

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter

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The Baptism of the Lord – 8th January 2023



Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 7 th .	7.00pm Straide	Bertie Rainey, his son Dominic and his wife, Carmel and deceased of the Rainey family, Blanemore. Eileen Stephens, Grallagh (2 nd Anniversary), her sister Maggie, brother Johnny & deceased of the Stephens family.
Sunday, January 8 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntleva, & deceased of McNicholas & Mullaney families. For all the People.
Monday, January 9 th .		No Mass.
Tuesday, January 10 th .	7.00pm*	Nigel Mullahy, New York & Barleyhill (2 nd Anniversary).
Wednesday, January 11 th .	10.00am* 7.00 – 9.00pm	Tom Lyons, Philadelphia.....(Adoration follows until 11.30am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, January 12 th .	10.00am Straide	Private Intention.
Friday, January 13 th .	8.00pm	Frank McNicholas, Gortnasella & deceased of McNicholas family.
Saturday, January 14 th .	11.00am* 12 noon Straide 7.00pm Straide	Julia Mulderrig, Altbawn (Month's Mind). Fr. John Smyth, Straide (Month's Mind). Marie McDonnell, Castlebar (4 th Anniversary).
Sunday, January 15 th .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Kieran Mullaney & his father Jimmy, Boleyard and deceased of Brennan & Mullaney families. Joe Mullaney, Toughnane (1 st Anniversary).
<p>The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend. Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above) All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel. All Straide Masses can be seen live on www.straideparish.com or www.churchtv.ie/straide.</p>		

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Helen Palmer (née Mulderrig), Kent, England who died on Sunday, December 25th. She was the sister of the late Michael Mulderrig, Altbawn. May she rest in peace.

We also remember Pope Benedict XVI whose funeral took place in Rome on Thursday last. May he rest in peace.

Baptism: On Sunday last, January 1st, we were delighted to welcome Aoibheann Ellen Murphy, Treenduff, into God's family. Congratulations to her parents, Maria and Padraic, her godparents and the wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

Straide Parish Pastoral Council

The list of names of those who were nominated to serve on the Straide Pastoral Council is posted at the back of the church. We ask that those listed would indicate as soon as possible their willingness or otherwise to serve.

Please note that the Constitution for Pastoral Councils states that **"in order to ensure the effective working of the PPC, membership of the Council should consist of between 8 and 15 people"** and **"only one member of a family can be elected"**.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 8th: "Who am I?" This question has haunted countless generations. The late Henri Nouwen, theologian, and bestselling spiritual writer, believed that, for most of us, our response will be linked to what we have, or what we do, or what others say about us. By allowing our self-worth to be determined by external factors over which we often have no control, we are often led to a sense of worthlessness and despair. Nouwen reminds us that we are "human beings", not "human doings". The true response to the question is "I am a beloved daughter of God. I am a beloved son of God". "God's words, 'You are my Beloved'", writes Nouwen, "reveal the most intimate truth about all human beings, whether they belong to any particular religious tradition or not. The ultimate spiritual temptation is to doubt this fundamental truth about ourselves and trust in alternative identities... I hope that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being, 'You are the Beloved!'" In a powerful recorded talk, he urges that the key task of our spiritual journey is to claim that truth and live a life based upon it. Listen to the talk at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.



31st/1st & Epiphany:

Bohola:

€1,050.

Straide:

(Christmas included)

Envelopes - €987.60.

Loose - €512.55.

Restoration - €280.

Thanks for all your generous contributions to both the Offertory and the priest's Christmas collection.

The Baptism of the Lord

Nowadays we see baptism as welcoming a new person or infant into the Christian community. There was no Christian community for Jesus to be welcomed into when he was baptised by John in the river Jordan. By his baptism Jesus identified with all who were in need of God's special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by the ancient prophets. The opening of the heavens, the voice, and the Spirit all confirmed that Jesus was God's presence in the world. He would treat people as if they were his Father in heaven.

His presence offered hope and healing to all who felt overwhelmed and overburdened. "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened...." *Matthew 11: 28*. We who have been baptised by water and the Holy Spirit have become other Christs. We are God's presence in the world. Christ lives in us - *Galatians 2: 20*. "Christ has no body now on earth but yours – no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks out his compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he goes about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses...." - *Teresa of Avila*.

Let's not underestimate the power we have to offer hope and help to others when they are down - a listening ear, a kind word, a welcome mat, a bit of humour.... Maybe we could go another step and offer the questioner a good reason for the faith we practise and the hope we have – *1 Peter 3:15*.

Fr. Joe Walsh

Missing an iPhone? An iPhone was left on the altar of Bohola church last Sunday evening/night, presumably found in the church that day. If you are the owner or know who it might be, please get in touch.

Durcan Bohola Community Park: Many thanks to all of you who supported our annual New Year's Eve walk. A special thank you to all our sponsors and to John Mountney, Village Inn, Angela & Brendan, Gourmet Genie The Cafe for all the refreshments after the walk. The winners of the draw are as follows:

1st Prize: 2 Man Utd v Chelsea tickets from ProRail Services - Avril Byrne.

2nd Prize: Westport House stay - Rosaleen Basquille.

3rd Prize: CEF Electrical - Paul Timlin.

4th Prize: Hotel Stay Fermanagh - Joanne Kilroy.

5th Prize: Castlecourt Dinner - Mary Kelly.

6th Prize: Clarkes Shop Hamper - Darren Flynn.

7th Prize: Mayo Jacket from Lavins Swinford - Darren Flynn.

8th Prize: Hamper - James McGoohan.

9th Prize: Gourmet Genie - Anne Tierney.

We are now looking forward to seeing you all at our Strictly Come Dancing event on February 3rd in the Park Hotel, Kiltimagh.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Jason Goldrick who won a jackpot of €373 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. 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>.

Straide Church Rotas for January

First Reading: Sarah Canning.

Second Reading: Fiona Kelly.

Prayers of the Faithful: Fiona Kelly.

Minister of Communion: Hugh Rainey.

Offertory Collectors: Marian McHale & Julia Molloy.

Opening/Closing Church: Josie & Bob Neary.

A little girl was holding two apples; her mother asked for one. The girl quickly bit one apple, and then the other. Her mother held back her disappointment. Then the girl handed one to her saying: "Here, this is the sweeter one."

Moral: Never judge.



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Free Online Living Well Programme: The next Living Well Programme, begins on Thursday, January 12th (10.30am to 1.00pm). Courses also begin on January 31st and February 20th. Please contact Liam Gildea on [086-0142675](tel:086-0142675) or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: www.hse.ie/livingwell

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In the 1980s I was riding my bike and fell off and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then!