***Offertory Donations:***

December 20th: €635.



Thanks for all your contributions.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Feast of the Holy Family – 27th December 2020**

###### Masses for the Week

**Masses 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, December 27th.** | **10.00am** | **Sonny McNicholas, Carrowntleva,** **& deceased of McNicholas & Mullaney families.** **Regina Naughton, Oxford. (*Live-streamed)***  |
| **Monday, December 28th.** | **8.00pm** | **Rita Bourke, Derrycar (Month’s Mind).** |
| **Wednesday, December 30th.** | **6.00 – 8.00pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Thursday, December 31st.** | **8.00pm** | **Mass for Year’s End.** |
| **Friday, January 1st.** | **8.00pm** | **Johnny & Agnes O’Brien, daughter, Mary & son-in-law, Derek.** |
| **Sunday, January 3rd.** | **10.00am** | **Mary Durkan, Carroward, & her husband, Johnny.** |

***Lockdown Once Again!***

*As you are aware, lockdown arrived much earlier than anticipated, beginning yesterday, December 26th. We are all too familiar with the consequent restrictions but just in case anyone was away in outer space, here are the main points as they affect church activities:*

*Churches are closed for public worship but remain open for private prayer.*

*Funerals are limited to* ***ten*** *mourners.*

*Baptisms are confined to parents, godparents, the celebrant and of course the baby!*

*In Bohola, Sunday Mass will be at* ***10.00am*** *and live-streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page. You can also listen in locally on Radio 105.5 FM. Mass intentions booked for the previous week will be included in that Mass unless those who booked the intention indicate otherwise.*

*Mind yourselves and stay safe.*



***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *John Good*, Potters Bar, England, brother of Tom, who died recently and whose funeral took place in Potters Bar on Tuesday last. May he rest in peace.

***Baptism:*** On Wednesday last, December 23rd, we were delighted to welcome *Fiachra Michéal Murphy,* Treenduff, into God’s family. Congratulations to his parents, Maria and Padraic, his godparents and extended family and we wish them every blessing for the future.



***A Word of Thanks*** to everyone who ensured that the celebration of Christmas Masses ran smoothly – to all the people who were so understanding of the limit on numbers, to those who delayed applying or didn’t apply at all so that others could be accommodated and to those who willingly changed to a different Mass so nobody was left out. Great credit is due to the Pastoral Council who put in so much work ahead of time, thus leading to a chaos and confusion-free celebration. As always great thanks is due to the stewards and cleaners who are vital to the running of all church ceremonies nowadays. Finally, thanks to those who took part in the liturgies – it was great to have Readers back again, thanks also to Ministers of Communion and lovely to have Teresa Mulligan with ‘live’ music and singing at the 11.30 Mass. May you all enjoy what remains of the Christmas season and hopefully we can eventually look forward to a less restricted 2021.

***Christmas Prayer Resources:*** Some resources for praying at home during Christmas, prepared by dioceses of Clonfert and Elphin, are available on our diocesan site [*https://achonrydiocese.org/godiswithus*](https://achonrydiocese.org/godiswithus). Bishop Paul Dempsey's Christmas Message, - text and video are also posted.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, December 27th:*** *“On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you”.* These words are from John O’Donohue’s Beannacht: Blessing for a New Year. For more inspirational New Year prayers and reflections, visit [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)**.**

***Bohola Parish Challenge Virtual Run Fundraise:*** Mr Tom O’Brien will be taking on the challenge of running 30 Townlands over 30km from 12 noon until 3pm on 31st December in aid of the Bohola Community Park. This fundraiser will be Virtual and we hope that as many as possible can get out to shout Tom on during this challenge. We hope to go LIVE on Facebook at 12 noon so that everyone can get involved, giving the rest of us information on where he is.

Donations can be made to Clarkes shop in Bohola, GOFUNDME Page – ‘Bohola Parish Challenge’ or on the day as he passes by! Thank you for your support.

***Coolegrane Christmas Lights:*** Please visit and support the 2020 Coolegrane Christmas lights at Coolegrane, Foxford. This spectacular display runs from December 8th to January 6th and is a Covid-19 safe experience. This year's proceeds are for the *O'Dwyer Cheshire Home & Mayo Cheshire Transport Fund* towards upgraded accessible transport for the people they support. Coolegrane Lights are signposted from the Foxford /Swinford road near Callow.

***2021 Parish Calendar*** is now available in the church so please take one home and take additional copies for anyone you think might like one. For those who are home for Christmas you are invited to take back a little reminder of Bohola to your own corner of the world. You might send on a copy to those who can’t be home at this time. Happy 2021!

***Western Care Association Challenge:*** Western Care Association are going to travel around the globe virtually to raise funds to enhance services throughout the county. We need your help to complete this challenge. We are looking for 150 volunteers to walk, jog or run virtually around the globe in aid of Western Care Association, starting from January 12th until 2nd April 2021.

Contact Michael by emailing ***mflanagan@westerncare.com*** to find out how you can be involved and help Western Care Association travel around the world virtually. Registration for the event is €10 per person. We look forward to hearing from you!

***Free Online Living Well Programme:*** The next programmes commence in *January* on *Thursday 7th, Tuesday 12th, Monday 18th,* and *Wednesday 20th* on the zoom platform. Limited places. If you are living with a long term heath condition, you may be interested in doing the ‘Living Well Programme’. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note, you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on *087-3490393* or by email at *liam.gildea@mayocil.ie*. You can find out more information on the programme on our website: [*www.hse.ie/livingwell*](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

***COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:***ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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***.

***A Prayer for Peace This Year***

*Father, I know that you are all-powerful, that you are Sovereign, and that nothing is too difficult for you. Yet today, I still struggle with worry and fear, still carrying the same burdens leftover from yesterday. It’s hard to shake it off even though I’m desperate to leave it fully in your hands. Please lift all the things that are weighing me down, right off shoulders and heavy heart, and give me the peace that only you can provide. I know that you care for whatever concerns me, and your ears are open to my prayers. I know that you understand my struggles, and you see right where I am, even on the days, I feel that no one notices. Guard my heart and mind in you today, as I meditate on your words and truth.*

***Dear 2020,***

 ***I want you to know I am typing this with my middle finger!***