

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December 2023



The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 2 nd .	7.00pm* Bohola	Mary & Martin Lyons, Lismirrane, their sons, John, Joe & William and great-grandson, Stephen Brennan. <i>First Communion Grow in Love.</i>
Sunday, December 3 rd .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am Straide	Mary Ellen & Thomas Reilly, their daughter and son-in-law, Mary & Johnny McNicholas and deceased family. Nora Mchale, Oughtoosie, & dec'd of Hannon & Mchale families. Dominic, Bridget, Anne & Joe Corcoran and Billy & Maisie Higgins. <i>First Communion Grow in Love.</i>
Monday, December 4 th .	10.00am Straide	For all the People.
Tuesday, December 5 th .	7.00 – 8.00pm	No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, December 6 th .	10.00am. 5.00 – 10.00pm	Holy Souls.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, December 7 th .	8.00pm* Shraheens	Mary McMorrow (née Freney), Poole, Dorset, formerly Shraheens.
Friday, December 8 th .	7.00pm Straide	James White, Ashbrook, Straide. (Month's Mind)
Saturday, December 9 th .	12 noon* Bohola 7.00pm* Bohola	Julia Mulderrig, Altbawn. (1 st Anniversary) Michael Corrigan, Carracastle. (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday, December 10 th .	9.30am* Shraheens 11.00am Straide	Bridie Lavelle, Bohomore, parents Thomas & Kathleen McNicholas, and her brother John. Kathleen Hughes, Knockafall.
<p>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.</p>		

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

Mary McMorrow (née Freney), Poole, Dorset and High Wycombe, England and formerly of Shraheens, who died on October 30th and whose funeral took place in High Wycombe on Tuesday last.

Maureen Lavelle (née McGowan), Westport and late of Aughaward, who died on Friday, November 23rd and whose funeral took place in Westport on Monday last. She was the sister-in-law of Jimmy Mooney, Aughaward.

Eileen Tolan (née Sweeney), Manchester, and formerly of Bohomore, who died in Manchester on Thursday, November 22nd.

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

Bambinelli Sunday, December 3rd: For the past several decades, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year we celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses this weekend. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens at Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

Reconciliation Service for Christmas: A Reconciliation Service will take place in St. Michael's Church, Foxford on Monday, 4th December at 7.30pm. This is for all the parishes of the Fr. Peyton Cluster. Visiting priests will be available for Confession.

A Candlelight Concert with BellaCapella Choir and the Westport Town Hall Choir in aid of the restoration work at the Church of Ireland, Foxford will take place in the church on Saturday, 9th December at 7.30pm, followed by a mulled wine and mince pie reception in the Social Services Building. Tickets €20, available on the door. All are welcome.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, December 3rd: An Advent calendar with a difference This Advent, join Loyola Press for a special online Ignatian Advent experience. Following a traditional Advent calendar format, you are invited to slow down this season and discover the quiet moments of Advent hope. Each day reveals a new online Advent resource – ranging from 'Creativity and Healing in Advent' to 'Silent Prayer in Advent' and many, many more. This is a beautiful way to nurture your spirituality daily at this busy time of year. Access the Advent Calendar at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.



25th/26th:

Bohola:

€750

Straide:

Envelopes - €403.

Loose - €68.55.

Restoration - €50.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Pastoral Councils Reports: At the meetings of Bohola and Straide PPCs this week, the following was decided re. upcoming Masses: One Mass in each parish for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; December 23rd – Mass in Bohola at 7pm; December 24th – No morning Mass, Christmas Eve Mass in Straide at 5pm and in Bohola at 7pm; Christmas Day – Shraheens 9.30am, Bohola & Straide 11am.

'The Light is On' (Confessions) will be in both parishes on Sunday, 17th from 5 to 6pm.

It is envisaged that Funeral and Baptism teams will be set up next year.

Bohola PPC discussed declining congregations in relation to the current number of Masses. Straide PPC decided to keep the parish website alive as it was due to expire on December 14th.

A volunteer is sought to give it the kiss of life and to update and maintain it going forward. Training will be provided.

It was felt that the future of Straide Parochial House was under the remit of the Finance Committee.

Straide Church Rotas for December

First Reading: Máire Mulroy.

Second Reading: Danielle Bourke.

Prayers of the Faithful: Danielle Bourke.

Minister of Communion: Gráinne McHale.

Offertory Collectors: Kevin Bogue & Peadar Lennon.

Opening/Closing Church: Nora & Michael McNicholas.

Preparation of Straide Church for Christmas will happen on Wednesday evening next, December 6th at 7.00pm. The Pastoral Council decided to combine this with the monthly 'Meet and Clean' so the appeal is out for 'all hands on deck' and all help will be much appreciated.

Bohola Lights Up! The lighting up of the Christmas tree takes place this Sunday evening at 5.30pm with carol singing by the pupils of Bohola NS led by their Principal, Mrs Teresa Mulligan. The Community Centre then hosts a Christmas market at 6pm, organised by the Community Park Committee. Be there!

Straide Talking – Friday December 8th: All are invited to the Straide Davitt Community Hall on Friday 8th December from 2.30pm to 5pm for a Christmas gathering, with light refreshments. Nothing replaces meeting in person over a cuppa! Straide Talking is for all in Straide and is organised by Straide Women's and Active Retirement Group.

All-Star Niamh! Heartiest congratulations to Niamh Kelly who this week was named on the AFLW All-Australian team, the sport's equivalent of the All-Stars. Niamh is only the second Irish player ever to earn such recognition. Very well done Niamh for keeping the Bohola, Mayo and Irish flags flying high down under!

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Rory Smith, Cavan who won a jackpot of €405 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>.

Social Bingo takes place every Monday in The Sheridan Memorial Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.30pm. Community fun and a cup of tea is included!

SVP Annual Collection 9th & 10th December: Society of St Vincent de Paul St Patricks Conference, Foxford & District including Toomore, Attymachugh, Callow & Knockmore need your help in assisting us in what will be difficult times for some of our neighbours with the basics - Heating, Electricity, Food, Education & children's needs. The SVP annual collection is our primary source of income. We depend on it to meet the needs of many requiring assistance. Please give generously.

Epilepsy Ireland seek volunteers to take up a church gate collection in Bohola and Shraheens next weekend and in Straide on Sunday 17th. Please let Fr. O'Mahony know if you are willing to help out.

Christmas Fair: Castlebar HSE Rural Training Centre (Humbert Way, F23 C967) will host a Christmas Fair on Thursday next, 7th December from 10am to 2pm with crafts, wreaths cakes and arrangements. All are welcome. More details 094-9042127.

Book Launch by Colleen Coleman (Cribbin) takes place on Saturday next, December 9th from 4 to 6pm in Castle Book Shop, Main St, Castlebar. Colleen will be releasing and signing her fifth book, titled 'The Irish Lake House'. All are welcome.

Kilmovee Heritage Presents: December Cois Tine Night - A Holiday Celebration on this Monday 4th at 8:30pm in Kilmovee Community Centre. Celebrate Kilmovee's heritage with amazing live music, song, dancing, home baked goods, and a special raffle! Free Admission.

An Evening of Christmas Carols & Gospel Music takes place at St. Anne's Church, Belcarra on Wednesday, 6th December at 8 pm. This Christmas, join singer James Kilbane and the Belcarra Parish Choir for an evening of seasonal entertainment. Doors open at 7.30 pm with admission €10. All are very welcome from across the region.

Parke Drama Group Presents Parke Variety Show on Friday, 8th and Saturday, 9th December at 8.00pm and on Sunday 10th at 2.00pm in Parke Community Hall. Admission is €12 on the door. Enquiries: 087 6283140.

Knock Christmas Market takes place indoors at St John's Welcome Centre in Knock on Sunday, 10th December from 10.00am to 4.00pm. It is always a festive event with wonderful handmade gifts by Irish crafters. For more information you can follow us on Facebook/Instagram: Knock Market or email leoniekilroy@gmail.com.

Youth2000 Christmas Retreat: Youth 2000 Ireland is holding its annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from the 8th to 10th of December for ages 16-35 There are free buses from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie.

Even before Christmas has said 'Hello', it is saying 'Buy, Buy!'