

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter



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Solemnity of Christ the King – 26th November 2023

The Week Ahead

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| Saturday, November 25 th . | 7.00pm Straide | Julia & Pat Maloney, Umooon and James & Brigid McDonnell. Helen White, Kathleen Lifely & Noel Gorman. William & Bridget Durkan, son Noel and daughter Bridie, Umooon. |
| Sunday, November 26 th . | 9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola | Holy Souls For all the People. (Followed by Rosary in Old Cemetery) |
| Monday, November 27 th . | 10.00am 8.00pm Straide | Special Intention. Service of Remembrance of the Dead & Prayers for the Bereaved. |
| Tuesday, November 28 th . | 7.00 – 8.00pm | No Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide. |
| Wednesday, November 29 th . | 10.00am. 5.00 – 10.00pm | Holy Souls.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) |
| Thursday, November 30 th . | 10.00am Straide | Holy Souls. |
| Friday, December 1 st . | 7.00pm Straide | Mary & Thomas Athy, son Tommy, and daughter Nora McNamara. |
| Saturday, December 2 nd . | 7.00pm* Bohola | Mary & Martin Lyons, Lismirrane, their sons, John, Joe & William and great-grandson, Stephen Brennan. First Communion Grow in Love. |
| 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, Oughtoose, & dec'd of Hannon & Mchale families. Dominic, Bridget, Anne & Joe Corcoran and Billy & Maisie Higgins. First Communion Grow in Love. |
| <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 soul of Tom Cahill, Pollagh, Straide, who died on Tuesday last, November 21st and whose funeral took place in Straide on Friday. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for Adam Kelly, Aberdeen and formerly of Grallagh, who died on October 20th and whose ashes were buried in Straide New Cemetery on Friday. May he rest in peace.

November Remembrance of the Dead: A Service of Remembrance will be held in Straide church on Monday, November 27th at 8.00pm. All our dead (and, especially, those who died during the past year) will be prayed for and remembered.

Cemetery Rosary: The Rosary will be recited in Bohola old graveyard after Mass this Sunday, November 26th, weather permitting.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers: On Saturday, December 2nd, a blessing ceremony for all parents who are expecting a baby, will take place at Knock Shrine at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, November 26th: *Christ the King and the Last Judgement* The liturgy this Sunday includes a parable about the Last Judgement found only in the Gospel of Matthew. Augustinian friar and Biblical scholar, Kieran O'Mahony, gives a fascinating extended commentary on the text, which has many layers of meaning. The main teaching of the parable, according to Fr O'Mahony, seems to be that Christians, in their vulnerability, enable non-believers to encounter Christ, because "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." There is a deep message for disciples today and for the church: salvation is made available not by power or benevolence but by weakness and vulnerability. Listen to the 30-minute talk at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aim to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy, please contact Fiona Kiely on [086 8760058](tel:0868760058).



18th/19th:

Bohola:

€740

Straide:

Envelopes - €196.50.

Loose - €58.70.

Restoration - €5.

Thanks for all your contributions.

Pastoral Council Meetings: A meeting of Bohola Pastoral Council will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evening next, November 28th at 8.00pm and a meeting of the Straide Pastoral Council will take place in the Parochial House on Thursday evening next, November 30th at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

Bambinelli Sunday, December 3rd: Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and our preparation to welcome the baby Jesus at Christmas. At Masses next weekend, all are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes for blessing at Mass. It is suggested that following the blessing, you 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 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.

Preparation of Straide Church for Christmas will happen on Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7.00pm but extra assistance would be much appreciated. Anyone willing to give a little of their time will be most welcome.

Straide Talking – A Christmas Tradition: December 8th has been an important day in people's calendars for generations. *Straide Talking* is a new tradition in Straide that takes place on the afternoon of December 8th. Nothing replaces meeting in person over a cuppa. All are invited to the Straide Davitt Community Hall on Friday, 8th December from 2.30pm to 5pm for a Christmas gathering. *Straide Talking* is for all in Straide and is organised by Straide Women's and Active Retirement Group. Please spread the word!

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.

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.

Moy Davitts GAA AGM will be held in Straide Hall on this Sunday 26th November at 5.00pm. All club members are invited.

Moy Davitts LGFA AGM will be held on Friday, 1st December at 7.00pm in Foxford Leisure centre. All are welcome.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Adrian Gaughan, Foxford who won a jackpot of €400 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!

BASILICA CONCERT - An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love in Knock Basilica takes place on Friday, 1st December and is a fundraiser night for Victim Assistance charity. Tickets are available from Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance Head Office, Aiden St., Kiltimagh on [094-9000251](tel:0949000251) or [086-3938871](tel:0863938871). Price €30.

Three Tenors Concert Live at Friary Church Ballyhaunis on Saturday, 2nd December at 8pm. Come and enjoy another great night of popular songs - from Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli and Christmas favourites with the Three Tenors and special local guests. Tickets on sale at The Gem, CostCutters, Bridge St, or by email at ballyhaunisabbeytrust@mail.com or www.eventbrite.ie. Proceeds in aid of Friary Church Preservation Fund.

TALK: Exploring Christmas Traditions: Join Salvador Ryan, professor of ecclesiastical history at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, for a festive journey exploring the origins of Christmas traditions. This talk takes place at 3pm on Saturday, 2nd December, at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar. Admission is free but booking is required. Call [094-92 31751](tel:0949231751) or email educationtph@museum.ie.

Parke Drama Group Presents Parke Variety Show on Friday, 8th & Saturday, 9th December at 8.00pm and on Sunday 10th at 2.00pm in Parke Community Hall. Admission €12 on the door. Enquiries: [087 6283140](tel:0876283140).

ACCORD, Ballaghaderreen offers marriage and relationship counselling in a secure setting, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to resolve difficulties that arise in their relationship. Please contact us on [094-9022214](tel:0949022214) or email accordcastlebar@gmail.com.

ALONE Volunteer Recruitment Drive for Older People: Contact Paul Stafford on [086-0135043](tel:0860135043), email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>.

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.

I'm not a vegetarian but I eat animals who are!