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**Easter Sunday – 4th April 2021**

###### 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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| **Saturday, April 3rd.** | **9.00pm** | **The Easter Vigil.** |
| **Sunday, April 4th.** | **10.00am** | **Michael Walsh, Ardacarra, & his brothers, Gerald & Tommy (Tom).** |
| **Monday, April 5th.** | **12 noon.** | **Eileen Doyle, Clogher (50th Anniversary), her husband M.J. and their sons, Michael & Aidan.** |
| **Tuesday, April 6th.** | **7.00pm** | **Mary Carney, Lissaniska Estate (Month’s Mind).** |
| **Wednesday, April 7th.** | **7.00 – 9.00pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, April 9th.** | **8.00pm** | **Mary McNicholas, Ara (1st Anniversary) & her husband, Johnny.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays, including Mass for all the People.*** | | |
| **Sunday, April 11th.** | **10.00am** | **John & Menia Aitken and deceased of McGloin & Aitken families.**  **Tom Butler, Shraheens.** |

***Recent Deaths:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Peter Dempsey*, Ardboley, Balla, who died on Wednesday last, March 31st and whose funeral takes place in Balla on this Sunday at 1.00pm. He was the husband of Kay (née Jordan), Rosslevin and brother-in-law of Tom & Eddie Jordan, Rosslevin. May he rest in peace.

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of *Jimmie McNicholas*, who died in London. He was first cousin of Martin McNicholas, Rosslevin. May he rest in peace.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:*** Please note that because of the extra hour of brightness in the evenings, the time for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will now run from **7.00 to 9.00pm** on Wednesday evenings.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, April 4th:*** *Become a Laudato Si’ animator* … Pope Francis issued his encyclical ‘Laudato Si’: Care for our Common Home in June 2015. In it, Francis issued a powerful message on our moral responsibility to care for creation.

As new life bursts forth in nature and – we hope – in our hearts, what better time to consider becoming a ‘Laudato Si’ animator? The Laudato Si’ Animators program trains and inspires local volunteers to bring the Pope’s teaching on climate change into local communities. The six-week training is comprehensive. From the mechanics of greenhouse gas emissions to our scriptural role as stewards of creation, online training sessions equip you to transform your community.

Animators come from all walks of life. Students and retirees, clergy people and lay people, climate experts and climate amateurs, everyone has a home in the ‘Laudato Si’ Animators program. *The next training begins on 14th April***.**  Find out more at: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Trócaire Boxes:*** If you haven’t already done so, please return your Trócaire Box as soon as possible. Money in envelopes can be returned in the same way as offertory envelopes. It is not advisable to leave boxes containing money visible in the church. Thanks to those who have already returned their box.

***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.**

***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).

***Armchair Azure Tours in Mayo:*** Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is delighted to announce Armchair Azure, a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. For those living with dementia, the virtual visual art tours are an accessible way of engaging with art online. Tours are one hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer. Contact Katriona Gillespie at Mayo County Council Arts Service at [*mayoarts@mayococo.ie*](mailto:mayoarts@mayococo.ie) or phone *094-9064666*. We will be happy to answer your questions. Tours will take place at 11am on the following dates: April 19th and 26th, May 04th and 17th and June 07th.

***He is Risen***

**Flor McCarthy tells the story of a priest who installed a stained glass window in his church. The window depicted the traditional Calvary Scene – Jesus hanging on the cross; Mary and the Beloved Disciple on either side; the sky was dark and threatening; the earth steeped in darkness. Only in the distant background was there a hint of dawn coming over the hills.**

**One day, the priest was passing through the Church when he saw a man standing in front of the window, deep in thought.**

**“What do you think?” he asked.**

**“It’s far too dark for my liking”, muttered the man, shaking his head.**

**The priest agreed, to a point. He said, “It is a very dark painting. Because that’s what Calvary was like. It was a dark place, made dark by the cruelty inflicted there, the mockery and scorn poured on Jesus as he died.”**

**“Never thought of it like that”, the man said.**

**The priest continued, “But, getting back to the window. We’re looking at it at the wrong time of day.”**

**“What do you mean,” the man asked.**

**“The window faces the risen sun,” said the priest. “As the sun comes up, it shines right through the window. If you see that, you’ll look at the window in a completely different light.”**

**The following morning, the man put the priest’s words to the test. He arrived in the Church early in the morning, before dawn. As the sun rose, the window was transformed. The body of Jesus began to glow, and so too did the haloes around the heads of Mary and John. Every bit of brightness in the stained glass was magnified, to such an extent that the darkness was eclipsed.**

**Jesus died in darkness. To his disciples, his death seemed to be the defeat of goodness and the triumph of evil. To those closest to him, like Mary of Magdala and the other Mary, it seemed like grief would have the last word.**

**And that is what it would have been like, if not for that first Easter Morn. Because of the resurrection, darkness did not have the last word. God vindicated the faithful love of Jesus by raising him from the dead on that third day.**

**Those who came to the tomb bathed in the darkness of grief left the tomb bathed in light – the light of hope and of joy.**

**We have heard the same words that those women heard: “He is not here, for he has risen.” May we be bathed in the same light as we make this Easter celebration.**

**If we find ourselves in darkness, if we wonder whether darkness will have the final word, let us remember those words, “He is risen!” Let those words stir up hope in us that life, that love, that God always has the final word.**

***Wishing you all a very Happy Easter***

***If Christ didn’t come to condemn the world,***

***it’s probably not our job either!***