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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th July 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, July 24th.** | **8.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Tom & Mary Mulligan & deceased of Mulligan & Corcoran families.**  **Noreen Moore, Clooneen (10th Anniversary) & deceased of O’Brien & Moore families.** |
| **Sunday, July 25th.** | **9.30am*\****  **11.30am** | **For all the People.**  **Private Intention.** |
| **Wednesday, July 28th.** | **10.00am*\****  **7.00 – 9.00pm** | **Patrick & Nora Groarke, their granddaughter, Susan Killigrew and cousin, Regina Durcan.**  **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, July 30th.** | **8.00pm** | **Private Intention.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** | | |
| **Saturday, July 31st.** | **8.00pm Vigil*\**** | **Tommy & Mary Jordan and their daughters, Mary & Christina, Lower Treenduff.**  **Kate & Martin O’Brien, Rathruane.** |
| **Sunday, August 1st.** | **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.*** | | |

***World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly***

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which takes place today, 25th July on the theme, ‘I am with you always’ (Mt 28:20).

Gathered together as a people around the Lord, we discover the beauty of being part of the same family and of being able to feel that we are all children − even those of us who are advanced in years − beloved of the one Father. So we understand that, as the Pope says in *Fratelli Tutti*, we are not saved alone. This is what those five thousand gathered around Jesus experienced, and it is clearer today to all of us who live at a time still affected by the pandemic. The elderly are not saved by themselves alone because they need strong legs on which to make their dreams walk. Young people are not saved by themselves alone because they need someone to tell them that even from a dark night, the sun of a new dawn can rise.



***Prayer for the First World Day for***

***Grandparents and the Elderly***

I thank You, Lord,

for the comfort of Your presence:

even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family

and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,

for the dreams that have already come true in my life

and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness

to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,

make me a channel of your peace,

teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,

to never stop dreaming

and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,

that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,

that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,

the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness

and help me to live life to the full

in each moment that You give me,

in the certainty that you are with me every day,

even until the end of the age. Amen.

***Wedding Bells!*** Congratulations to *Mark Jordan*, Shanaghy and Nettley Abbey, Southampton, and *Angharad Tye-Reeve*, Shedfield, Southampton, who were married in St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield on Thursday, July 8th. We wish them every blessing and many happy years of married life.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, July 25th:*** *An Introduction to Thomas Merton…*… For the great Trappist mystic and writer, Thomas Merton, the “deeply spiritual life” meant the “experience” of God’s presence and love at all times, combining that with action in everyday life. An 11-minute PBS programme provides an excellent introduction to Merton. Visit [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Evelyn Durcan on winning €302 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. 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 [*https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts*](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsmartlotto.ie%2FBohola-moy-davitts%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2-SMSQVJnLPM1gbMk8VYcVq5QSNWsE5b18UD-SHwPhuifGrX08SNDlJc8&h=AT0MiLZlj4q4DBPOl03vVXSokuVERXZawyK8tGPOdkMD6iUtbbGAIDrP1wUMXoHHwBpf8OCfEYLll7lUaWyYzni7elqLyyDX1hxrkiRT4iLddt75pWrUPCYemDN43SvOspaI&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1bnP92vRmesJAH-zh16Oyc956taFyWxM0_3VLfj4QSf9SmpZw5cpQ61Vc5tvJdChYPj7SPty0LDMmT-1CuL0y1Dj6Ia-SpXR1Lif8cNpBMb3zmcNd83NlOLtCy4LEd6sxibGw9D72uG7DGqfgmtrvFR5ZcIPXTwnc_aJIQcIYHHlU6GWM4y_sHX7uH).

***North West STOP*** invites you to greet the dawn in *Sunrise for STOP* any morning of the bank holiday weekend (31st July to 2nd August) to support their free counselling services throughout the Northwest. Sign up at: [*https://www.njuko.net/sunrise-for-stop/*](https://www.njuko.net/sunrise-for-stop/) to receive a t-shirt/registration pack and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates. Search for "North West STOP". Access our counselling service by call or text to *086-777 2009*.

***Western Care Association Staff Recruitment:*** Have you an interest in working with people with a learning disability and / or autism? Western Care Association is recruiting Relief Staff to work in our services based across Co. Mayo. For further information please visit our website at [*www.westerncare.com*](http://www.westerncare.com/) or email [*hr@westerncare.com*](mailto:hr@westerncare.com).



***Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly***

*Lord Jesus,*

*you were born of the Virgin Mary,*

*the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.*

*Look with love on grandparents the world over.*

*Protect them! They are a source of enrichment*

*for families, for the Church and for all of society.*

*Support them! As they grow older,*

*may they continue to be for their families*

*strong pillars of Gospel faith,*

*guardians of noble domestic ideals,*

*living treasuries of sound religious traditions.*

*Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,*

*that they may pass on to future generations the fruits*

*of their mature human and spiritual experience.*

*Lord Jesus,*

*help families and society*

*to value the presence and role of grandparents and the elderly.*

*May they never be ignored or excluded,*

*but always encounter respect and love.*

*Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed*

*in all the years of life which you give them.*

*Mary, Mother of all the living,*

*keep grandparents and the elderly constantly in your care,*

*accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,*

*and by your prayers, grant that all families*

*may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,*

*where you await all humanity*

*for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!*

***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***.

***Focus on the Gospel***

*The generosity of Jesus is never exhausted; he is like the host or hostess who prepares too much. He fed the crowds, and much was left over; the disciples collected the leftover fragments, and we might say that what was left over would be the bread of life for the world for all times. What he gave to the crowds was himself, and this is what is given at every Mass.*

*The Eucharist is not just eating – it is sharing. The people sat in groups and maybe they shared with each other. They just didn’t each come up and get a fish or piece of bread. They ate together and all had the same menu. Over the last months we have come to realise that the Mass on webcam, even though we value it, lacks the personal touch and the sharing. It was great to get back to after some months of no worship.*

*Did they know where the bread and fish came from? The bread and fish, the food of the poor, was shared by the young boy. The boy could probably only have afforded enough for himself. Still, he gave it away!*

*We can give thanks for the bread of the Eucharist, but also for the people who prepare our ordinary meals. They are doing a holy thing!*

*~ Donal Neary SJ, editor, Sacred Heart Messenger ~*

***With all my aches and pains, I’m afraid I have that Chinese disease….***

***“Yung No Mo”***