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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Second Sunday of Lent – 28th February 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

**Masses listed below will be live-streamed on the *Bohola Post Facebook Page* and broadcast locally on *Radio 105.5 FM*.**

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| **Sunday, February 28th.** | **10.00am** | **Deceased of the Healy family, Gortnasella (Michael & Kathleen Healy, Tommy Healy, Mary Healy and Nancy & Noel O’Neill).** |
| **Wednesday, March 3rd.** | **6.00 – 8.00pm** | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer). |
| **Thursday, March 4th.** | **8.00pm** | Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Adoration. |
| **Friday, March 5th.** | **8.00pm Shraheens** | **For all the People. *(Live-streamed from Shraheens****)* |
| *Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.* |
| **Sunday, March 7th.** | **10.00am** | **Martin McNicholas, Ballyglass & deceased of Brennan & McNicholas families.****Mary Mulhern & her parents, Tom & Betty, Lisgorman.****Mary Walsh, Sheridan Park.****Delia Mulroy, Altbawn.** |

***Mass in Shraheens:*** Due to Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions, Mass hasn’t been celebrated in Shraheens Mass Centre since March 8th of last year. Before it becomes a full year, the Bohola Post Facebook Page goes on tour and Mass will be live-streamed from Shraheens on Friday evening next, March 5th, at 8.00pm. Unfortunately, as lockdown continues, there can be no ‘live’ congregation present but hopefully as many as possible will join in virtually to continue the great tradition of worship from this Centre. Please note that it will not be possible to broadcast this Mass on the radio channel.

***Thanksgiving Mass for Adoration:*** As you well know, the practice of Adoration has been unavoidably disrupted and restricted over the last year because of Covid-19. However, Adoration continues on a limited basis with the church being open for private prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place every Wednesday evening from 6.00 to 8.00pm. To say thanks for this ongoing gift, the *Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Adoration* will be celebrated on Thursday evening next at 8.00pm and will be live-streamed and broadcast locally on 105.5 FM. All are welcome to join in virtually.

***Weekday Masses*** can be live-streamed should there be a demand or if there is a special intention at any time. If there are any other suggestions as to what might be possible in the very restricted circumstances we find ourselves in, just get in touch with any member of the Pastoral Council.

***Praying at Home During Lent:*** The dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert have prepared some online resources for praying at home during Lent. They are available on our diocesan site *https://achonrydiocese.org/lent2021/*.

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign:*** The Transfiguration, featured in today’s Gospel, did not last too long but its impact was intense. The disciples wanted to capture the moment, put a roof over it and remain in it. Jesus knew this was not where he needed them. Mountain tops and religious highs were for another day. For now, he needed them to retrace their steps, go down the mountain and meet people at ground level. It is only when you look into the eyes of another, meet them where they are, that you can truly see what is going on in their lives. Today we remember missionaries and others who have left their home place to meet others at ground level. We think also of Trócaire and its staff all over the world who seek to be with people and reassure them that God is with them too and that the world is not against them.

*Trócaire Boxes* are available and can be collected in the church. Donations can also be made online. Please make whatever sacrifice you can to help *Trócaire’s* great work throughout the world.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, February 28th:*** The featured website for the second week of Lent, is ‘Forty Days’, a visual meditation based on 40 great works of art. Forty is a significant number in the Bible. Rain fell for 40 days during the Flood. The Israelites wandered for 40 years. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days. Jonah preached in Nineveh for 40 days. Christ fasted 40 days in the desert. The Ascension took place 40 days after Easter Sunday.

It seems a cruel coincidence that this Lent coincides with at least 40 more days of lockdown (or quarantine - another 40!) in many countries. Yet, this video reminds us that at the end of every significant 40 days in the Bible, significant transformation occurred. Moses received the 10 Commandments. The Israelites found the Promised Land. Jonah converted Nineveh. Christ began his great redemptive mission. May this Lent transform us, too. Access this – and many other excellent Lent resources, at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Back to School Again!*** The first chink of light with regard to the easing of lockdown restrictions comes tomorrow, Monday, with the partial re-opening of schools. Our good wishes and prayers go with all Primary School pupils in the junior classes and with all Leaving Cert students at Second Level as they return to school. We think especially of the staff and students of our own local Bohola NS and pray they have a safe and joyful return to the classroom.



***The 2021 Western People Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards Scheme*** is now open for applications. €5,000 in funds is available to support athletes from Co. Mayo. Further details and application forms are available by emailing *martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com*. Closing date for completed application forms is **April 16th.**

***Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service:*** Helping people to stay at home is the new role of Local Link Mayo rural transport services. Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on ***094-9005150*** between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email *mayo@locallink.ie*.

***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***.

***Bealach Nua:*** We are a recovery-oriented family peer support service which offers families/friends of people with mental health challenges an opportunity to engage with family peer supporters through individual, group work, wellness days and information evenings. To access the service, please call *094-9049392*, Fran on *086-0450835* or Noel on *087-9749288*.

***Knock Shrine Online During Lent:*** This year Knock Shrine offers a series of online opportunities for prayer and reflection.

*Awaiting a New Dawn’* Join us online each Friday evening during the month of February as we come together virtually for a period of extended prayer and reflection. Join us live online from 7pm for Rosary, the celebration of the Eucharist and a Holy Hour from Knock Parish Church. See *www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live* and our Facebook page.

*‘Exploring the Word of God through Prayer’ Scripture Reflections* continues every Tuesday night at 8pm with reflections on scripture led by students from St Louis Community School, Kiltimagh. To join, simply log on to *www.knockshrine.ie* at 8pm each Tuesday evening.

*'Living Christian Faith - Lenten Conversations'*. The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at [*www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live*](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on *Facebook @knockshrine*. The next talk on Thursday, 4th March, *'Living Christian Faith in the Classroom as Young Teachers'* …… Three recently qualified primary teachers explain how their religious faith is important to them and how it influences their work as teachers in the classroom.

***Galilee Spirituality Centre - Hope Springs… Spirituality for Lent, 2021:*** Three Tuesdays (March 9th, 16th & 23rd), 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom €5/evening. All Welcome.Booking and link: info@galilee.ie.

**March 9th- Elizabeth Davis RSM (Newfoundland) -** *Metanoia: Return to God, to Earth, to One Another and to Self – Lent lived fully in this pandemic time*. Elizabeth Davis, the congregational leader of the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland, has been a teacher and a health care administrator. She holds a doctorate in Scripture and teaches Old Testament at Queen’s College in St. John’s, NL.

***Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary):*** St Angela’s College, Sligo, invites applications for the following course, beginning Autumn 2021: *Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery*. The course is open to qualified primary school teachers and qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday, 14th May. This date may be extended. For further information and application forms, contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela’s College, Lough Gill, Sligo. Email *mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie* or visit *www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie*.

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** “With God on our side, who can be against us?” (Romans 8: 31). Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?Speak to your local priest, call your Diocesan Vocation’s Director or email the National Vocations Office on *info@vocations.ie*. For further information contact our Vocations Director, **Fr Paul Kivlehan, The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. Tel.094-9860011, Mobile 087-3683535, E-mail** ***pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org***.

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***to tell us how it’s going to save us from the government!***