

O'Gonnelloe Parish

Third Sunday of Advent 13th December 2020

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Public Celebration of Mass

To help us maintain protocols we would respectfully ask that you attend only one Mass over a weekend thereby allowing others to attend. Mass times for this period of restrictions are as follows:

Tuesday 15th Dec: 10am St Mary's, O'Gonnelloe 10am St Joseph's, Tuamgraney 10am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe 10am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe

Friday 18th Dec: 10am Church of the Assumption, Bodyke

Saturday 19th Dec: 10am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe

7pm Church of the Assumption, Bodyke

8pm St Mary's, O'Gonnelloe 9.30am St Joseph's, Tuamgraney

11am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe

Please keep in mind that capacity is limited to 50 at masses. Masses will be available online weekdays at 10am & Scariff Bay Community Radio on Sunday's at 11am.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR MASSES AT THIS TIME

Thursday 17th December Sheila Harnett (Anniversary)

Weekend Ministries

If you wish to change your day please organise a replacement. If you wish to be included on Reading Rota please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Date, Time & Church	Reader
Saturday December 12th - 10am St Molua's	Majella Grady
- 8pm St Mary's	Shirley Ward
Sunday December 13th - 11am St Molua's	Frances McKenna
Saturday December 19th - 10am St Molua's	Lorraine O'Grady
- 8pm St Mary's	Pat Mooney
Sunday December 20th - 11am St Molua's	Seamus Bane

Basket Collections: 5th/6th

Offertory: €920

Church Renovation: €496
Priests Collection: €1,230
Mission Sunday: €90
Holy Souls: €75

St Mary's Candelabra: €102 St Molua's Candelabra: €255

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.



Parish/Diocesan News

Resumption of Mass: The Government has announced special concessions with regard to religious services at level 3 which will be reviewed in January.

This allows up to 50 people to attend Mass with the following measures in place:

- 2metre social distancing members of the same household should sit together
- Face coverings must be worn
- Gathering outside of church before or after Mass is not permitted.
- The building must be well-ventilated.
- You can help us to allow as many people as possible to attend Sunday Mass by attending only one mass at the weekend this frees up space for others. Thank you for your help.

Funerals and Weddings are still limited to 25 people – please respect this number.

The Parish Pastoral Council met during the week to discuss the Christmas Mass arrangements: It is clear that the restrictions of numbers for mass make our planning very difficult especially over the Christmas season and inevitably will cause inconvenience and upset to some if not many of our parishioners. We would ask for your understanding and co-operation as we work within government guidelines to provide a safe environment for all in our worship. The number 50 includes priest, sacristan, musicians, readers etc., so in reality there are about 40 spaces available for general congregation. Keep in mind that with capacity restricted to 50 that a good alternative is joining us online for the 1030am Mass on Christmas Day. If you are planning to attend one of our Christmas Masses, we would ask you to indicate this to the stewards as you leave the church this weekend or next weekend. This will help us ensure that capacity requirements are met safely.

Mass times for Christmas are as follows

Christmas Eve: No Morning Mass in St Molua's; 4pm Mass in O'Gonnelloe GAA grounds carpark. This is drive-in only to help us comply with Covid19 restrictions; please stay in your cars and follow the directions of the stewards.

Christmas Day: 9am St Molua's, 10:30am St Mary's

Saturday 26th December No Mass Sunday 27th December 11am St Molua's

Other PPC News: Funding has been secured to help build a boundary wall extension at the graveyard. The go-ahead was given for work to repair the barge in St Molua's church and estimates to be sought for the painting of the church.

Parish contributions: You may also contact the parish office for information on how to contribute through your bank or we would encourage you to use the online donation facility at killaloediocese.ie as a means of contributing to the parish. Follow the instructions and note that all monies donated come directly to the parish. Thank you for your support.

On-line Donations to Parish: In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website – www.killaloediocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red "Donate to your Parish" button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Youth Takeover of Beyond Belief: On Sunday Dec 13th, there will be a youth takeover of Beyond Belief on Clare FM at 9pm. The Meitheal College leaders will host the programme. Highlights of the programme include interviews with Clare Hurling Captain, David Mc Inerney and Writer and former Clare Hurler, Tony Griffin. This takeover comes at the end of the leaders week long fundraising event via their Facebook and Instagram @meithealsmerrymission. Their social medias are full of entertaining videos and activities and well worth visiting.

Community/Local News

Helplines: East Clare Community Response 085 865 98 89: Clare Covid Community 1800 203600: ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024: Women's Aid Helpline 1800 341900: Clare Haven 065 6822435.

O'Gonnelloe Exchange: We want to thank all in the Parish for the ongoing support in these difficult times - once more an evidence of the community spirit. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas, stay safe and let's all hope for a great welcome back in 2021!

Cake Sale in aid of Slainte an Chlair and Missionvale Care Centre will be held on Friday 18th December at 10.30 to 12pm at Market House in Scariff. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. Contact Carol McNamara 0872892154.

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