***Offertory Donations:***

This Week: €490.



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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Palm (Passion) Sunday – 28th March 2021**

###### Masses & Ceremonies for Holy Week

**All listed below will be live-streamed on the *Bohola Post Facebook Page* and broadcast locally on *Radio 105.5 FM*.**

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| **Sunday, March 28th.** | **10.00am** | **John & Bridget Byrne, Rathruane, and deceased family.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, including Mass for all the People.*** | | |
| **Wednesday, March 31st.** | **7.30pm**  **8.15 – 10.00pm** | Penitential Service.Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer). |
| **Thursday, April 1st.** | **8.00pm** | Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. |
| **Friday, April 2nd.** | **3.00pm**  **7.00pm** | **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.** Stations of the Cross. |
| **Saturday, April 3rd.** | **9.00pm** | **The Easter Vigil.** |
| **Sunday, April 4th.** | **10.00am** | **Michael Walsh, Ardacarra, & his brothers, Gerald & Tommy (Tom).** |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Alfred (Alfie) Carroll*, Treenduff, who died on Saturday, March 20th and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Tuesday last. May he rest in peace.

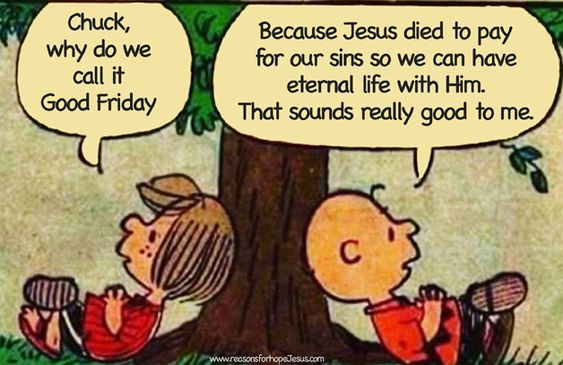
***Holy Week*** begins today and is the high point of the Church’s liturgical year, celebrating all that is at the heart of our Christian faith. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, churches are closed for public worship due to Covid-19 so once again we are limited to online participation. The full schedule of ceremonies is outlined above and all will be live-streamed on the *Bohola Post Facebook Page* and broadcast locally on *Radio 105.5 FM*. We hope that as many as possible will tune in for these most holy and solemn ceremonies.

Please note that palm and palm crosses will be blessed at today’s Mass and will be available for collection afterwards in the church. The blessing of water will take place at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night and again little bottles of the newly blessed Easter water will be available afterwards in the church together with a prayer of blessing for your own home.



***Penitential Service (Wednesday 7.30pm):*** It is not currently possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we normally would before Easter. There will be a Penitential Service on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm during which we ask God’s forgiveness for our sins and promise to go to confession when it is possible to do so. Individual confession with appropriate social distancing and mask wearing can be arranged by appointment with Fr O’Mahony.

***Praying from Home during Holy Week:*** This year we again make our journey of Holy Week as a Christian community unable to gather. However, we can continue to keep Holy Week in our homes, in union with the prayer of the Church as we live out these sacred days. Resources designed to help people undertake this keeping of Holy Week are available for each day on our diocesan website, *https://achonrydiocese.org/holyweek2021*.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, March 28th:*** *Palm Sunday and Holy Week ….* “Palm Sunday is a day of high emotions, teetering on the edge between happiness and heartbreak.” This is the opening line of a beautiful Ignatian reflection on Giotto’s painting, Christ’s Entry into Jerusalem. Throughout Holy Week, New Pilgrim Path will provide a host of spiritual resources each day of Holy Week. These will include links to online Stations of the Cross and streamed church services; music ranging from Malcolm Williamson’s marvellous Ride On, Ride on in Majesty to Poulenc’s sublime Stabat Mater; poems as diverse as Katharine Tynan’s All in the April Evening and Mary Oliver’s Gethsemane; and much more. Access all this at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Lenten Reflection (Harp, Voice and Violin):*** Vox Hiberniae, are a group of musicians from parishes in the Dublin diocese and have prepared the following reflection in conjunction with the Avila Carmelite Centre in Donnybrook. "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" reflects in Word and in song on the Passion of Jesus. It can be viewed from the following link - [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90).

***Trócaire Lenten Campaign:*** Ajak Ngor arrived in the Yirol East community a shattered woman. Her husband, a soldier, was suffering terribly from being wounded in South Sudan’s endless war. Her ten beautiful children had only Ajak to rely on. But like ninety percent of people here, they were living on one small meal a day. Some days there was nothing at all. Yet through all the days, Ajak sacrifices everything she has to put on a brave face for her precious family.

Together with Awut, Ajak has forged a friendship that is so beautiful to witness. When Ajak’s husband succumbed to his war wounds and died, it was Awut who comforted her, Awut who sheltered her. Today the two widows toil together, and share all they have, to keep what’s left of their beloved families from being lost completely to poverty, war, and hunger

On top of Ajak’s daily struggle for food, she cannot afford shoes for her children. But like so many South Sudanese mothers, she cherishes education. So you can understand the pain in Ajak’s voice when she admits to you, “Even if I try hard, I won’t be able to afford shoes so my children can go to school. I don’t have the power to do that, or to afford school fees.”

Ajak will continue to wear a brave face for her family... through Lent, Easter, and beyond. She works hard to teach her children good manners, love, and respect. Because she knows that without the means to survive today... without soap, seeds, safe water, sustenance, even shoes... there can be no chance to thrive tomorrow.

If you would like to contribute but have yet to do so, Trócaire boxes are still available in the church. You can also donate online at [*https://www.trocaire.org/*](https://www.trocaire.org/). Please be as generous as possible.

***Bohola National School Enrolment:*** Bohola National School is currently accepting applications for 2021/2022. Please email the school at *boholaschool@gmail.com* for an application form or telephone *094-9384271*.

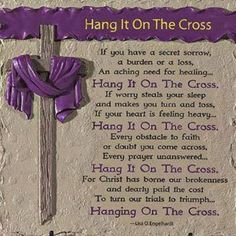
***The 2021 Western People Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards Scheme*** is now open for applications. €5,000 in funds is available to support athletes from Co. Mayo. Further details and application forms are available by emailing [*martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com*](mailto:martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com). Closing date for completed application forms is **April 16th.**

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Tara O'Brien on winning €611 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw. The winner of the hamper was Sarah Canning. 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).

***Moy Davitts Registration:*** Moy Davitts GAA club, like every other sporting club in the country, is anxiously waiting for news of when our members young and old can get back on to our playing pitches. In the meantime Croke Park requires that all our members are registered before March 31st. With this in mind, along with the problem of not being able to register in our usual face to face way, we are asking all parents to please register online. This can be done by logging into *https:/returntoplay.gaa.ie* that you used last season or alternatively contact Gayle on *086-3779953*.

***Foxford Leisure Centre:*** We are continuing to operate our weekly ***Zoom Bingo***, which is a service much missed by our customers. All information to be found on Foxford Leisure Centre Facebook page. After almost a year without Bingo we are delighted to be back. Bingo through Zoom each Friday night, eyes down at 7:30pm. €5,000 on offer on the night. Check it out on Facebook.

Also, we are still operating our ***Friend on a Fone Service***, if you know anyone that would like a weekly call just let us know. We all realize how difficult the last year has been on us all but especially those who are living on their own. Please do not hesitate to call us and discuss further contact for yourself or a loved one.



***Affordable Live-in Homecare*** provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087-9916791 or 087-7440729. Our website is [*www.alhomecare.ie*](http://www.alhomecare.ie).

We are running our Facebook Easter Competition with a prize of a €500 One4All voucher. We hope our competition will give people a bit of excitement as well as raise awareness about our affordable live-in homecare service.

***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***.

***Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service:*** Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on ***094-9005150*** between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email [*mayo@locallink.ie*](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie).

***God’s diet plan:***

***Reduce the number of words you have to eat!***