

# Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

Stephen O'Mahony PP/Adm – 094-9384115/086-8226405 – [boholarparish@gmail.com](mailto:boholarparish@gmail.com) (email for newsletter)

Newsletter available on [mayo.ie](http://mayo.ie) website and [Straide Parish Facebook page](#)

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	7.00pm* <b>Bohola</b>	Pat Donellan, London & Clonberne. Eileen O'Toole (née Conlon), Essex, England & late of Tooromeen.
Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> .	5.00pm <b>Straide</b> 7.00pm* <b>Bohola</b>	No Morning Mass. <b>The Nativity of Our Lord.</b> The Nativity of Our Lord.
Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am* <b>Bohola</b> 11.00am <b>Straide</b>	Christmas Day Mass. Christmas Day Mass. Christmas Day Mass.
Tuesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup> .	11.00am <b>Straide</b>	Helen Dolan, grandmother of Joanne Jordan. (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Wednesday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> .		No Mass.
Thursday, December 28 <sup>th</sup> .	11.00am* 12.30pm*	Jack McDonnell, Toughnane (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) & deceased family. Funeral Mass of Thomas Kilgallon, Clooneen.
Friday, December 29 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm	Mary Durkan (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) & her husband Johnny, Carroward.
Saturday, December 30 <sup>th</sup> .	7.00pm* <b>Bohola</b>	Deceased of the Conlon family, Tooromeen.
Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> .	9.30am <b>Shraheens</b> 11.00am <b>Straide</b>	Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntleva, & deceased of McNicholas & Mullaney families. <b>Mary Ellen McHugh (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), her husband Seamus, Blanemore, and their daughter, Breege Reilly.</b> <b>Kathleen &amp; Joe Earley, Knocksaxon, their son Tom and deceased of the Earley and Burke families.</b> <b>Mary Gibbons (née O'Connor), &amp; her husband Thomas, Curelaim, their daughter Mary, and son John.</b>

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](http://www.straideparish.com) or [www.churchtv.ie/straide](http://www.churchtv.ie/straide).

**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Stephen Jordan, Rathslavin, who died on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Thursday last followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of Thomas Kilgallon, Clooneen, who died on Thursday last, December 21<sup>st</sup>. His remains will repose in O'Hora's Funeral Home, Kiltimagh, on Wednesday evening next from 6.00pm until 7.30pm with the funeral arriving to Bohola Church at 8.00pm. Funeral Mass on Thursday at 12.30pm followed by burial in St Joseph's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will not take place in Straide or Bohola this week but will resume in Straide on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and in Bohola on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the usual times.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** *Christmas ....* For Christmas Eve, New Pilgrim Path brings you a beautiful musical reflection based on a text from Isaiah. 'The Virgin is with Child' is by the American composer, Randal DeBruyn. This lovely piece is composed in the style of a Baroque aria, a solo voice accompanied by a guitar and a chorus singing the carol *Es ist ein Ros'*. Listen at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' is extraordinarily beautiful and deeply reverent. In our website of the week, it is done full justice by the St John's Voices of St John's College, Cambridge. What better way to celebrate Christmas Day than by praying with this sublime music? Access it, along with the accompanying lyrics, at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

**Break Free in 2024:** Are you tired of returning to the same tiresome habits over and over again - overconsumption of social media, numbing problems with alcohol, or binge watching TV? Or would you simply like to grow closer to God in fraternity with your brothers in Christ? Exodus 90 is a 90 day Catholic Programme for Men that starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on Holy Saturday. If you would like to learn more about joining a local Exodus 90 group, contact Damien on [086-1729064](tel:086-1729064) or visit <https://Exodus90.com>.



16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€808

**Straide:**

**Immaculate Conception**

10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>:

Envelopes - €795.

Loose - €290.75.

Restoration - €140.

Thanks for all your contributions.

**Bohola Parish Challenge and Family Community Walk:** For our 2023 annual walk, we are delighted to present: Camino de Bohola. On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December, members of our community will walk 30km through all 30 townlands in the parish of Bohola. This event starts with Mass at Shraheens Mass Centre on the outer edge of parish at 9.30am and will finish in Bohola Village around 3.30pm with refreshments in Village Inn Pub. No entry fee, but any donation towards Bohola Community Park will be appreciated. Transport back for the car will be provided. Map of the route will follow.

The Family Community Walk starts at 2.00pm at the entrance to the Durkan Community Park.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to the Imelda Turnbull, Foxford who won a jackpot of €375 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>.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thanks for all your support and we look forward to working with you in 2024 as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Home Caregivers Urgently Required** in the local and surrounding areas and are currently being recruited. For further information, please email [cara.hughes@homeinstead.ie](mailto:cara.hughes@homeinstead.ie) or phone our office on [094 9044785](tel:0949044785).

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pioneer Association:** Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December and to prayerfully mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10.00am (Irish time) around the world via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org).

**Breakthrough Cancer Research Camino de Santiago:** Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the Camino Finisterre Way from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. Please contact [eoghan@breakcancer.ie](mailto:eoghan@breakcancer.ie) or phone [021-4226655](tel:0214226655) for more details.

**Living Well Programme 2024:** Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme in Westport commences on February 9<sup>th</sup> (or the online programme will commence on January 30<sup>th</sup>). The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on [086-0142675](tel:0860142675) or by email at [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com).

**Westport Campus of Mayo College of FET:** Upskill yourself with free certified online courses in Mayo College of Further Education and Training in 2024. We have courses in conjunction with Mayo GAA in Mentorship, Sustainability in the Workplace, Project Management and Leading Through Change, commencing in January. Apply online at [mayocollege.ie](http://mayocollege.ie) to improve your CV and employment options.

**Gianna Care** provides help to anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, or who needs help following an abortion. Their trained client advocates, counsellors, nurses and doctors are there to help. See [giannacare.ie](http://giannacare.ie).

**Mayo Cancer Support** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call [\(094\) 9038407](tel:0949038407).

**North West STOP** offers a free counselling service with no waiting lists. Call or text [086-7772009](tel:0867772009) to arrange an appointment.



Dear Santa,  
**I HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD FOR THE LAST WEEK OR SO.**  
Let's just focus on that.

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house everyone was on their phone

**A Happy Christmas** to all our parishioners at home and abroad. A special welcome to all who are home for the holiday period and warm wishes go to those who can't be home for one reason or another. May everybody be blessed with a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas season.

**What did Adam say to Eve on December 24<sup>th</sup>?**

***"It's Christmas Eve, Eve!"***