of Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland.

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** *“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”* Open your heart to the possibility that Christ is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.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***.

***I’m so old that….***

*I have dialled a rotary phone (that didn’t have an answering machine), recorded a song that I love off a transistor radio onto a tape recorder, watched a black and white TV (with less than 10 channels) that had foil on the rabbit ears antennae, taken a long walk without counting the steps and eaten food that I didn’t take pictures of!*

*A butcher backed into the bacon slicer and got a little behind in his orders!*