



O'Gonnelloe Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent
20th 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 22nd Dec: 10am St Mary's, O'Gonnelloe
- Wednesday 23rd Dec: 10am St Joseph's, Tuamgraney
- Thursday 24th Dec: No Morning Mass
4pm - Mass in the O'Gonnelloe GAA grounds
6pm Prayer Around the Crib in Bodyke. Online Only.
- Friday 25th Dec: 9am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe
10.30am St Mary's, O'Gonnelloe
- Saturday 26th Dec: No Masses
- Sunday 27th Dec: 9.30am St Joseph's, Tuamgraney
11am St Molua's, O'Gonnelloe

Please keep in mind that capacity is limited to 50 at masses. Please help us to allow as many as possible to attend Mass by attending only one Mass over the Christmas season.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR MASSES AT THIS TIME

Sunday 27th December 11am St Molua's (Bridget Minogue Anniversary) & Martin (Son) Devitt (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 19th - 10am St Molua's - 8pm St Mary's	Lorraine O'Grady Pat Mooney
Sunday December 20th - 11am St Molua's	Seamus Bane
Friday 25th December - 9am St Molua's - 10.30am St Mary's	Anna Farrell Mary Gibbons
Saturday 26th December - Sunday 27th December - 11am St Molua's	NO MASSES Mary Gibbons

Basket Collections: 12th/13th December

Offertory: €711.60
Church Renovation: €299
Priests Collection: €935
Mission Sunday: €41
Holy Souls: €110

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

Thank you

Parish/Diocesan News

Christmas 2020 - The Advent season is filled with preparations for Christmas; the carol services and the Christmas music demand a cheerfulness that for a lot of people jars with the experiences of loneliness, sickness and sadness through mourning the loss of their beloved. But the feast of the Nativity calls to each of us to slow down for a moment and take note. The birth of the Christ Child took place in a bleak situation, full of uncertainty and full of awe. It brought mystery and wonder and it tells us that in the ordinary moments of our work and life, the extraordinary can happen. This is Christian Hope offered to a world that needs Good News. This is Christian Hope offered to You. This year, more than any, we need that hope to shine brightly in our lives. There are many who have made huge sacrifices throughout this year and continue to do so. I invite you to come and visit our churches during the Christmas season, either as part of the worshipping community or just a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection. To know that the Christmas celebration is about Light and Hope and it starts in the most ordinary of places. We pray for you and for all our parishioners scattered over the face of the earth; may you know Christmas Peace, Hope and Light now and throughout 2021 - Fr David

Resumption of Mass: 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.

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. Prayer Around the Crib at 6pm; this liturgy is online only and will be broadcast from Bodyke. It will be a very special ceremony especially for families and you are encouraged to watch it as you gather with family by your crib.

Christmas Day: 9am St Molua's, 10:30am St Mary's; Masses are restricted to 50 people and stewards will be taking names after Masses this weekend. Apologies that we cannot accommodate everyone at our Christmas liturgies; unfortunately current restrictions on capacity mean that we cannot have more than 50 people in the church for mass or other liturgies (25 for funerals and weddings). Please help us to allow as many as possible to attend Mass by attending only one Mass over the Christmas season.

Parish Office: is closed till Thursday 7th January at 11am, please forward any notices to office@ogonnelloeparish.ie Wishing everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas and all the very best for 2021!

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. You may also contact the parish office for information on how to contribute through your bank

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 !

ALONE: manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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 222 024, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

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