

Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter



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Mary, The Holy Mother Of God - 1st January 2023

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 31 st .	7.00pm Straide	For all the People.
Sunday, January 1 st .	9.30am Shraheens 11.00am* Bohola	Private Intention. Private Intention.
Monday, January 2 nd .	11.00am Straide	Peter Murphy, Umoon (1 st Anniversary).
Tuesday, January 3 rd .	8.00pm	Johnny & Agnes O'Brien, their daughters, Mary & Ann and son-in-law, Derek.
Wednesday, January 4 th .	10.30 – 11.30am 7.00pm Straide 7.00 – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sheila Devaney, Umoon (11th Anniversary). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday, January 5 th .		No Mass.
Friday, January 6 th .	10.00am Straide 7.00pm*	The Epiphany of The Lord. The Epiphany of The Lord.
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.
<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 Death: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ulick Bourke, Coolkeevane, Straide who died on Sunday last, December 25th and whose funeral took place in Straide on Thursday followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. May he rest in peace.

Baptisms: On Wednesday last, December 28th we were delighted to welcome siblings Freya Aoife and Odhrán John Dunleavy, Hemel Hempstead, England, into God's family. Congratulations to their parents, Aaron and Scarlett, their godparents and the wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

Sincere 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. John Cunningham 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 2023.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, January 1st: Ignatian New Year Resolutions On New Year's Day, New Pilgrim Path brings you a short commentary on three Ignatian New Year's resolutions: 'Give others the benefit of the doubt', 'Resist desolation' and 'Follow God's will without condition, that is, freely'. Access these at: www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

Coolegrane Christmas Lights: The Coolegrane Christmas Lights, renowned for being one of the largest displays of Christmas lights in the county, return again this year. This annual event, famous for its spectacular design and colour is located in Askillau, Foxford, F26 Y519. The Hughes brothers have kindly chosen Western Care Association as their charity for this year. This is an amazing opportunity for children and their families to experience some of the magic of Christmas while supporting a very worthy cause. The lights were officially lit up on December 8th and will shine brightly until January 6th.



Dec. 24th/25th:

Bohola:
€2,860.

Straide:

To be announced later.

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

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Some people have a quiet and calming influence on us. They have the knack of putting worry in perspective and of giving us a good sense of ourselves. They are often silent carers, around at the time we need them. Mary the mother of Jesus was one of these. All through the gospel she says little – only to help others like at the wedding of Cana when she calmly came to the couple's rescue when wine ran out. She was with the apostles in the secret, upper room for the days before the coming of the Holy Spirit, a quiet, confirming presence for people who were very afraid.

To be a good listener we need to have time for people – she seemed to have that as with Elizabeth her cousin, when she visited her before the birth of their children. We need to be interested in them as she was - in going to where the others were as in that scene at Pentecost. We need to know when to speak, as at Cana. She is the patron of listeners!

One of the greatest gifts we can give to another is to listen, with compassion. In a busy world of social media, the sympathy of real listening is often missed. Open my ears and my heart O Lord to listen well.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Befriending Volunteer Western Alzheimers:

Can you spare a couple of hours per week? A little time goes along way. Become a befriender to those living with dementia. Full training provided. Contact Caroline on 087-3694477 or 094-936490.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:

Congratulations to Ciara Kelly who won a jackpot of €618 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>.

Live-in Home Care:

ALHomecare is in business for 9 years, we work with hundreds of families and we have nearly 300 carers working nationwide. It is a safe and affordable alternative to nursing homes and private visiting carers who we are aware are in serious short supply especially at this time of the year as cold and wintery weather approaches. Contact Tom at 087-7440729 or Eileen at 087-9916791, who will be happy to chat anytime.

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright,
 even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you when people
 and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY
 To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

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.

Free Online Living Well Programme: The next Living Well Programme, begins on Thursday, January 12th (10.30am to 1.00pm). Please contact Liam Gildea on 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

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

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call (094) 9038407.

Parish Pastoral Councils

On February 5th, it is hoped that each parish in the diocese will have its Parish Pastoral Council in place. These will be commissioned by the Bishop at the Cathedral in Ballaghaderreen. Over the following months, they will receive some basic training for their work. It will be part of their task to listen carefully to the needs of the people in their parishes and to discern the best ways to respond to those needs. Their work will be undertaken as a partnership, a group exercise, working with all members of the parish to enrich their lives of faith as a community.

I can't believe it's been a year since I didn't become a better person!