



## O'Gonnelloe Parish

Second Sunday of Advent  
6th 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:** 10am St Mary's, O'Gonnelloe  
**Wednesday:** 10am St Joseph's, Tuamgraney  
**Thursday:** 10am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe  
**Friday:** 10am Church of the Assumption, Bodyke  
**Saturday:** 10am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe  
7pm Church of the Assumption, Bodyke  
8pm St Mary's, O'Gonnelloe  
**Sunday:** 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

Saturday 5th December Bill McElhinney (Anniversary Mass)  
Sunday 6th December People of the Parish

#### Advent - A Time of Hope

*It is said that while there is life there is hope.*

*This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:*

*while there is hope there is life.*

*Hope is strength. Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.*

*It inspires the will to live. It is the doctor's most powerful ally.*

*It is a shield against defeat and failure.*

*It revives ideals and renews dreams.*

*As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.*

*Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus*

*Christ. In the final analysis, he is our hope.*



### 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.**

**Christmas Mass Arrangements:** The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting during the coming week to discuss Christmas arrangements. Although churches are now open for liturgies, there is a limit of 50 people which will have a clear impact on our Christmas celebrations.

**Parish Office:** has reopened on Thursday's from 11am-1pm for newsletter items, to be issued with sacramental certificates, to book anniversary masses or to get Mass Cards & Bouquets. You can contact Joanne on 085 877 9113 or by email [office@ogonnelloeparish.ie](mailto:office@ogonnelloeparish.ie)

**O'Gonnelloe Rosary on Scariff Bay FM:** The rosary, which was recorded in St Molua's during the week will be broadcast on Scariff Bay radio (88.3 FM) on this Sunday evening, the 6th, between 6.30pm and 7pm.

**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 [killalodiocese.ie](http://killalodiocese.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.killalodiocese.ie](http://www.killalodiocese.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.

**Ogonnelloe Footpath Tidy-up:** Saturday Morning 12 December. We will meet at the Primary School at 9.30am and go to different sections. We plan to finish by 11.30am. If you are able to help out please bring a high vis vest/jacket, a brush, a leaf blower if you have one, a sectors for stray briars and a few bin bags for collecting litter. If you can't make it to the school at 9.30, feel free to pick a section of the footpath that needs attention and do a tidy-up yourself at a time that suits you, or if you see people working on the footpath, you can stop and park and join a group that has started already. Because we will be working alongside the road, please be vigilant and watch out for traffic. Make sure that you stay on the footpath and do not venture out on the road. Wear a high vis vest to help motorists see you. All are welcome to help out.

**Ogonnelloe GAA:** LastManStanding competition in conjunction with the Premier League. 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 to 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](mailto:estennis@welfare.ie) or Contact your INTREO case officer or check out [www.jobsireland.ie](http://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: BOFII2D.

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