

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th July 2020**

***The Parable of the Sower***

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?

2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

3. ‘We are wasting our time here’ may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

 **John Byrne OSA** ***(Intercom)***

***Provisional Schedule for Return to Worship***

*The following is the* ***provisional*** *timetable for the re-opening of the church for Masses with a congregation:*

***Tuesday, 21st July:*** *Mass for Senior Citizens. ……………………………………………………………………………………….. Weekday Mass on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.*

***Saturday, 25th July:*** *Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.*

***Sunday, 26th July:*** *Mass in Bohola at 9.30am and 11.30am.*

*A similar timetable will apply in the weeks following.*

***All the above is dependent on a sufficient number of trained volunteers being available at each Mass.*** *This will not become clear until after the* ***meeting for all volunteers on Wednesday evening next at 8.00pm*** *when training and guidelines will be given to stewards, cleaners and Ministers of Communion.*

*You are also asked to note the following:*

* *Mass will not be celebrated in Shraheens for the time being because physical distancing of 2 meters would only allow for a very small congregation. However, we look forward to the return of Mass in Shraheens as soon as circumstances allow.*
* *The reason for the earlier 9.30 Sunday Mass is so that there will be time to decontaminate and ventilate the church, allowing the 11.30 congregation to attend in safety. Two Masses on Sunday may not be necessary and if not, we will revert to one Mass at 10.00am.*
* *There will be a very limited stewarded congregation at this Sunday’s Mass in order to ascertain what the reality of the full opening will be like and to help iron out unforeseen difficulties in good time.*

*You may contact any member of the Pastoral Council (Alan Regan, Patria Jordan, Noreen Byrne, Pat Clarke, Emma Galligan, John Jordan, Vera Jordan, Paul MacNicholas, Marie McGahon and Thomas O’Brien) if you wish to volunteer, make suggestions or give feedback on any aspect of the process. Alternatively, you can email* ***boholavolunteers@gmail.com****.*

*Please remember that the above schedule is* ***provisional*** *so make sure that you check next week’s newsletter when Mass times and dates will be confirmed.*

*Once again, thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding and special thanks to the members of the Pastoral Council whose efforts are ensuring that there will be a safe return to church.*

***Support Pope Francis' COVID-19 Emergency Fund:*** Your help is urgently needed to help overseas missionaries and vulnerable communities to defend themselves against COVID-19. In Africa, Asia and Latin America the Church is often on the frontline. In remote, inaccessible areas, it is missionaries who respond, as best they can, to the medical and pastoral needs of suffering men, women and children. To help protect these fragile communities, Pope Francis has announced the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. If you can, please give so that our less-fortunate brothers and sisters have a fighting chance at suppressing COVID-19. Donate by going online at *www.wmi.ie/covid-fund* or call Fiona on 01-4972035.

***Mass Intentions:*** Mass on this Sunday, July 12th, will be offered for *Jimmy Mullaney, Boleyard (1st Anniversary) and his son, Kieran.*

Mass will be offered privately during the week for *All the People of the Parish*.

Mass on Sunday next, July 19th, will be offered for *Michael Sweeney, Bohomore (1st Anniversary).*

***Live Streaming of Mass from Bohola Church*** continues every Sunday morning at 10.00am on the *Bohola Post Facebook Page*.

***Newsletter*** continues to be available in the church and in Clarke’s shop/Post Office, online on the *Mayo.ie* website and will be sent via email to anyone who requests it.

***Offertory Envelopes:*** New boxes of envelopes for the year ahead are now available to collect in the church. New contributors and anyone left out in error from the old list will receive envelopes on request. Renewed thanks for your ongoing generosity.

***The AGM of Bohola Community Park*** will take place on Sunday, 16th August at 7pm in The Community Centre, Bohola. Due to social distancing guidelines, all attendees will have to adhere to the regulations. Therefore, entry will be on a first come, first served basis. Seated attendance only. No standing. There will also be a one way system in operation. Entry will be through the main front door. New volunteers always welcome.

***Moy Davitts 50/50:*** Congratulations to Noel Regan, Straide, on winning €410 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw. 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 [*http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50*](http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50). It might be you !!!

***Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path*** re-opens for visitors. Walk and pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 19th July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon for approximately 4hours, a 12k moderate loop. Booking essential with full details on [*www.loughderg.org*](http://www.loughderg.org/) or email *info@loughderg.org*.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, July 12th:*** According to the American mystic, Thomas Merton, the more we try to analyse life, the more we involve ourselves in sadness. “But it does not matter much because no despair of ours can alter the reality of things, or stain the joy of the cosmic dance which is always there. Indeed, we are in the midst of it, and it is in the midst of us, for it beats in our very blood, whether we want it to or not”. James Finley spent six years at the monastery of Gethsemane, where Thomas Merton was director of novices. He has given a series of insightful online talks and retreats on Merton’s spiritual writings. Access them at: [*www.newpilgrimpath.ie*](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/).

***Come and Study Theology in the Loyola Institute, TCD:*** The Loyola Institute is delighted to offer a new *Postgraduate Certificate in Christian Theology*. This is an opportunity to undertake three modules in one academic year: two compulsory modules, *Readings in Classical Theological Texts* and *Jesus of Nazareth: Son, Christ, Word*(Monday evenings, first semester) and one optional module. Scholarships are available. For more information, please visit our website: [*https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/*](https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/). Join our *Open Evening*Zoom Webinar and Facebook Live on Thursday, 16th July at 6:00pm (register on our website) to hear more about this exciting course!

***Galilee Spirituality Centre:*** *A Community of Prayer:* We gather as a virtual community of prayer each Thursday from 9.00 to 9.30pm to pray for all affected by the current pandemic. We are also continuing our Taizé Prayer on the last Friday of each month from 9.00 to 10.00pm. We invite you to join with us at those times, and let us know you are there, and anything you would like us to hold in prayer. Our website is *www.galiliee.ie*.

***Free Online Living Well Programme*** commences on *Monday, 7th September* (Limited places).If you are living with a long term heath condition, you may be interested in doing the ‘Living Well Programme’. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. This Programme will commence in September. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note, you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087-3490393 or by email at *liam.gildea@mayocil.ie*. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: [*https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/hl/selfmanagement/living-well-programme/*](https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/hl/selfmanagement/living-well-programme/).

***Helplines***

**ALONE COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ***0818 222 024*** (Every day, 8am to 8pm).

**Society ofSt*.* Vincent de Paul:** Call ***(091) 563233*** or email ***info.west@svp.ie*** or visit our website at [***www.svp.ie***](http://www.svp.ie/).

**COVID-19 Collect, Deliver & Transport Service:** Contact Local Link Mayo on ***094-9005150 / 086-0293278*** or ***mayo@locallink.ie***.

**St. John’s Ambulance Mayo Division Volunteers*:*** Contact Michael Corrigan on ***087-3392528***.

**COVID-19 Community Outreach Champion:** Caroline Wilson, ***086-2899296*** or ***wcaroline79@gmail.com***.

**The Mayo Council HELPLINE** is open from 8am-8pm 7 days a week ***094-9064660***.

**ACCORD COVID-19 Relationship Support Line:** Free and confidential on ***01-5313331 / 028-95680151 / 01-9059555***. The lines are open from 9.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Friday.

***This is the longest something made in China has ever lasted!***