***Offertory Donations:***

Sunday 19th: €770.



Thanks for all your contributions.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Feast of the Holy Family – 26th December 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Sunday, December 26th.** | **9.30am*\******11.30am*\**** | **Bill & Mary Kate Burke, Clooneen, & deceased family.****Tommy Burke.****Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntleva, & deceased of McNicholas & Mullaney families.** |
| **Monday, December 27th.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Tuesday, December 28th.** | **11.00am*\**** | **Jack McDonnell, Toughnane (1st Anniversary).** |
| **Wednesday, December 29th.** | **10.00am*\******6.00 – 8.00pm** | **Johnny & Mary McNicholas, Ara. (*Adoration follows until 11.30am)*****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Thursday, December 30th.** | **11.00am** | **Private Intention.** |
| **Friday, December 31st.** | **8.00pm** | **Mass for Year’s End.** |
| **Saturday, January 1st.** | **7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Mary Durkan, her husband Johnny and his parents, Matt & Mary Lizzie Durkan, Carroward.**  |
| **Sunday, January 2nd.** | **9.30am*\******11.30am** | **Johnny & Agnes O’Brien, daughter, Mary & son-in-law, Derek.****For all the People.** |
| ***The 9.30am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every Sunday.******Any other Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with \* above)******All Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.*** |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Martin Maloney*, Massbrook, who died on Friday last, 24th December and whose funeral takes place in Bofeenaun tomorrow (Monday) at 11.00am. He was the brother-in-law of Nancy Maloney, Carroward. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Wednesday last, December 22nd, we were delighted to welcome *Theo Joseph Ball*, all the way from Singapore, into God’s family. Congratulations to his parents, Donna (Ballyglass) and Francis, his godparents and family and we wish them every blessing for the future.

***2022 Parish Calendar*** is now available in the church so please take one home and take additional copies for anyone you think might like one. For those who are home for Christmas you are invited to take back a little reminder of Bohola to your own corner of the world. You might send on a copy to those who can’t be home at this time. Happy 2022!

***A Message from the National Committee of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration:*** *Journeying with the Magi..* Today, many people live in the darkness of fear; lonely and afraid to leave home, often grasping at straws for hope and safety, but finding none that lasts, or even consoles.

Let us pray this Christmas, as an Apostolate, with one voice, that many more in every parish will find Jesus Christ, who is the rock of consolation for each person, home and family; the only Saviour who can save us, make us feel safe.

Where can this Jesus truly be found, the Magi might ask today as they journey in the direction of Bethlehem, the ‘house of bread’? We answer: ‘He awaits us in the Blessed Sacrament’, mostly on the high altar these days!

On behalf of National Committee, this note is to thank you for all that you do to spread the good news about Adoration. Journey on……… *Brendan Cleary National Coordinator*.

On a local note, thank you to everyone for maintaining Eucharistic Adoration in our parish, especially to Patricia Mulroy for keeping us all up to date and in touch with each other and to Fr Stephen for his blessing and his trust in us.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, December 26th:*** *New Year’s Day …*… On New Year’s Day we bring you a short commentary on three Ignatian New Year’s resolutions: ‘Give others the benefit of the doubt’, ‘Resist desolation’ and ‘Follow God’s will without condition, that is, freely’. Access these at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Calling All Men - New Year Resolution?*** Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It’s a challenging 90-day period (January 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See [*www.exodus90.com*](http://www.exodus90.com/) to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thursday, January 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738. Passcode: 997298 with zoom link below.

***North West STOP*** would like to most sincerely thank all parishioners for their support during 2021. Demand for our services has risen steeply in the past year and your support has ensured we could meet that demand. We wish you and yours a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Our office will be closed until January 4th. Our counselling line will be available throughout the Christmas period by call or text to *086-7772009*.

***The Castlebar Rotary Club Christmas Tree of Remembrance*** will run online again this year throughout the month of December in partnership with Western Care Association. You can access the Tree of Remembrance here [*https://visufund.com/2021-mayo-tree-of-remembrance*](https://visufund.com/2021-mayo-tree-of-remembrance).

***Bohola Community Park:*** Come and join Tom O'Brien on the ***Bohola Parish Challenge*** run of 30km through the townlands of Bohola on Friday, 31st December starting at 12 noon at Shraheens Centre. Contact Tom O'Brien on *087-7866688*. A *Family Walk* of 8km starts from Bohola village at 12.30pm on the same day. Tea and Coffee in the Village Inn afterwards. Donate by the following link: [*https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Bohola%20Biodiversity%20Park/GeneralPayment*](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Bohola%20Biodiversity%20Park/GeneralPayment)*.* Donations are also accepted on the day. Admission is free*.*

***Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - October 2022:*** 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. *01-4434510* or email *reservations@med-irishcentre.com*.

***Affordable Live-in Homecare*** provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on *087-9916791* or *087-7440729*. Our website is [*www.alhomecare.ie*](http://www.alhomecare.ie/).

***Free online Living Well Programmes 2022:*** *Living Well* is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) on the Zoom platform. *Next programmes commence in 2022 on the following dates: Thursday, 20th January, Monday, 7th February, Tuesday, 1st March and Wednesday, 9th* March. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please contact Liam Gildea on *087-3490393* or by email at *liam.gildea@mayocil.ie**.* Please see the following link for more information about the course: [*www.hse.ie/livingwell*](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

***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***.

***A Prayer for Parents***

Lord, grant us children,

who will be strong enough to know when they are weak;

who will be unbending in defeat, yet humble and gentle in victory.

Grant us children whose wishes will not take

the place of their deeds;

children who will know you and know themselves.

Lead them, we pray you, not in the path of ease and comfort,

but rather in the path of difficulties and challenges.

Here let them learn to stand up in the storm;

here let them learn compassion for those who fail.

Grant us children whose hearts will be clean, whose goals will be high;

children who will master themselves before seeking to master others;

children who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep;

children who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things, add, we pray;

enough of a sense of humour, so that they may always be serious,

yet never take themselves too seriously.

Give them humility, so that they may always remember the simplicity of greatness,

the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then we, their parents, will dare to whisper, “we have not lived in vain.”

 *(From a prayer by General Douglas MacArthur)*

*Stepped on my scale this morning and it said:*

*‘Please use social distancing, one person at a time!’*