***Offertory Collection:***

Sunday 16th: €835.



Thanks for all your

contributions.

**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd August 2020**

###### Masses for the Week

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| **Saturday, August 22nd.** | **8.00pm** | **Eileen & James Tierney, Ardgullen, & Tommy Quinn.** |
| **Sunday, August 23rd.** | **9.30am****11.30am** | **For all the People. (*Live Streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page).*****Private Intention.** |
| **Tuesday, August 25th.** | **10.00am** | **Fred Conlon, Listrisnane.** |
| **Wednesday, August 26th.** | **10.00am** | **Sr. Patricia Murphy, Maynooth, (2nd Anniversary) & deceased of Murphy family.** |
| **Friday, August 28th.** | **8.00pm** | **Betty Mulhern, her husband, Tom & daughter, Mary, Lisgorman.**  |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Saturday, August 29th.** | **8.00pm** | **Kathleen Cryan, Lismirrane.** |
| **Sunday, August 30th.** | **9.30am****11.30am** | **For all the People. (*Live Streamed on Bohola Post Facebook Page).*****Private Intention.** |
| ***The 9.30am Sunday Mass will be Live Streamed on the Bohola Post Facebook Page every Sunday.*** |

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *John Dominic Reddington*, Manchester and formerly of Carton and Sancta Maria, Swinford, who passed away on Monday last, August 17th. He was brother-in-law of Rose Reddington and uncle of Teresa Flaherty, Ardacarra. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May he rest in peace.

***A Word of Thanks and a Gentle Reminder:*** At the Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday evening last, thanks was expressed to all those attending Mass for your patience and understanding and your co-operation with the stewards. There is general satisfaction with the way we are progressing given the necessary restrictions that are in place. On a few occasions it was felt that social distancing could be better observed when exiting the church. So a gentle reminder not to leave your seat until directed to do so by the steward and then to be guided by the floor markings on the way out. Extra sanitisers are now provided at or near the exit doors so delays can be minimised. Finally, a huge ‘Thank You’ to our stewards, cleaners and Communion Ministers for their ongoing help, thus ensuring that Mass is open to the public.

***Face Covering in Churches:*** The following statement has been issued by the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland Primates of All Ireland, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland:

*“At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not formally made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. This is, in part, due to the fact that as churches we are committed to maintaining 2 metre physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning, ventilation etc.*

*It, however, remains our responsibility to ensure that our services of worship are safe places for all who join with us. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc., is likely to reduce the spread of coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers, and practical love for our neighbours.*

*Following further recent consultations with public health authorities, we join with Christian Church leaders all over this island in formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all services of worship, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing, from Sunday 30th August, and earlier if practicable. We understand that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in the two jurisdictions.*

*We also recognise that whilst it may not be appropriate for those who are leading from the front during worship, including preaching, to wear face coverings, they should at all times continue to maintain at least 2 metre physical distancing from one another, and 4 metre physical distancing from the front row of the congregation”.*

***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 - 8pm, by calling 0818-222024.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, August 23rd:*** Alan McGuckian is a Jesuit and the Bishop of Raphoe. 21 years ago, he was quick to identify and embrace the power of the then emerging digital media as a powerful force for good in helping people encounter Christ. He co-founded the global online prayer phenomenon which is Sacred Space – a website that today attracts several million visitors each year. A superb communicator, he introduces “The Joy of the Gospels” in five inspirational short videos which you can access at [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/)**.**

***Anam Cara Galway,*** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly *Parent Evening* for bereaved parents on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briar Hill, Galway. 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.

***Moy Davitts 50/50:*** Congratulations to Daniel Igoe on winning €381 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw. 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 [*http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50*](http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50). It might be you !!!

***Magical Minds Montessori, Swinford,*** is re-opening on August 31st. There are still a limited number of places available for September. If you would like more information please contact Lorraine on 087-7566533 or email *magicalmindsmontessori@gmail.com*.

***Mayo County Council Free Recycling Event for Beds, Mattresses and Couches:*** Mayo County Council’s will be holding a free recycling event for householders on Saturday, September 5th from 9am to 3pm at the council car park beside thenational school in Knock Village. Items should be dry and not heavily soiled. No more than 3 beds or mattresses and one suite of furniture per customer please. Items other than couches, armchairs, beds or mattresses will not be accepted. Strictly household use only and remember to secure your items carefully during transport. Those attending the event are reminded to follow Covid-19 Public Health Guidance and to allow time for queuing to ensure social distancing.

For further information please contact the Environment Section of Mayo County Council. Telephone: 094 906 4000 or email *environment@mayococo.ie*. Supported by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

***Who Do You Say I am?***

*‘Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another. ’*- Caryll Houselander.

There is something very exciting about really getting to know someone. Whether it’s talking to a like-minded new friend, or the first flush of romantic love, there is nothing like the thrill of getting close to someone and enjoying their company, discovering who they are and being truly ourselves with them.

Today, Jesus asks an important question: Who do you say I am? He sets up the question by first asking the disciples: ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ He gets answers based on the gossip and chatter about him: ‘John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets.’ But then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter with the burning question: ‘But you, who do you say I am?’ He knows that his disciples know him better than anyone, and so it proves to be, when Peter immediately answers: ‘You are the Christ.’ There is an intimacy and a confidence in this response, based on the time they have spent together and the close and loving relationship between them.

Jesus asks us that same question today: ‘But you, who do you say I am?’ The ‘but you’ is crucial. He is not asking what we have heard about him. Of course, we learn about Jesus from the Scriptures. Most of us have been learning about Jesus ever since we were children, listening to stories and parables in school or at home. But do we know him? Do we pray and talk and spend time with him? Perhaps we could reflect in the coming days on this question: Who is Jesus, to you?

 Tríona Doherty (Intercom)

***Unless your name is Google stop acting like you know everything!***