



## O'Gonnelloe Parish

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**2nd May 2021**

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### Public Celebration of Mass

- \* With level 5 restrictions still in place the celebration of Mass is only available online or broadcast on radio and TV. Visit [www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie](http://www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie) and follow the link for Mass online at 10am from Bodyke church from Sunday through to Friday. Scariff 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 to the public due to 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](mailto:office@ogonnelloeparish.ie). Send your notices for the newsletter on Thursday by 11am.
- \* Newsletter is available on O'Gonnelloe Parish Facebook page, [www.ogonnelloeparish.ie](http://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.**

**Sunday 2nd May 10am** Don Molloy (Anniversary)

*Bodyke Church Online*

**Sunday 9th May 10am** Michael & Maureen Henry, Gerard McMahon & Fintan Smith

*Bodyke Church Online*

**Sympathy:** We offer our sympathies to the McNamara family on the death of Adrian, may his gentle soul rest in peace.

We offer our sympathies to the O'Brien family on the death of Mary in Indonesia last week (formerly of Belkelly), may her gentle soul rest in peace.

**Wedding:** Sending Congratulations to the Sheedy/McManus families on the wedding of Enda & Claire recently.

### Reflection (Leunig)

We pray for the fragile ecology of the heart and mind.

The sense of meaning. So finely assembled and balanced and so easily overturned.

The careful, ongoing construction of love.

As painful and exhausting as the struggle for truth and as easily abandoned.

Hard fought and won are the shifting sands of this sacred ground, this ecology.

Easy to desecrate and difficult to defend, this vulnerable joy, this exposed faith, this precious order.

This sanity.

We shall be careful. With others and with ourselves. Amen.

**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.

## Parish/Diocesan News

Guidelines on the easing of restrictions were due to be announced after this newsletter had been printed; the expectation is that public attendance at Mass will resume shortly with similar protocols in place as before Christmas. How this will affect our local celebrations will be announced at Mass online so please tune in to that and to our website for further information. Thanks to everyone for your co-operation and understanding at this time.

**Sacraments:** Once the source for details of any celebrations of the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation that will be permitted; families will also be contacted directly through schools with details.

**Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council met during the week and reviewed the great work that has been carried out in extending the new cemetery. It is almost completed with just some minor works to be carried out. Graves are available for purchase and those who have bought graves will be contacted in the coming weeks with details regarding the site. Grateful appreciation was expressed to all those involved in the work and their generosity of labour which helped to keep the costs down was acknowledged and very much appreciated. The burial ground was formally consecrated by Fr David on Tuesday evening but it is important to note that every grave is blessed as part of the Catholic burial rite. Work on St Molua's is due to begin in the next number of weeks; the restrictions on construction had delayed these works but we hope they will be completed shortly.

**Online Mass:** is broadcast online each morning at 10am, except Saturdays. It can be accessed through the parish website or Facebook page 'Bodyke Church'. It is good to see so many joining us for online Mass and thanks for all the lovely comments that are made. Replies are not made to comments or messages sent via online mass.

### To watch Mass online from Bodyke church

- Go to [www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie](http://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. You can watch the mass later during the day at the same site.

### Current Updates:

- Please continue to observe guidelines for public health and safety. Churches are open for private prayer - if you visit please be considerate of others and wipe seat and surfaces afterwards.

**Contributions:** Thanks for your continued financial support of the parish at this time. A number of payments have been received through the diocesan online donation facility and we are very grateful. All donations made through that service come to the parish.

**Synod:** The Irish Bishops have announced a general synod of the church to be held in the next number of years and at present are inviting submissions on the way in which consultations should take place. You can find out more by visiting [catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://catholicbishops.ie/synod)

**Rosary for the month of May:** Each Friday evening at 730pm the Rosary will be said in the grounds of St Molua's Church, weather permitting, otherwise in the Church itself. Everyone is welcome to come and honour our Lady, during the month of May. All HSE guidelines will be adhered to. If you are unable to attend maybe you will pray with us from your home.

**Killaloe Diocese Youth Ministry:** presents a Blessing for All Young People of the diocese, primary, secondary and college age on Sunday 9th May at 12 noon. It will be available for viewing on [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie) and all diocesan social media platforms including Youtube. There are lovely scenes from Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Ennis and from Star of the Sea Church, Quilty including scenes by the sea.

## Community/ Local News

**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.

**O'Gonnelloe GAA:** Underage Hurling Academy has returned! Cúl Camp will take place this year from August 16th to August 20th. Booking will go live on the website from May 24th.

**The Writer's Room – An Invitation to Story – A Creative Ireland event:** These five creative writing workshops, facilitated by author Helen Blackhurst, will explore the writing process – how we sustain ourselves as writers and deepen our writing experience. We will look at key areas of craft for fiction and memoir writing. How do we bring our stories to life? Starting 12th May, For more information and to book your place, please contact Scariff Library on 061 922893 during branch opening hours or email [scariff\\_library@clarecoco.ie](mailto:scariff_library@clarecoco.ie)

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