



***3rd & 4th:***

***Bohola:***

€726.

***Straide:***

Envelopes - €444.

Loose - €191.25.

Restoration - €140.

*Thanks for all*

*your contributions.*

 **Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter**

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 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th February 2024**

###### The Week Ahead

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| **Saturday, February 10th.** | **7.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **Tommy Kilgallon, Clooneen. (Month’s Mind)****Bill Walsh, Lismirrane. (Month’s Mind)*.*****Nora Lavin & her husband Jim, Altinea, their granddaughter Faye, & Mandy Lavin.** |
| **Sunday, February 11th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens*****11.00am *Straide*** | Johnny Mullaney, Carrowntleva & parents, Thomas & Catherine.**Bea Mulroy, Coolkeevaune.****Patrick Murphy, Tavnabeg.****Michael & Bridget Howley, Gurteens & grandson, Michael Howley. Tom & Ann Howley, Gurteens.** |
| **Monday, February 12th.** | **10.00am *Straide*** | **Violet Jordan, Derrinogue. (3rd Anniversary)** |
| **Tuesday, February 13th.** | **7.00 – 8.00pm**  | **No Mass.****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.** |
| **Wednesday, February 14th.** | **10.00am****5.00 – 10.00pm****7.00pm *Straide*** | **Mass for Ash Wednesday ….*..….(Adoration follows until 12 noon)*****Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)*****Mass for Ash Wednesday.** |
| **Thursday, February 15th.** | **12 noon *Straide*****10.00am *Straide*** | **Anne O'Leary (née Earley), formerly of Ballyvary and Knocksaxon. (Followed by burial of ashes)****Breege & Vincent Deacy, Carragolda (14th & 4th Anniversaries).** |
| **Friday, February 16th.** | **8.00pm** | **Johnny & Nora Byrne, Toughnane, their daughter Mary & son-in-law, Vincent.** |
| **Saturday, February 17th.** | **11.00am****3.00pm****7.00pm*\* Bohola*** | **Séan & Serena Carney, Gurteens (1st Anniversary) & Jo Golden.****Brendan Maloney, The Copper Beech Pub & Cloonaglasha, Tuam.** **Willie Duffy, Toughnane. (1st Anniversary)** |
| **Sunday, February 18th.** | **9.30am*\* Shraheens*****11.00am *Straide*** | **For all the People.****Nellie Sweeney, Straide. (1st Anniversary)****Micheál Killeen, Straide (10th Anniversary).****Deceased of the Lynskey and Devaney families, Treenduff, 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 *Brigid Burke*, Kingswood, Dublin, who died on Saturday last, 3rd February and whose funeral took place in Kingswood on Wednesday. She was the mother of Veronica Woods, Lismirrane. May she rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Angela Montgomery*, Boleyhill, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, who died on Wednesday last, 7th February and whose funeral took place in Lisnaskea on this Saturday. She was the mother of Bernie Horan, Carragowan. May she rest in peace.

***Pulpit Swap:*** This Sunday we welcome Fr Victor Akongwale to Straide and Fr Dan O’Mahony to Shraheens.

***Ash Wednesday*** is next Wednesday and marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Mass is at 10.00am in Bohola and at 7.00pm in Straide with the blessing and distribution of ashes.

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024:*** This year our focus country is Malawi. Malawi is often referred to as the warm heart of Africa. It is a country with extremely high levels of poverty, where life is already a struggle for many. Climate change means flooding, and droughts are becoming both more extreme and unpredictable. People are losing their homes, their livelihoods and even their lives. **Trócaire boxes are now available in the church.**

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, February 11th:*** *Lent ….* Lent starts on 14th February, and New Pilgrim Path offers a host of online resources to provide spiritual sustenance throughout the Lenten journey. These include online retreats, guided meditations, reflections, poetry and music for this holy season. To access these, visit: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Straide Church Meet & Clean*** will be held again on this Monday evening, February 12th at 8.00pm. All materials will be provided and all help appreciated.

***“Valentine’s Vitality”:*** SláinteCare Healthy Communities with Age Friendly Mayo are organising a health and wellbeing event, “Valentine’s Vitality”. This will be hosted in the Great National Hotel in Ballina from 10:00 to 13:00 on February 14th, Valentine’s Day. This event will be aimed at those aged 55 and over. Information around overall health, fitness and nutrition will be provided, with speakers on the day to advise on various aspects of wellbeing. CROI will provide free blood pressure checks. Refreshments will be served. This event is free. For further information please email *agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie*.

***Diocesan Celebration for Engaged Couples and Married Couples Marking a Special Wedding Anniversary:*** Bishop Paul will lead a special ceremony for engaged couples preparing for their wedding, and also for married couples who have marked or will mark a special milestone anniversary last year or this year – 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 55 or 60 years. It will take place in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen on *Sunday, February 18th at 4.00pm*. Refreshments afterwards in St Nathy’s College. All welcome.

***The Synodal Pathway.. The Journey So Far:*** The Synodal Journey was launched in October 2021. Many parishioners attended gatherings in our Diocese (and throughout the country) to share their ideas about the Church. These were very helpful meetings and I appreciate the efforts people made to come along and join in the conversations. In order to feedback to parishioners on what has happened since, a very helpful video has been produced. It is entitled: "The Synodal Pathway, the Journey So Far..." This can be found on our Diocesan Website, *www.achonrydiocese.org*. I hope this will be helpful in outlining the process so far and charting the next steps on the journey…*Bishop Paul.*

***Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies:*** Both Pastoral Councils met this week and proposed the following schedule for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies: *Holy Thursday;* Mass in Bohola; *Good Friday:* Passion in Straide, Stations of the Cross in Bohola; *Holy Saturday:* Easter Vigil in Straide; *Easter Sunday:* Dawn Mass in Shraheens, 11am Mass in Bohola.

**Please note:** Mass will be celebrated at ***7.00am*** on the Tuesdays of Lent in Bohola.

***Bereavement Support Meetings:*** Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Meeting at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, each Wednesday at 11am. There is also a special meeting for bereaved partners / spouses on the First Thursday of each month at 11am. No appointments needed. Further information from Monica Morley on *094-9375320*.

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is currently accepting applications for enrolment in September 2024. For application forms please email *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* or by phoning *083-1948292*.

***Kiltimagh Drama:*** Clann Machua Drama group in Kiltimagh present *"Stolen Child"* in the Townhall Theatre, Kiltimagh on Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February with curtain up nightly at 8.00pm.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Nicola Grimes, Bohola who won a jackpot of €440 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).

***Mayo Cancer Support*** wishes to thank all those who supported and facilitated its recent Church Gate Collection in Straide on the weekend of February 3rd and 4th last. Special thanks to the volunteer collector. A total of €394.60 was raised. These funds will support the ongoing provision of emotional support to local people affected by cancer.

***Become a Volunteer Befriender to those Living with Dementia*** and give Family Carers a short break. “As a Befriender I gained so much. There were lots of parallels between the person living with dementia and myself. We were both living alone, had shared interest, we both had worked in similar professions and similar locations. We shared many interests, stories and life experience. I gained a true friend”. Can you spare a couple of hours per week? A little time goes along way. Contact Caroline on *087-3694477* or *094-9364900*. Email: *Volunteer@westernalzheimers.ie*.

***Managerial Position at Fr Peyton Centre:*** The Father Peyton Centre, Attymass, seeks applications for the position of Manager. Key responsibilities include co-ordination of Community Services, development and maintenance of the Centre and management of Staff. A minimum of three years’ experience and an in-depth knowledge of community services and funding are required.

Request an application form by emailing *frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com*. The deadline for completed application forms is 5.00pm on Friday, February 23rd. Further details on [*www.frpeytoncentre.ie*](http://www.frpeytoncentre.ie).

***Information Meeting on Forthcoming Referendums*** will take place in Bohola Community Centre on Tuesday, February 20th at 7.30pm. Tracey O’Mahony from the Irish Council of Human Rights will outline the implications of both referendums. The first relates to the 39th Amendment on the ‘family’ and the second is on the 40th Amendment on ‘care’. All are welcome.

***If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?***