***Offertory Donations:***

Sunday 23rd: €715.



Thanks for all your contributions.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th January 2022**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, January 29th.** | **7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Mike & Helen McNicholas & dec’d McNicholas & Corcoran families.** |
| **Sunday, January 30th.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am*\**** | **Noel O’Brien, his sister Ita Sloyan and their parents, Pake & Teresa.**  **Frances McGreal (née Duffy), Kiltimagh and Toughnane, (Month’s Mind).** |
| **Monday, January 31st.** |  | **No Mass.** |
| **Tuesday, February 1st.** | **10.00am*\**** | **For all the People. (Feast of St Brigid)** |
| **Wednesday, February 2nd.** | **10.00am*\****  **6.00 – 8.00pm** | **The Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas Day) (*Adoration follows until 11.30am)***  **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Thursday, February 3rd.** | **10.00am*\**** | Private Intention. (Feast of St Blaise) |
| **Friday, February 4th.** | **8.00pm** | **Special Intention.** |
| **Saturday, February 5th.** | **7.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Mary & Liam Carroll, Barleyhill and deceased of Carroll & Mullagh families.** |
| **Sunday, February 6th.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am** | **For all the People.**  **Private Intention.** |
| ***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.*** | | |

***Going Forward…..***

**In light of the recent lifting of Covid restrictions by the Government, the Pastoral Council met on Thursday evening to discuss the implications for church attendance and the following conclusions / decisions were reached:**

***Mass will return to Shraheens but first we will see how things progress over the coming weeks and all going well the grand re-opening will take place on Sunday, 6th March at 9.30 am!***

***As social distancing is no longer required, most seat markings have been removed. However, they remain on the left-hand side facing the altar to facilitate those who may feel more comfortable being socially distant. It is still advisable to spread out as far as possible in other parts of the church.***

***It was felt that stewards are no longer necessary for normal church gatherings but they may be called into action again when larger congregations and visitors are expected.***

***Thanks was expressed to all stewards and volunteers for their sterling service since July 2020. Their welcoming, helpful and re-assuring presence meant that people could return to church in comfort and safety.***

***Sanitization of the church is not required after every Mass but the practice will continue for the time being and will be reviewed at the end of next month. New foggers are always welcome!***

***Hand sanitizer will continue to be available at church entrances / exits.***

***Face coverings should continue to be worn in church.***

***Collection baskets will not be passed around so the current method of making offertory donations remains in place.***

***Distribution of Holy Communion reverts back to pre-Covid practice with people approaching the altar to receive. However, those with mobility difficulties and others who would prefer to receive at their seats will be accommodated. Please note that reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is still not allowed.***

***The side door facing the car-park will be open for entry and exit.***

***Choirs are again allowed in churches. We leave it to our own choir to make their own decisions with regard to returning.***

***Altar servers will again be welcomed back but due to the training and paperwork involved it was felt that September would be the most practical time for their return.***

**Once again we thank everybody for their co-operation and common sense during the whole period of restrictions. We move forward cautiously and with no guarantee that restrictions won’t return. But at the same time we proceed with hope in our hearts and with God’s help, to a brighter future.**

***Feast of St Brigid*** is on this Tuesday and Mass will be live-streamed at *10.00am*. St Brigid’s Crosses can be left in the church any time before Mass on Tuesday for blessing. Please attach your name so that you can collect them later in the church if you so wish.

***Feast of The Presentation of the Lord*** is on Wednesday and Mass will be live-streamed at *10.00am*. This day is also known as *Candlemas Day* when traditionally, candles are blessed. If anyone wishes to have candles blessed, again leave them in the church beforehand with name attached and they can be collected anytime afterwards.

***Feast of St Blaise*** is on Thursday and Mass will be live-streamed at *10.00am*. St Blaise is associated with the blessing of throats but because of continuing health and safety concerns, the traditional blessing will not be possible again this year. However, the *“Prayer of Blessing of Throats”* will be said towards the end of Mass.

***Calling All Readers!*** We hope to get a proper rota of Readers (Ministers of the Word) up and running (reading!) again in the near future. We ask all those on the original rota to let us know whether or not you wish to be included in the new rota and additional Readers will be most welcome. Please contact Fr O’Mahony or any member of the Pastoral Council.

In the meantime, a sincere word of thanks to the small cohort of Readers who kept this important ministry alive over the past months and usually at very short notice.



***Bereavement Support:*** Losing a loved one is always a difficult experience. During Covid, many support services were missing but *from February 2nd, the weekly bereavement support group will resume every Wednesday morning at 11am in the Family Centre at Knock Shrine*. These meetings aim to help those who are grieving to find healing, hope and comfort. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley on *094-9375320*.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 30th:*** *‘For all that has been, THANKS! For all that is to be, YES!’ …*… “For all that has been, THANKS! For all that is to be, YES!” This marvellous prayer is very appropriate as we stand on the threshold of another year. It was written by Dag Hammarskjöld, a Swedish diplomat and the second Secretary General of the United Nations, who died at the age of 56 in an airplane crash as he travelled to a warring region of Africa. Brother Jonathan Maury of the Society of St John the Evangelist, an American monastic community in the Anglican Communion, has written an inspiring reflection on Hammarskjöld’s words. You can read it at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is now accepting applications for 2022-2023. Application forms are available from the school by ringing *094-9384271* or by emailing [*boholaschool@gmail.com*](mailto:boholaschool@gmail.com).

Should anyone wish to have a look at the fantastic facilities the school has to offer, please ring the Principal, Teresa Mulligan and she will arrange a time to show you around.

***St. Nathy’s Class of 1981:*** St Nathy’s College Leaving Cert Class of 1981 is hoping to have a class reunion in August. A call out to anyone who entered St Nathy’s in September 1976 or perhaps joined/left the class that would have sat the Leaving Cert in 1981 to get in contact and say “An Seo”!! Call or text Marty Groarke on *(087) 635 0034*.

***The Colm Horkan Memorial Run 2022:*** Walkers and runners invited to participate on the day or virtually in the Colm Horkan Memorial Run 2022. The run, which takes place on February 12th from 9.30am, will be a mix of a physical run in Charlestown and a virtual run for people unable to make it on the day. As in 2021 you can choose to run, jog, cycle or walk 5km, 10km or do a half-marathon and participants can take part anywhere in the world at your own pace and distance. The 5km route in Charlestown is suitable for families and casual walkers. Entry is now open and you can register to take part either virtually or physically by visiting[*https://www.popupraces.ie/race/colm-horkan-memorial-run-2022/*](https://www.popupraces.ie/race/colm-horkan-memorial-run-2022/)*.*

Funds raised will go towards the development of a new all-weather floodlit pitch, to be named the Colm Horkan Memorial Pitch. The project will also involve the construction of new community walkways and will be a fitting legacy for the great man and a facility for the community to enjoy for generations to come.



***Computer-based Business Courses*** start in Ballinrobe and Swinford in early February 2022. The courses are free and provide unemployed adults with an opportunity to return to education, update their skills, and learn new skills in a supportive learning environment. All course materials are provided, including the use of a laptop, family friendly hours, small class sizes and QQI accreditation. VTOS eligibility criteria may apply.

For further details – contact **Beatrice,** Further Education Centre, Ballinrobe on *086-0610020*, email [*beatricebrophy@msletb.ie*](mailto:beatricebrophy@msletb.ie) or **Emer,** Further Education Centre, Swinford on *086 0610009*; email [*emermullins@msletb.ie*](mailto:emermullins@msletb.ie).

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

***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***.

***If you don’t have the time to do it right….***

***What makes you think you have the time to do it twice?***