



***17th & 18th:***

***Bohola:***

€850.

***Straide:***

Envelopes - €320.25.

Loose - €146.22.

Restoration - €5.

*Thanks for all*

*your contributions.*

**Bohola /Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Second Sunday of Lent – 25th February 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, February 24th.** | **12.00 noon *Straide***  **7.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **May Smyth, Blanemore (Month’s Mind) and her husband Mick (24th Anniversary).**  **Martin McNicholas, Ballyglass and deceased of Brennan & McNicholas families.**  **Mary Healy, Gortnasella. (10th Anniversary)**  **Berney McGeever & his parents, Bernard & Catherine, Carragolda.**  **Tommy Byrne, Carrowkeel. (2nd Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, February 25th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens***  **11.00am *Straide*** | **For all the People.**  **Mary & Jim Jennings, Blackfort and deceased of the Hannon & Jennings families.** |
| **Monday, February 26th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, February 27th.** | **7.00am**  **7.00 – 8.00pm** | **Private Intention.**  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, February 28th.** | **10.00am**  **5.00 – 10.00pm** | **Private Intention ….*..….(Adoration follows until 12 noon)***  **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*** |
| **Thursday, February 29th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Friday, March 1st.** | **8.00pm** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Saturday, March 2nd.** | **12.00 noon *Straide***  **7.00pm *Straide*** | **Julia Molloy, Knockshanvalley. (Month’s Mind)**  **For all the People.** |
| **Sunday, March 3rd.** | **9.30am *Shraheens***  **11.00am*\* Bohola*** | **Private Intention.**  **Mary & Martin Carney, Bohola.** |
| ***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 *Gerald Hyland*, London and formerly of Carracastle, who died in London on January 19th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Friday last, February 23rd. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Brendan Fitzpatrick*, Swords, Dublin, who died on Friday, 16th February and whose funeral took place in Dublin on Wednesday last. He was a brother-in-law of Terry Mullaney, Toughnane. May he rest in peace.

***Straide Passion Play:*** The first rehearsal takes place this Monday night, February 26th at 8.00pm sharp.

***The Annual Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers of the Fr Peyton Cluster*** will take place in The Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Sunday next, 3rd March, from 2.30 to 4.30pm. It will be conducted by Fr. Valerian. Please let Fr O’Mahony know by Wednesday at the latest if you are attending as the Fr Peyton Centre needs to plan accordingly.

A Retreat for Ministers of the St Joseph’s Cluster will be held in Kilmovee on Sunday, March 24th.

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024:*** This year Trócaire’s lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Travelling so far for water each day affects other parts of the lives of Malita and her children, Margaret, Patrick and Patricia. Carrying 20 litres of water leaves the children tired and some days they are not able to go to school. Farming is an important part of how the family support themselves, but a lack of water makes farming difficult. Trócaire and our partners in Malawi are working to create solutions to the water shortages, such as digging bore holes close to villages. To learn more, go to: *www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/*.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, February 25th:*** *Poems for Lent and Holy Week ….* A beautiful Lenten resource for individual and group meditation is “Ecce Homo: Poems for Lent and Holy Week”, from the Anglican Archdiocese of Algoma, Canada. The daily Lenten poems include poems of lamentation and pain – reminders of Jesus’ suffering – as well as of contemplation, praise and thanksgiving. To access this inspiring and varied selection, visit: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***‘Our Parish – Facing The Future’*** is a series of three talks in Knock on Mondays February 26th, March 4th and 11th. These will be held in St. John’s Centre, Knock from 8pm to 9.30pm. They are very relevant to PPCs or others involved in parish/Church life. They are free sessions. People can go to one or all. Details on flyer in church.

***Millions Facing Starvation in Ethiopia:*** All are encouraged to please pray for the people of Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought and civil war have left many in crisis and in danger of starvation. Mary’s Meals feeds tens of thousands of children one meal in each school day in the region. If you feel called to support our mission and help us reach more children, please visit *marysmeals.ie* or contact *01-8535163*. Thank you.

***MS Ireland Church Gate Collection*** will take place in Straide on this Sunday, February 25th at the 11.00am Mass.

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is currently accepting applications for enrolment in September 2024. For application forms please email [*boholaschool@gmail.com*](mailto:boholaschool@gmail.com) or call *094-9384271*. Please note: children must be 4 years of age by April 1st, 2024.

We are also delighted to announce the opening of our Afterschool Club with Aoife and Joe Joyce, Directors of Little Nest Care Ltd. Registration forms are available from the school, by emailing [*littlenestcareltd@gmail.com*](mailto:littlenestcareltd@gmail.com) or by phoning *083-1948292*.

***Social Bingo*** continues every Monday in The Sheridan Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.00pm for an 8.30 start.

***Kiltimagh Drama:*** Clann Machua Drama group in Kiltimagh present *"Stolen Child"* in the Townhall Theatre, Kiltimagh on Saturday 24th February with curtain up at 8.00pm.

***Anam Cara Mayo***, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 28th February 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*](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or *085-2888888* for any queries. For more information see [*anamcara.ie*](http://anamcara.ie/).

***Moy Davitts 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book Call Out for Material:*** As part of our 50th Anniversary this year, Moy Davitts is compiling a special commemorative book looking back at the five eventful decades of our club’s history. This book will be launched at a special club event later this year. We are on the look-out for material which can be included in the book, including old match programmes, press cuttings, articles, team photos, pictures from special trips and events or anything you may have relating to the club’s development over the past number of years.

So, if you have any material which you would be happy to share with us, please email the details to: *moydavitts50@gmail.com* or please call Bernie on *086-8532293* for further details.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Willie McDermott, Foxford who won a jackpot of €428 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 playing through the Club App.

***Mayo PPN Funding Information Workshops:*** *Managing your Board/Committee* – Wednesday 28th February at 10am - Tips on how to provide clear expectations and avoid conflict within your community group.

*Home To Mayo Festival Grants Funding Open For Applications* – Wednesday 28th February at 11.30am - If you are planning to hold celebrations, festivals or events that will coincide with Home to Mayo, Mayo County Council are opening a grants process that can aid groups in putting on their celebration, festival or event.

To register, follow the link: *https://mayoppn.ie/mayo-ppn-funding-information-workshops/*.

***Monastic Experience Day:*** The Poor Clares in Galway are holding a Monastic Experience Day for young women who might be interested in their way of life. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, March 2nd. The day is designed to help those who may be exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Anyone wishing to book a place should email [*vocations@poorclares.ie*](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie).

***ACCORD Seeks Volunteers:*** ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and if you have enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, then you can apply. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Please contact Aisling on *01-5053112* or see [*www.accord.ie*](http://www.accord.ie).

***The Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance*** will be held on Friday 8th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Music by The Duets. Tickets are €35 per person. Please contact Thomas at *087-2344338* or Caroline at *086-1660196* for more information and to book your tickets.

***Free Course:*** Do you love cooking? Do you want to improve your cooking skills? Are you interested in doing a training course to give you the culinary skills to work in a Restaurant or Hotel kitchen? Are you receiving a DA payment or do you need assistance in finding employment? If so, you can work part-time and keep your benefits. The course will help you develop your everyday cookery skills in a modern purpose-built culinary setting. You will explore a range of classic recipes aimed at breakfast, lunch and dinner options. This course is packed full of hints and tips for the home cook. In addition, a work placement in a local hotel or restaurant will be secured for you and on the job training and support will be provided. Call Ruairi on *087-1202617* or email [*ruairi.hughes@nln.ie*](mailto:ruairi.hughes@nln.ie).

***Officer, I swear to drunk I’m not God!***