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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd January 2022**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, January 22nd.** | **7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Eileen & James Tierney, Ardgullen & Tommy Quinn.** |
| **Sunday, January 23rd.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am*\**** | For all the People. **Shane (John) Giblin, O’Dwyer Cheshire Home & Tullinadaly, Tuam.** |
| **Monday, January 24th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, January 25th.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Wednesday, January 26th.** | **10.00am**  **6.00 – 8.00pm** | **Private Intention. (*Adoration follows until 11.30am)***  **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Thursday, January 27th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Friday, January 28th.** | **8.00pm** | **Tom McGowan, Knockranny.** |
| **Saturday, January 29th.** | **7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Mike & Helen McNicholas & dec’d McNicholas & Corcoran families.** |
| **Sunday, January 30th.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am*\**** | **Noel O’Brien, his sister Ita Sloyan and their parents, Pake & Teresa.**  **Frances Mc Greal (née Duffy), Kiltimagh and Toughnane, (Month’s Mind).** |
| ***The 9.30am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every Sunday.***  ***Any other Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with \* above)***  ***All Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.*** | | |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Joe Mullaney*, Toughnane, who died on Friday, January 14th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Sunday last. May he rest in peace.



***Sunday of the Word of God:*** In his Apostolic Letter of 30th September 2019, Aperuit illis, Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God.

*What is the Word of God?* We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God’s love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

*The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures:* The Holy Spirit was at work in the whole process of the formation of the Scriptures. This is why, even though many people across different times and places contributed to the writing, we believe that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. But the Holy Spirit’s work does not come to an end with the writing of the text. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us by virtue of our baptism, is also at work in us as we listen to the text. Therefore, through the Spirit’s inspiration, the words of Scripture can become a living Word of the Lord to us here and now.

***Calling All Readers!*** We hope to get a proper rota of Readers (Ministers of the Word) up and running (reading!) again in the near future. We ask all those on the original rota to let us know whether or not you wish to be included in the new rota and additional Readers will be most welcome. Please contact Fr O’Mahony or any member of the Pastoral Council.

In the meantime, a sincere word of thanks to the small cohort of Readers who kept this important ministry alive over the past months and usually at very short notice.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 23rd:*** *Mental Health Exercises …*… In the northern hemisphere, this time of year can be dark in every sense. The Jesuits in Britain, creators of the wonderful Pray As You Go website, have devised seven mental health audio exercises designed to encourage, in God’s presence, prayerful awareness of any feelings of unease or distress. These short exercises last no more than eight minutes. They address addiction, aging, anxiety, depression, grief, insomnia and loneliness. It is hoped that they will be helpful for anyone who might be struggling at the moment. To access these and other rich online spiritual resources, visit: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Catholic Schools Week 2022*** is celebrated this coming week on the theme ‘Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full’. The theme was chosen to reflect the gradual opening of society after the pandemic and the increased opportunities to engage again in all the activities that are integral to the full development of pupils in schools.

It is a wonderful faith-inspired opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by the stakeholders in the Catholic school community - students, parents, grandparents, teachers, special need assistants; classroom assistants, all school employees - to the good of society. We especially acknowledge and thank all in Bohola NS for their continued great work in this regard.

“In Achonry Diocese there is a strong tradition of Catholic education. We are very fortunate to have such committed Principals, teachers, staff, and Diocesan support persons who continue to pass on the faith in these changed and changing times. Despite increased secularisation, so evident in our society, the passing on of a healthy faith to our children remains a critical challenge to all of us who are committed to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. The current debate around education is healthy as it has encouraged us to reflect further on the meaning and outlook of Catholic education today. It is also important to emphasise that our Catholic Schools welcome children of other faiths and none. Our schools are welcoming communities precisely because they are Catholic.

As we embark upon this special week let us be inspired by Pope Francis when he told us, “*No one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life. An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.”* (Evangelii Gaudium # 183).

As we celebrate *Living Life to the Full* in our Catholic Schools this week may we be inspired to change the world by promoting and living Gospel values!” (+Paul Dempsey, Bishop of Achonry).

***A Pastoral Council Meeting*** will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday evening next, January 27th at 8.30pm. All members are asked to attend.

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is now accepting applications for 2022-2023. Application forms are available from the school by ringing *094-9384271* or by emailing [*boholaschool@gmail.com*](mailto:boholaschool@gmail.com).

It was hoped to hold an Open Enrolment Evening on the 20th of January but this has had to be deferred due to the high numbers in the current pandemic. We hope to reschedule it when restrictions allow. Should anyone wish to have a look at the fantastic facilities the school has to offer, please ring the Principal, Teresa Mulligan and she will arrange a time to show you around.

***Balla Secondary School Enrolment:*** A virtual Open Night will take place on Tuesday, 25th January at 7.00pm. Please email [***opennight@ballasecschool.com***](mailto:opennight@ballasecschool.com) to register for the event. Application forms for admission to First Year are available to download from the Enrolment section of the school website [***www.ballasecondaryschool.com***](http://www.ballasecondaryschool.com/).

***St. Nathy’s Class of 1981:*** St Nathy’s College Leaving Cert Class of 1981 is hoping to have a class reunion in August. A call out to anyone who entered St Nathy’s in September 1976 or perhaps joined/left the class that would have sat the Leaving Cert in 1981 to get in contact and say “An Seo”!! Call or text Marty Groarke on *(087) 635 0034*.

***Anam Cara Mayo***, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 25th January at 7:20pm in the TF 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. Please contact us on [*info@anamcara.ie*](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or *085-2888888* for any queries. For more information see [*anamcara.ie*](http://anamcara.ie/).

***The Colm Horkan Memorial Run 2022:*** Walkers and runners invited to participate on the day or virtually in the Colm Horkan Memorial Run 2022. The run, which takes place on February 12th from 9.30am, will be a mix of a physical run in Charlestown and a virtual run for people unable to make it on the day. As in 2021 you can choose to run, jog, cycle or walk 5km, 10km or do a half-marathon and participants can take part anywhere in the world at your own pace and distance. The 5km route in Charlestown is suitable for families and casual walkers. Entry is now open and you can register to take part either virtually or physically by visiting[*https://www.popupraces.ie/race/colm-horkan-memorial-run-2022/*](https://www.popupraces.ie/race/colm-horkan-memorial-run-2022/)*.*

Funds raised will go towards the development of a new all-weather floodlit pitch, to be named the Colm Horkan Memorial Pitch. The project will also involve the construction of new community walkways and will be a fitting legacy for the great man and a facility for the community to enjoy for generations to come.

***Computer-based Business Courses*** start in Ballinrobe and Swinford in early February 2022. The courses are free and provide unemployed adults with an opportunity to return to education, update their skills, and learn new skills in a supportive learning environment. All course materials are provided, including the use of a laptop, family friendly hours, small class sizes and QQI accreditation. VTOS eligibility criteria may apply.

For further details – contact **Beatrice,** Further Education Centre, Ballinrobe on *086-0610020*, email [*beatricebrophy@msletb.ie*](mailto:beatricebrophy@msletb.ie) or **Emer,** Further Education Centre, Swinford on *086 0610009*; email [*emermullins@msletb.ie*](mailto:emermullins@msletb.ie).

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***“Vegetarian” is an old Indian word for bad hunter!***