



## O'Gonnelloe Parish

**Palm Sunday  
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**Reflection:** Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time. Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they are already. Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner. Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders my concern for others. Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way.



Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing now and that I am never fully alone. Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love. Give me your blessing: in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### EAST CLARE COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP

A group has been set up to help any members of our community who find themselves needing assistance as a result of the Covid-19 virus.

The group represents a collection of community groups from the villages of Flagmount, Killanena, Feakle, Scariff, Tuamgraney, Ogonneloe, Bodyke, Mountshannon, Whitegate, O'Callaghan Mills and Tulla to help our fellow neighbours during the current Corona Virus Outbreak.

Our contact a disability and those who have to or have chosen to self-isolate, to get basic supplies and medicines.

#### How to access our help:

- All you will need to do is ring/text or WhatsApp **085 865 98 89** with your request.
- A volunteer, preferably who will be known to you, will contact you and help you with what you need.
- For ease of use please have your Eircode to hand.

We would like to stress to you that we will be working within strict medical protocols to ensure there is no risk either to you or the volunteer. As part of this, we will not be entering your home and we will be following the social distancing and other recommendations setup by the HSE.

Your exchanges with us will remain confidential. Your information will not be held or shared.

If you wish to help or volunteer please connect with local community groups in your area.

**Please use this central phone number and your requests will be picked up by Eleanor Walsh, Alan Maher, Mike McNamara and Dónal O'Connor.**

### Parish/Diocesan News

We are unable to celebrate the Easter Triduum this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Efforts to secure local online transmission of the ceremonies have proven to be unsuccessful. Please be aware that the following parishes and resources will be broadcasting Easter ceremonies and reflections: Scariff Bay Community Radio; RTÉ, Bishop Barron broadcasts on Youtube, Tulla parish via their Facebook page. The parishes of Ennis, Shannon, Kilrush and Nenagh have webcam services available. There are other parishes which can be found on [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**Closure of Churches:** this will continue until at least 12 April and is regrettable but please keep in mind that people are not supposed to be outside of home unless for essential reasons and we are unable to guarantee that all church surfaces be cleaned each and every day. We appreciate your understanding at this time.

**Funerals:** Please note that if funerals are to take place during this time, no more than 10 people can be present in church. This will be extremely difficult for all concerned and we hope and pray that this situation will pass. Perhaps to keep in mind that month's mind and memorial masses can be held later at which a more complete solemn celebration can take place.

**Easter Services on TV:** *Holy Thursday on RTE 1 9th April 16:40-17:35* Mass of the Lord's Supper with Father Ray Kelly. *Good Friday on RTE 1 10th April 15:00-16:00* Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday with Father Derek Darby. *Holy Saturday on RTE 2 11th April 22:00-23:00* Easter Vigil Mass with Bishop Tom Deenihan of Meath. *Easter Sunday on RTE 1 12th April 10:00-11:00* takes place in the Dominican Convent of Saint Jacques (Saint James the Great) in Paris. Translation and commentary are by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP. 11:00-11:20 Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis' Easter Message. Translation and commentary by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP.

**A Message of Hope from Pope Francis:** "Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street. When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will all be a memory but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** It is with profound regret we announce that the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June 2020 has been rescheduled to 29th June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid-19 Pandemic which prevents us guaranteeing the health and safety of all who travel with us. The agreement is with JWT to carry forward to next year all current bookings so that there will be no financial loss to those who are booked. Please do not at this time contact JWT as staff are working from home and do not have full access to their office. A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

May our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.

### Community/ Local News

**O'Gonnelloe Exchange Café:** is closed for the time being. Stay well!

**O'Gonnelloe GAA:** Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the pitch has been temporarily closed.

**ALONE** has launched 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 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**Clarecare Family Support Services:** has launched a dedicated telephone and e-mail support service as to provide parents with a listening ear, parenting guidance and practical assistance. The Parent Support Line is operated by professional, experienced Family Support Staff who ordinarily facilitate the parenting programmes. Mon- Fri 10am-4pm (065) 68 28178.

**Victim Assistance:** As a national charity that offers "emotional" and "practical" support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a "traumatic" incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. We can be contacted through our NATIONAL HELPLINE at 1800 277 477, our office telephone 094 9000251 or by email at [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie). Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times. We are here to help and support!

**All notices are as given & correct on going to print.**

The Parish Office is located in the O'Gonnelloe Exchange Hall but Parish Office is currently **CLOSED** as per HSE guidelines, please continue to send your notices to [office@ogonnelloeparish.ie](mailto:office@ogonnelloeparish.ie) for inclusion on the online version of the newsletter. You can check out the newsletter on our website [www.ogonnelloeparish.ie](http://www.ogonnelloeparish.ie) or our Facebook page O'Gonnelloe Parish. Many thanks Joanne.