

# Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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The Baptism of the Lord – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am * Bohola  7.00pm Straide	Johnny & Agnes O'Brien, their daughters, Mary & Ann and son-in-law, Derek.  Bertie Rainey, his son Dominic and his wife, Carmel and deceased of the Rainey family, Blanemore.  Eileen Stephens, Grallagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary), her sister Maggie, brother Johnny & deceased of the Stephens family.  First Communion Grow in Love.
Sunday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am * Shraheens  11.00am * Bohola	Eileen Tolan (née Sweeney), Manchester & late of Bohomore, her husband Martin and their daughter, Bridie.  Special Intention.  First Communion Grow in Love.
Monday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am	For all the People.
Tuesday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> .	7.00 – 8.00pm	No Mass.  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, January 10 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am  5.00 – 10.00pm	Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 12 noon)  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Thursday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Friday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Saturday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> .	7.00pm Straide	For all the People.
Sunday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am Shraheens  11.00am * Bohola	Kieran Mullaney & his father Jimmy, Boleyard and deceased of Brennan & Mullaney families.  Joe Mullaney, Toughnane (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary).
<p><b>The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend.</b>  <b>Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above)</b>  <b>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b>  <b>All Straide Masses can be seen live on <a href="http://www.straideparish.com">www.straideparish.com</a> or <a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide">www.churchtv.ie/straide</a>.</b></p>		

**Recent Death:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Freda Colgan, who died on Thursday last, January 4<sup>th</sup>. She was the wife of the late Tom Colgan, Ballinlag and the sister-in-law of Noel and John Colgan. May she rest in peace.

**Wedding Bells!** Congratulations to Lorna Malee, Shanaghy, and Thomas Fitzgerald, Abbeyfeale, Co Limerick, who were married in Bohola on Sunday last, December 31<sup>st</sup>. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life together.

**Help Needed in Straide Church** on this Monday evening at 7.00pm to remove Christmas decorations. All help appreciated.

**Belated Thanks** to all in Bohola, Straide and Shraheens who were involved in our Christmas liturgies and to all who attended. A full church makes such a difference to the quality of the celebration. Grateful appreciation to Fr. Dan O'Mahony for celebrating Mass in Straide on Christmas Day, thus solving our bi-location problems! A special word of thanks to those who took care of all the practical arrangements both inside and outside the churches. Thanks to our choirs and musicians, altar servers, readers, Ministers of Communion, sacristans, collectors and counters, those who decorate our churches with flowers, cribs, Christmas trees, lights and wreaths, paintings and candles. All of this happens not only at Christmas but throughout the year and for that we are extremely grateful. Thanks also to all who serve on various committees. May God bless all who contribute in so many ways to the Church and our parish communities and may the good work and generous giving of your time and resources continue in 2024.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:** The late John O'Donohue was an Irish poet, Hegelian philosopher and author of many books including the best-selling *Anam Cara*. He believed that beauty is a human calling and that it unfolds in the becoming of a person, increasing in us as we pass through life's most harrowing thresholds. He had a lifelong fascination with the inner landscape of our lives and with what he called "the invisible world" that is constantly intertwining what we can know and see. One of the lines that he loved in the New Testament was: "One day you will know as you are now known." To hear his mesmerising hour-long discourse on 'The Inner Landscape of Beauty' visit: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



**Bohola:**

**23<sup>rd</sup>/Christmas/**

**30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>:**

€3,120.

**Straide:**

**31<sup>st</sup>:**

Envelopes - €338.50.

Loose - €136.50.

Restoration - €25.

*Thanks for all your generous contributions to both the Offertory and the priest's Christmas collection. Late contributions can still be handed in.*

## The Baptism of the Lord

A birth is a joy to parents. The first words of a child or grandchild or nephew or niece make a big difference to our lives. A new estate of houses and the beginning of a parish, a country. We mark beginnings with some sort of ritual or ceremony.

Jesus' baptism begins his mission and joins him into the religious life of his people. Baptism for us is the beginning of faith. It introduces us into the prayer and sacraments for important times of life, joining us to the community within the area and the parish, with people we meet through the Church - friends, husband, or wife. It brings us into a meaning in life in the gospel of Jesus, and the big traditions of the Church, and faith in the afterlife; by baptism we are to care for the poor.

We are part of the church. Baptism not just a prayer but a joining into the church. Part of a community which with all its faults and failings has made a huge difference to the world. How much health care, education and other services in Ireland and abroad can we thank our church and the other churches for?

And knowing Jesus, a friend. The one who forgives. So that we can always move forward to a fuller life, more joy, and peace. As was said to him, is said to us – 'you are my beloved son and daughter.'

For baptism we pray in thanks --- glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger*

**Pastoral Council Meetings:** A meeting of Bohola Pastoral Council will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evening next, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm and a meeting of the Straide Pastoral Council will take place in the Parochial House on Thursday evening next, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

**An Evening of Song:** The Cill Aodáin Choral Society, together with guest tenor Cathal Gavin, perform in concert in the Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm. Tickets are available from the Linenhall Arts Centre, either on the door or call [094-9023733](tel:094-9023733).

**Music Lessons:** Drums, guitar and piano lessons available in the Barnacarroll / Claremorris area. A few slots are still available for the new term. Contact Elizabeth on [087-9689763](tel:087-9689763).

**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:021-4226655) for more details.

**Income Tax Rebate Forms** are available in the church or if not, please ask for one. The relevant form, CHY3, is an Enduring Certificate for a period of 5 years. It can also be downloaded from the [revenue.ie](http://revenue.ie) website. Thanks to those who have returned the form and we encourage any other PAYE or self-employed worker who has paid €250 or more to the church in the tax year to fill a form as it will be of great benefit to church finances.

**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.

**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:094-9022214) or email [accordcastlebar@gmail.com](mailto:accordcastlebar@gmail.com).

**'Take the Risk for Christ'. Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:** Have you the courage to "Take the Risk for Christ"? Contact our Vocations Director, Fr Paul Kivlehan, The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. Tel. [094-9860011](tel:094-9860011), [Mobile 087-3683535](tel:087-3683535), E-mail [pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org](mailto:pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org) or contact any local priest for more information. *Prayer cards are available in the church and we ask all parishioners to pray for vocations during the coming year.*

**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:094-9038407).

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

**The most important thing to learn in chemistry:  
Never lick the spoon!**