***Offertory Donations:***

Sunday 27th: €590.



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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**First Sunday of Lent – 6th March 2022**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, March 5th.** | **7.00pm Vigil** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Sunday, March 6th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens***  **11.30am*\* Bohola*** | **For all the People.**  **Mary Walsh, Sheridan Park.**  **Delia Mulroy & Mary Connolly.** |
| **Monday, March 7th.** | **10.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, March 8th.** | **7.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Wednesday, March 9th.** | **10.00am**  **6.00 – 8.00pm** | **Private Intention………..(*Adoration follows until 11.30am)***  **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Thursday, March 10th.** | **10.00am*\**** | Katie Filan, her husband, Patrick & dec’d of Filan & Judge families. |
| **Friday, March 11th.** | **8.00pm*\**** | **John & Kate McEvey & dec’d of McEvey, Jordan & Wilcox families.** |
| **Saturday, March 12th.** | **7.00pm*\**Vigil** | **Johnny Durkan, Carroward, his wife, Mary and his parents, Matt & Mary Lizzie.** |
| **Sunday, March 13th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens***  **11.30am*\* Bohola*** | **For all the People.**  **Ann (Nancy) Doyle & her husband John, Sheridan Park** |
| ***The 11.30am 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 Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.*** | | |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *John (Johnny) Browne,* Loughkeerane, who died on Saturday last, February 26th and whose funeral took place on Tuesday with Mass in Keelogues and burial in Straide. May he rest in peace.

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***Shraheens Emerges from the Wilderness!***

*Today, the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel recounts the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. By contrast, we mark the emergence of Shraheens Mass Centre from the wilderness of the last two Covid-restricted years with the first public celebration of Mass there in that time. What is a joyous occasion is tinged with sadness as we think of those faithful and loyal members of the Shraheens congregation who are no longer with us. We remember them in prayer this morning and give thanks for their lives of faithful service in this community.*

*We also give thanks for the living and especially for all who looked after the Centre during the time of closure and who ensured that it is in prime condition for the re-opening today. Apart from general maintenance, major work was carried out with the painting of the whole building, both internally and externally and a new set of the “Stations of the Cross” was sourced (in Ukraine) and is now in place. A sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to this great community effort.*

*Through the upcoming Synod, the Church is attempting to discern a new way forward. Maybe the people of Shraheens have provided a template of how an effective Church might operate in the future. We go forward with hope, optimism and the help of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

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***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, March 6th:*** *‘Hope and the Nearness of God’ Lent Retreat ……….* “This year, our retreat is based on the new book, ‘Hope and the Nearness of God’, written by Teresa White. The thoughts and ideas from the book will provide material for our prayer and reflection. We are invited to advance along the paths of hope on our journey towards Easter.”

Over 20 years ago, two Irish Jesuits were quick to appreciate the potential of the Internet as a force for digital evangelization when they started a website as a Lenten experiment in offering guided prayer online. Today, the global phenomenon that is “Sacred Space” is among the top most-visited prayer websites in the world. It attracts 18,000 visitors a day, of all Christian faiths and none. To participate in Sacred Space’s 23rd online Lenten Retreat, go to [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Early Tuesday Mass for Lent:*** As mentioned last week, there will be an early morning Mass on the Tuesdays of Lent so that will begin on this *Tuesday, 8th at* ***7.00am****.* It provides early morning workers with the opportunity to attend Mass and the rest of us with the opportunity to make a little extra sacrifice by leaving our beds somewhat earlier!

***Readers Rotas*:** Thanks to Alan Regan, a new Readers Rota has been drawn up for the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and the 11.30am Bohola Sunday Mass (Shraheens is an independent Republic!). Copies of the new rotas, which take effect from next weekend, can be collected in the sacristy by the individuals concerned. Continued thanks to all our readers and new recruits are always welcome.

***Youth 2000 Connaught Retreat*** will take place from March 11th to 13th in Summerhill College Sligo. Register at [*www.youth2000.ie*](http://www.youth2000.ie).

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2022:*** Lent is an extremely important time of the year for Trócaire. Trócaire relies heavily on the income that comes in during Lent, through the generosity of parishes and schools, to fund our core work. We are conscious of the many pressures facing people and parishes, and we are greatly encouraged by the ongoing generosity which enables us to continue our lifesaving and life-changing work in up to twenty countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central America.**Trócaire boxes are now available in the church.**

***Let your Voice be Heard - An Invitation from Bishop Paul***

The following excerpts are taken from the Pastoral Letter of Bishop Paul Dempsey. Copies of the full letter are available in the church and on the Diocesan Website: *achonrydiocese.org.*

*“Last October, Pope Francis initiated what is called a “Synodal Journey.” This is an invitation from the Pope to each member of the Church to share their thoughts on what they believe is truly important in the life of the Church today.*

*One central aspect of this process is the ability to listen to one another. In the past synods were mainly the business of bishops and cardinals. However, the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) emphasised that all the baptised make up the People of God and that the Holy Spirit speaks through all those who are baptised.*

*This understanding is at the heart of Pope Francis’ ministry; therefore, he wants to listen to what people have to say to the Church today. To do this, a consultation process has been put in place. Every diocese across the world has been asked to reach out to as many people as possible to ask what they would like to say to the Church. This process is now underway in our diocese.*

*A questionnaire is now available in printed form in your parish and* ***online at*** [***https://achonrydiocese.org/spr***](https://achonrydiocese.org/spr). *I am inviting you to take these questions and reflect upon them. You might also wish to share them with members of your family or friends who have perhaps* ***drifted away or indeed deliberately walked away from the Church****. Pope Francis is eager to hear their input too. We will also arrange a number of meetings throughout the diocese in the coming weeks where people can come along and share their views on the Church today.*

*I thank you for taking the time to consider the questions. I pray that through this process we will be able to discern the path the Holy Spirit is calling the Church today and that we will have the courage to respond.”*

**Please return completed questionnaires to the parish (in the same way as offertory envelopes) by next weekend.**

***Bohola NS Enrolment Evening:*** Bohola NS is holding an *Enrolment Evening* for all new entrants on Wednesday, 30th March from 5pm to 6pm. All are welcome to come and have a look around our fantastic facilities.

***Museum Assistants Required*** to work at the *Michael Davitt Museum* in Straide. Successful applicants will gain experience in Tour Guiding, Research, Administration and Reception. New entrants may also avail of an opportunity to work on international projects. Free Accredited Training will be provided to support your career. Usual Community Employment Eligibility Requirements and Pay Rates apply. Contact John on *087-9371827*.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Fr. Padraig Costello, Foxford, who won a lovely jackpot of €430 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*](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsmartlotto.ie%2FBohola-moy-davitts%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2-SMSQVJnLPM1gbMk8VYcVq5QSNWsE5b18UD-SHwPhuifGrX08SNDlJc8&h=AT0MiLZlj4q4DBPOl03vVXSokuVERXZawyK8tGPOdkMD6iUtbbGAIDrP1wUMXoHHwBpf8OCfEYLll7lUaWyYzni7elqLyyDX1hxrkiRT4iLddt75pWrUPCYemDN43SvOspaI&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1bnP92vRmesJAH-zh16Oyc956taFyWxM0_3VLfj4QSf9SmpZw5cpQ61Vc5tvJdChYPj7SPty0LDMmT-1CuL0y1Dj6Ia-SpXR1Lif8cNpBMb3zmcNd83NlOLtCy4LEd6sxibGw9D72uG7DGqfgmtrvFR5ZcIPXTwnc_aJIQcIYHHlU6GWM4y_sHX7uH).

***Connected Health*** is looking to recruit caregivers throughout all areas of Mayo. Paying rates up to €16 per hour plus travel. No experience required as full accredited training will be provided. Apply to [*info@connected-health.ie*](mailto:info@connected-health.ie).

***Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers:*** Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please contact Karen at [*karen.byrne@alone.ie*](mailto:karen.byrne@alone.ie) or call *086-0576401*.

***Victim Assistance*** is the national charity which supports victims of crime and trauma. If you or anyone you know needs support, please call us on *FREEPHONE 1800 277 477*, office *094-9000251* or email [*support@victimassistance.ie*](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie). Visit our website *victim*[*assistance.ie*](http://assistance.ie/) to find out more about us.

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

***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***.

***If you have no time to pray, you become easy prey!***