



O'Gonnelloe Parish

First Sunday of Advent
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Public Celebration of Mass

With level 5 restrictions now in place until the end of November the celebration of Mass is only available online or broadcast on radio and TV.

Visit www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie and follow the link for Mass .online at 10am every day from Bodyke church. Scariff Bay Community Radio continues to broadcast 11am Mass live each Sunday as it has since the first lockdown. 88.3Fm or 92.7fm.

The church will remain open for personal prayer. You are encouraged to pray at home, including especially prayers for the sick, for those who are caring for the sick and for all who are working so hard to protect us.

O'Gonnelloe Parish Office is CLOSED due to HSE restrictions. Please call Joanne on 085 8799113 if you need sacramental certificates or to get Mass Cards & Bouquets.

Newsletter Deadline - News items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be with the Parish Office by 11.00am on Thursday by email or telephone. Newsletter will be available on O'Gonnelloe Parish Facebook page, www.ogonnelloeparish.ie and on noticeboards inside and outside the churches. Some copies will be available inside churches to take home.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR MASSES AT THIS TIME

People of the Parish, those who have passed away in the last year in our community, our beloved family and friends and all the Holy Souls.

Why not make an Advent wreath at home; using evergreens and candles in a circle, or even the circle of candles with a holy image will help to remind you of the season of Advent, a time of preparation and joy at the coming celebration of Christ's birth. Use this prayer which Fr David will use at Mass on Sunday:

As we prepare to light this candle, we remember once again that we are waiting for the coming of Christ this Christmas. We remember that on the first Christmas night Jesus brought light into the world, a light to show people how to live and how to love. We pray that that same light will come into our hearts this Christmas.

Light the candle and say – God our Father, as we prepare for Christmas, send the light of Christ into our hearts to show us how to love others and how to love you.

Amen.



Parish/Diocesan News

At the time of publication it was still unclear as to the level of restrictions that will apply from the weekend; mass will continue online only for this coming week and we will have some agreed diocesan guidelines early next week which will help us plan for Christmas. You can check the parish website and the next newsletter for updates and of course Fr David will announce any changes at daily Mass. Hopefully, Sunday Mass will resume next weekend but the general expectation is that we will still be restricted with numbers allowed to attend. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to accommodate the usual large crowds for Christmas.

Sacraments: Please pray for all those preparing for Sacraments who this week were invited to enrol for these celebrations.

Parish contributions: During these weeks when the public celebration of Mass is not permitted you may wish to drop your weekly and special collection envelopes at the O'Gonnelloe parish office. 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.

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.

COVID Tracker Ireland: is a free app for your mobile phone. It will help us to protect each other and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Ireland. Check out <https://www.covidtracker.gov.ie> for further details.

Ogonnelloe GAA: Virtual AGM through Zoom on Thursday December 3rd, with an 8.15pm start. A new experience for us all, but we will endeavour to make this as efficient as possible. LastManStanding competition in conjunction with the Premier League. Basically, each week, you pick a Premier League team you think is going to win that weekend. If they do, you are through to the following week, but you can't pick the same team again. If they lose or draw, you are out. And the Last Person Standing at the end of the competition is declared the winner. The entry fee is €10 and the winning prize is €150. The competition will start on the weekend of December 12th, so you have a few weeks to sign-up and study the form before making your first team selection. We are going to use KlubFunder to run the competition so everyone has the ability to sign-up themselves and pick their own team each week. If you would rather have someone help you with it, you can contact Danny Cunnane, Gerry Cosgrove, PJ Delaney, Vincent Grady or Alan Maher.

Mountshannon Community Employment Scheme: Following positions are available in Ogonnelloe: General Maintenance Operative CES 2145164. To enquire about the above vacancies please email estennis@welfare.ie or Contact your INTREO case officer or check out www.jobsireland.ie for job description and more details.

SVP East Clare: Due to the Coronavirus restrictions we will now not be able to accept donations of toys and food, there will be no giving trees and our annual church gate collection is cancelled. Therefore, we are asking if you would please make a monetary donation, directly to SVP East Clare, by bank transfer or in branch this year we need your support more than ever, many thanks. Account Name: East Clare SVP Bank of Ireland: BAN No: IE91 BOFI 9044 1363 2045 45. BIC No: BOFIE2D.

Scariff Library: Join us for a lovely morning talking about a sequel to Pride and Prejudice in the comfort of your own home through Zoom. Meet new people and chat about books. There will be a guest appearance from author Helen Moffett at the meeting. Tuesday December 1st at 11am. Read Charlotte by Helen Moffett as eBook or eAudiobook available through Borrowbox on www.clarelibrary.ie Also paper copies of the books available through the library delivery service. Contact 061 922893 or email scariff_library@clarecoco.ie for more details and help accessing the book. All welcome. Free Event.

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