



O'Gonnelloe Parish

First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021

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Public Celebration of Mass

With level 5 restrictions in place 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 from Bodyke church from Sunday through to Friday. Scarriff Bay Community Radio continues to broadcast 11am Mass live each Sunday as it has since the first lockdown. 88.3Fm or 92.7fm.

O'Gonnelloe Parish Office is CLOSED with Covid HSE restrictions. Please contact Joanne from 11am-1pm on Thursdays for newsletter items, to be issued with sacramental certificates, to book anniversary masses (for online only) or to get Mass Cards & Bouquets. You can contact Joanne on 085 877 9113 or by email office@ogonnelloeparish.ie Send your notices for the newsletter on Thursday by 11am. 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 PRAYERS 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.

Monday 22nd February 10am	Jimmy Keown (3rd Anniversary)	<i>Bodyke Church Online</i>
Sunday 28th February 10am	John Moloney (Months Mind)	<i>Bodyke Church Online</i>

Reflection for Lent



Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our life is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us - as communities and as individuals - to revive the faith that comes from the Living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit, and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church sustain us with her loving presence.

May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

From the message of Pope Francis for Lent 2021

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.

Parish/Diocesan News

To watch Mass online from Bodyke church

- Go to www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie
- Scroll to the section 'Notices & Events' and go to the notice 'Bodyke Church - Live Services'. In that notice click the link 'BodykeChurch' which will take you to the live service and you will also be able to see previously broadcast Masses. You do not need a Facebook account to watch the Mass.
- If you do have a Facebook account follow the 'Bodyke Church' page which will bring you to online Masses.
- The broadcast usually begins about five minutes before Mass is due to begin.

Current restrictions:

- Please continue to observe guidelines for public health and safety. It is important to stay at home; be responsible, sanitise and wear a face mask.
- Churches are open for private prayer - if you visit please be considerate of others and wipe seat and surfaces afterwards.
- Mass is available online everyday except Saturday at 10am.
- Please use the online donation button on the Killaloe Diocese website to make a contribution to the parish. All funds go directly to the parish. Arrangements for distribution of new boxes of envelopes will be made when restrictions ease. If you wish to donate by your bank please contact parish office for details.

New boxes of envelopes for church collections are being distributed at the moment. We appreciate the help of those who delivered the boxes and your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

Masses: A reminder that Mass is available online at 10am each morning through the parish website and you can watch the mass later during the day at the same site.

Lenten Reflections: Scarriff Bay Community Radio will have a series of programmes on Sunday evenings to help your Lenten Reflections. A mixture of reflection and music they will hopefully provide some time out for you in these days. The programmes will be broadcast at 6pm.

Sacraments: There have been a number of inquiries about dates of sacramental celebrations; unfortunately we are not in a position to set any dates and it will likely be early March before we are able to do so. Please keep checking the parish website for any updates.

The Trócaire Lenten campaign: takes place as usual this year and your response is needed more than ever. Trócaire help families to help themselves and every cent you contribute will help their work. Please collect an envelope from any of the churches or just make your own Lenten box for daily use. More info at www.trocaire.org

Community/ Local News

Ogonnelloe National School - Admission/Enrolment for September 2021: Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants for the School Year 2021-2022 will be accepted during the month of February 2021. Please complete the 2021 Application for Enrolment form, which you can find on our school website (www.ogonnelloens.com), and return to the school (either by post or email to office@ogonnelloens.com). Applications should be received no later than Friday, 5th March 2021. If you have any queries please contact office@ogonnelloens.com

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.

Tourism East Clare will hold our Annual General Meeting via Zoom on the evening of Wednesday 24th February at 7:30pm. If you would like to attend, please email tourismeastclare@gmail.com to register. We welcome all our existing members and anyone with an interest in tourism in our beautiful East Clare.

Clare County Library App: Clare County Library has developed an app (Clare County Library app) to enhance your visit to the library. You will be able to check in and out your own books in our WiFi enabled libraries, including Scarriff Library, with the app. You will also be able to check your own account, update your loans, search the catalogue, reserve books and e-resources. The Clare County Library app is free and available on the App Store and the Google Store.

St Patricks Day Virtual Event: Clare people at home and abroad are invited to come together virtually to celebrate St Patrick's Day 2021 online. This year, Clare County Council is organising and presenting an online St Patrick's Day event with the theme of 'Connecting Clare'. Clare people at home/abroad are invited to take part, by recording and submitting a performance, prizes to be won. For more details see www.clarecoco.ie.

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