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**Fifth Sunday of Lent – 21st March 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, March 21st.** | **10.00am** | **Michael & Kathleen Malee, their daughter Mary, son Joe, and Kate Moran.**  **Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntleva, & deceased of McNicholas & Mullaney families.** |
| **Wednesday, March 24th.** | **6.00 – 8.00pm** | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer). |
| **Thursday, March 25th.** | **10.00am** | For all the People. (Feast of the Annunciation) |
| *Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.* | | |
| **Sunday, March 28th.** | **10.00am** | **For all the People.** |

***Canon Michael Joyce (1939-2021)***

*It was with great sadness and surprise that we learned of the death of Canon Michael Joyce on Monday evening last, March 15th.*

*His priestly journey of almost 56 years took him from St Patrick’s College, Swinford to St Nathy’s College, Ballaghaderreen and on to the parishes of Curry, Swinford and Bohola before returning to Swinford to spend his retirement. Over those years he will have touched the lives of thousands of people in his various roles as teacher, football and basketball coach, priest, pastor and spiritual guide but predominantly as a kind and caring friend.*

*Locally, he will be best remembered for his years here as parish priest from 2009 to 2014 when he fully immersed himself in the life of the parish and contributed greatly to local committees – the Cemetery Committee, Bohola Post, The Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards and of course the Parish Council which oversaw the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the church in Bohola in 2014. Even after his retirement he remained involved as one of the adjudicators of the Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards and as a member of the committee that organised the erection of a headstone on the grave of the church’s great benefactor, Philip Taaffe in Glasnevin Cemetery in 2017. But it is his kindness and compassion for people that will be especially remembered, particularly in times of illness and bereavement when he provided great support to families. He also had a special affinity for the elderly and enjoyed his many visits to them in their homes, hospital or nursing home as the occasion demanded.*

*The high esteem in which Canon Michael was held in Bohola was evident from the large number of people that turned out to line the road on Thursday as his remains passed through the village on the journey to his funeral Mass and final resting place in Swinford. May he rest peacefully and be rewarded for his lifetime of dedication and goodness.*

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Joe Malee*, Moycullen, Galway, formerly of Carracastle, who died on Thursday last, March 18th and whose funeral took place in Moycullen yesterday, Saturday. He was the brother of Willie, Kathleen, Teresa, Dymphna and the late Mary. May he rest in peace.

Once again we pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Canon Michael Joyce*, Swinford and former PP of Bohola, who died on Monday last, March 15th and whose funeral took place in Swinford on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, March 21st:*** *Recognising our Biases….*Self-awareness is a requirement in order to see differently. In a series of five short reflections entitled “Learning How to See”, Richard Rohr identifies 13 different types of bias which we can possess without knowing it.He begins with ‘confirmation bias’, in which “we judge new ideas based on the ease with which they fit in with and confirm the only standard we have: old ideas, old information, and trusted authorities.” As a result, we tend to exclude anything that “doesn’tfit”. Another bias is ‘complexity bias’ in which “our brains prefer a simple falsehood to a complex truth”. Yet another is‘contact bias’, wherein “a lack of personal and ongoing contact with people who are different from us causes us to fail to see them for who they truly are”. *T*he reflections conclude with an exercise developed by Anthony de Mello to expand our self-awareness and to support our ability to see in a new way. Access these challenging reflections at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Praying at Home During Lent:*** The dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert have prepared some online resources for praying at home during Lent. They are available on our diocesan site *https://achonrydiocese.org/lent2021/*.

***The Parish Pastoral Council*** will meet virtually on Tuesday night next at 9.00pm. All members are asked to check their email for the relevant link to the meeting. We will be discussing how we might best celebrate the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies given the confined circumstances in which we find ourselves. It is clear at this stage that churches will remain closed for public worship until sometime after Easter but for the ceremonies a minimum number of readers, a cantor and other necessary help are allowed. Anyone wishing to volunteer for any of these roles is asked to give your name to any member of the Pastoral Council.

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** Fifth Sunday of Lent 21st March 2021*…“I am the resurrection and the life…whoever believes in Me will have eternal life.”* Do you feel called to nourish others in their faith in Christ, as priest, deacon or in consecrated life? The gift of a vocation is discerned through prayer and grace. 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***](mailto:pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org).

***Virtual “Come, Zoom & See” 23rd March:*** *Is God Calling You to be a Priest?*Perhaps you’re longing for something more in your life? Perhaps God is calling you to live your life as a diocesan priest? Perhaps you are uncertain, but would like to learn more?Just as Jesus invited his followers to “come and see,” you are invited to a short virtual “zoom and see” on Tuesday**,** 23rd March at 7:30pm.The 90 minute zoom will provide you with an opportunity to hear priests and seminarians share about how they heard their call, how they discerned what God was asking of them and what is involved being a priest and of seminary formation. To register, go to *vocations.ie* or for further information, email: *info@vocations.ie*.

***Lenten Reflection (Harp, Voice and Violin):*** Vox Hiberniae, are a group of musicians from parishes in the Dublin diocese and have prepared the following reflection in conjunction with the Avila Carmelite Centre in Donnybrook. "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" reflects in Word and in song on the Passion of Jesus. It can be viewed from the following link - [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90).

***Living with Addiction in the Family*** with Mick Devine, March 27th, 10.00-12.30 (via Zoom). This workshop will offer positive tools for managing addiction in the family so that all family members can work towards greater wellbeing. Cost €10 or €20 per family. Register and link: [*info@galilee.ie*](mailto:info@galilee.ie). All Welcome

***Galilee Spirituality Centre - Hope Springs… Spirituality for Lent, 2021:*** Three Tuesdays (March 9th, 16th & 23rd), 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom €5/evening. All Welcome.Booking and link: info@galilee.ie.

**March 23rd, Ms Niamh Morris -** *Hope will keep us afloat: Finding what gives you a lift in stormy seas*. Niamh Morris is a Parish Pastoral Worker of the Dublin Diocese, serving in Brackenstown Parish in North Dublin. She has experience in faith development with children, young people and adults and is passionate about accompanying people on their journey of faith.

***Knock Shrine Online During Lent:*** *'Living Christian Faith - Lenten Conversations'*. The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. The next talk on Thursday, 25th March, *'Studying Christian Faith'***.** Máire McDonald is Vice Principal of a busy secondary school in Dublin. Judith King is an internationally recognised psychotherapist and Margaret Naughton is a busy hospital chaplain. Yet they have all found time to fulfil their passion of doing a PhD in theological studies. They share with us how their theological studies enriches their faith and their work. Join us at [*www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live*](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on *Facebook @knockshrine*.

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is currently accepting applications for 2021/2022. Please email the school at *boholaschool@gmail.com* for an application form or telephone *094-9384271*.

***Moy Davitts Registration:*** Moy Davitts GAA club, like every other sporting club in the country, is anxiously waiting for news of when our members young and old can get back on to our playing pitches. In the meantime Croke Park requires that all our members are registered before March 31st. With this in mind, along with the problem of not being able to register in our usual face to face way, we are asking all parents to please register online. This can be done by logging into *https:/returntoplay.gaa.ie* that you used last season or alternatively contact Gayle on *086-3779953*.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** We are delighted to be able to resume our 50/50 draw, with the first draw on Saturday, 20th March. Tickets can be purchased online at *smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts* but also in the usual outlets in Foxford and Clarke's Bohola. Thanks to everyone for your continued support during these tough times, it is truly appreciated. Best of luck!

***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*](mailto:martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com). Closing date for completed application forms is **April 16th.**

***Migraine Association Talk for Mayo and Roscommon:*** The Migraine Association of Ireland is delighted to announce a talk with Prof. Stewart Tepper, world renowned neurologist and headache expert. Dr. Tepper will look at the science behind neuromodulation, explore some of the medical devices that are available and look at how migraineurs might benefit from neuromodulation. The event will take place on Thursday, March 25th at 7 pm. Free places can be booked via the following link. *Understanding My Migraine - Episode 5: Neuromodulation Tickets, Thu 25 Mar 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite.*

***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***.

*People are usually shocked when they find out I’m not a very good electrician!*