

# Bohola/Straide/Shraheens Newsletter



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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Masses for the Week

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| Saturday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> .  | 11.00am*<br>7.00pm* Vigil <i>Bohola</i>                                     | Micheál Walsh, Ardacarra (Month's Mind).<br>Martin & Annie Groarke, Ballyglass and all family & relations, living and deceased.                    |
| Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> .  | 9.30am <i>Shraheens</i><br>11.00am <i>Straide</i>                           | For all the People.<br>Molly & Tommy Walsh, Islandeady & their son, Sean Walsh, Tralee.<br>Mercedes Molloy, Tavana (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary). |
| Monday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> .  |   | No Mass.   |
| Tuesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> .   | 7.00 – 8.00pm<br>8.00pm <i>Straide</i>                                      | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.<br>Mary Theresa Murray, Umoon (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary).                                       |
| Wednesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> .   | 10.00am<br>7.00 – 9.00pm  | Private Intention.....(Adoration follows until 11.30am)<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.   |
| Thursday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> .  | 10.00am <i>Straide</i>  | Private Intention.   |
| Friday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup> .  | 8.00pm  | Private Intention.   |
| Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> .  | 5.00pm<br>7.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>   | The Nativity of Our Lord.<br>The Nativity of Our Lord.   |
| Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> .  | 9.30am <i>Shraheens</i><br>11.00am* <i>Bohola</i><br>11.00am <i>Straide</i> | Christmas Day Mass.<br>Christmas Day Mass.<br>Christmas Day Mass.  |
| <p><b>The Bohola weekend Mass will be live-streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every weekend.</b><br/> <b>Any other Bohola Masses are put online when requested. (Marked with * above)</b><br/> <b>All Bohola Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b><br/> <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 Deaths:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

*Fr. John Smyth*, Straide and formerly Columban Missionary in Korea who died on Saturday last, December 10<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Straide on Wednesday.

*Michael Corrigan*, Carracastle, who died on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December and whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Sunday last in Bohola followed by cremation in Shannon Crematorium.

*Christina Beary (née Lohan)*, Ashbourne, Co Meath, who died on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December and whose funeral took place in Ashbourne on Monday last. She was the sister of Tony Lohan, Boleyard.

*Bridie Madden (née Carroll)*, Kent, England and formerly of Treenduff, who died on Thursday last, December 15<sup>th</sup>. She was the sister of the late John and Tom Carroll, Treenduff and of the late Marie O'Brien, Fintona, Co Tyrone.

We extend sympathy to their families and pray they are at peace.

**Baptisms:** On Saturday last, December 10<sup>th</sup> we were delighted to welcome twins *Beau William* and *Bailey Kevin Gavin-Breen*, Barleyhill Court, into God's family. Congratulations to their parents, godparents and wider family circle and we wish them every blessing for the future.

**Christmas Confessions:** "The Light is on for You" – There will be a visiting priest in Bohola and Straide churches this Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6pm to hear confessions. You are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to prepare for Christmas in the best possible way.

**Advent Adoration in Straide** takes place this Tuesday evening, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 7.00 to 8.00pm. All welcome!

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, December 18<sup>th</sup>:** *The Great O Antiphons ....* From the 17<sup>th</sup> December until 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the Great 'O' Antiphons are sung, one each day. They are among the richest treasures of Advent. Their beautiful, sombre rhythms seem almost the rhythms of life itself. They are sung as though with breath held, suffused with reverence and wonder. With a montage of haunting biblical images of creation, redemption, and ultimate restoration they remind us that Christ, whose glorious return we anticipate and patiently await during Advent, is surrounding and sustaining us already. He is truly Emmanuel, "God among us". Pray the antiphons each day with [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>:

**Bohola:**

€415.

**Straide:**

Envelopes - €250.

Loose - €118.

Restoration - €100.

Thanks for all your contributions.

**Carol Service in Bohola Parish Church** Hosted by Bohola National School on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Church Collection** is taken up at this time. You can contribute by placing your donation in an envelope marked 'SVP Collection' and return it with the offertory envelopes at Mass or put it through the letterbox of the parochial house in either Straide or Bohola. Please support this worthy cause.

**Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas:** International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, is inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life-changing school meals for a child living in poverty.

For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or can be sent via post by calling 01-8535163.

### Parish Pastoral Councils

The work of putting Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) in place in parishes is continuing over these weeks. The PPC will work as a team, together with the Parish Priest, to improve the faith life of the parish. It will work to build up a stronger faith community in the parish. The Second Vatican Council, which began just over 60 years ago, encouraged every baptised person to take a more active responsibility for the work of proclaiming the Gospel. That vision is now being constantly reiterated by Pope Francis. The changing profile of clergy and religious is making this an even more urgent task now for all of us. In ten years' time, we will have only about twelve priests under 75 in the diocese of Achonry. Responsibility for the Church will have to be more broadly shared by all members of our parishes. The PPC will play a vital role in this context.

**Anam Cara Mayo**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm in the T.F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085-2888888 for any queries. For more information see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie).

**Lights of Love in aid of Anam Cara:** At Anam Cara, we know that facing the festive season can sometimes be hard for those who have lost a child. This Christmas, we are asking our supporters to remember and celebrate a loved one by lighting up our virtual Christmas tree with a very special "Light of Love". If you would like to support our Lights of Love appeal, simply follow this link <https://visufund.com/lights-of-love-in-aid-of-anam-cara> and click "dedicate". By donating, you will be helping Anam Cara be there throughout the whole year to support bereaved parents.

**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 Askillaun, 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 turned on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will shine brightly until January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Crafty Little Christmas Weekend:** Come along to a family-friendly Crafty Little Christmas Weekend at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Saturday and Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Enjoy choirs in the galleries, the colour and costume of the mummers with the renowned Armagh Rhymers, Christmas craft workshops, guided tours and a decoration hunt in the galleries. Admission is free. See [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie) for full details.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Christine Walsh who won a jackpot of €400 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>.

**Bohola Parish Challenge New Year's Eve & Prize Draw:** The Durkan Bohola Community Park is holding the Bohola Parish Challenge and local Walk/Run this New Year's Eve. Our local Walk/Run will start at 1.00pm from our New Pavilion located in the Community Park in the direction of Altinea, Upper and Lower Treenduff and finish in the Village. If you would like to take part in the Parish Challenge please contact Tom O'Brien on 087-7866688.

All donations of €10 or more to the development of our community park will gain entry into our fabulous New Year draw with a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of two premium tickets to Manchester United V Chelsea at Old Trafford. €10 per entry or €20 for 3 entries. See our Facebook for further details. Tickets are also available in Clarke's shop, The Village Inn and Gourmet Genie in Bohola and in Teach O'Hora, Walshtown Filling Station and Ryan's Bar in Kiltimagh and in the Copper Beech in Straide or from any committee member. The draw will take place after the Parish Challenge in The Village Inn at approximately 3.30pm where refreshments and treats will be available. Please come out and support our community. Contact Sean Flynn, Chairperson, on 086-1699524 for further information. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

**Why is Christmas just like your job?**

**You do all the work and the fat guy in the suit takes all the credit!**