



O'Gonnelloe Parish
Second Sunday of Advent
4th December 2022

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Parish Office open from 10am - 2pm on Thursdays for newsletter items, to be issued with sacramental certificates, to book anniversary masses or to get Mass Cards & Bouquets. Deadline for your notices for the newsletter is Thursday by 11am.

Weekday Masses for the week ahead

Tuesday 6th December: 10am St Mary's All Saints Day
Thursday 8th December: 10am St Molua's, with Adoration of Blessed Eucharist
Saturday 10th December: 8pm St Molua's
Sunday 11th December: 11am St Mary's Church

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

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

Saturday 3rd December	Mai & Jackie Cosgrove (Anniversary) Bill McElhinney (Anniversary)	St Molua's 8pm
Thursday 8th December	Cynthia Carlton	St Molua's 10am
Saturday 10th December	Eta Hanrahan	St Molua's 8pm
Sunday 18th December	Tony O'Callaghan	St Mary's 11am

Weekend Ministries

Date 2022	Reader (please check with celebrant before Mass)	Eucharist Minister	Church Cleaning (to be cleaned week leading up to your date)
Dec 3rd - St Molua's 8pm	Anna O'Farrell	Siobhan Kelly	Anna McElhinney, Reggie Quinn
Dec 4th - St Mary's 11am	Francis McNulty	Pat Gavin	Kathleen O'Brien, Mary McKenna
Dec 10th - St Molua's 8pm	Seamus Bane	Martha McNamara	Margaret Bane, Mary Lynch
Dec 11th - St Mary's 11am	Oonagh McElhinney	Oonagh McElhinney	Chrissie & Anne O'Driscoll
Dec 17th - St Molua's 8pm	Connie McKenna	Donal Molloy	Martha McNamara, Ann Ryan
Dec 18th - St Mary's 11am	Family Mass	Catriona Casey	Christina Sheedy, Mary Kirby



Collections for 18th/19th November: Offertory: €577.15 Church Renovation: €50 Holy Souls: €40
 Thank you for your continued kind generosity & support.

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 2022 8pm Mass in St Molua's Church, O'Gonnelloe & 6:30pm Bodyke Church. Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 2022 11am St Mary's Church, O'Gonnelloe & 9:30am Tuamgraney Church

Parish/Diocesan News

Confessions: will be available after all masses in both churches during the season of Advent for anyone who wishes to receive it.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception: On Thursday December the 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and there will be Mass in St. Molua's Ogonnelloe at 10am.
Adoration for Feast Day: there will be an additional Adoration from 12pm to 1pm for our Lady on Thursday 8th December. All are welcome.
Giving Tree: is in both churches as usual this year. Please give as generously as you can. Last day for items is Tuesday 20th December.
Reconciliation Service for the Cluster will be held on Tuesday 20th December in the Sacred Heart Church Scariff at 7pm. All are welcome.
This month's Family Mass: is on 18th December at 11am in St Mary's. Everyone is welcome. We invite you to send a message to the Parish Office on 0858779113 if your child/ren would like to take part in any way; there will be plenty to do including playing music or singing. Older children are very welcome too and can help to guide the little ones in what will be a very special Advent Mass. As Advent prepares us for the Light of Christ, we are asking children to make stars that will shine on the altar during Mass – tips on preparing these will be sent via the National School and will be available at masses from this weekend. We will also celebrate Bambinelli: the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figures for your crib at home, so please bring your baby Jesus to the Family Mass for this blessing.
Lectio Divina: Ogonnelloe Parish Hall, Tuesdays evenings 8-9pm contact Olivia 0876380201 or oliviajodonovan@gmail.com started on Tuesday 25th Oct. Lectio Divina is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation & prayer that helps to deepen your prayer life. Lectio Divina has been part of monastic life for centuries but has moved to the laity and become more widespread in the last 100 years and can be used as a spiritual practice for individuals or groups.
Dates for your diary: **Ogonnelloe School Mass** on Thursday 15th December 2021 in St Molua's at 10am ~ **Confirmation Enrolment** for Ogonnelloe N.S. Saturday 7th January 2023 in St Mary's at 8pm ~ **Holy Communion Enrolment** for Ogonnelloe N.S. Sunday 8th January 2023 in St Molua's at 11am ~ **Confirmation** 25th March 2023 in Bodyke ~ **Holy Communion** 13th May 2023 in St Mary's Church 11am

Community/ Local News

The Ogonnelloe N.S Parents' Association: are hosting a Christmas event in the parish hall on Sunday Dec 4th between 3pm and 5pm. This is an event open to the whole community young and old! Tea/coffee/mulled wine will be served for the adults, with plenty of sweets and treats for the children. Santa Claus may even make an appearance to say hello to the children. Donations of baked goods/treats would be much appreciated. These can be dropped off at the hall on the day from 1.30pm, or they can be brought with you in the afternoon. A raffle will also be held at this event with some fantastic prizes to be won, all very generously donated by local businesses. It promises to be a fun event for the community and a chance to come together and spread some festive cheer, so we would love to see you there.
Christmas Craft Fair Thank You: huge thank you to the people who made the craft fair such a success. Both the stall holders and customers who supported them. Between the stalls, raffle and the cafe we made €1142.00 for the Community Hall. We also raised €1710.00 for Missionvale.
Community Café: The Hall Committee now have a small rota of people to run the Saturday morning café from 10am to 1pm. In order to keep it open on a full time basis some more help is needed. If there are any other volunteers out there in the community willing to help please contact Donal (0872315114) or Michael (0868202917)
Ogonnelloe Hurling Club Annual Race Night: The Annual Race Night fundraiser for the Hurling Club will be held on December 10th in the Pipers, with horses under-orders at 10pm sharp. This is the usual main fundraiser for the Club for the year, so your support, as always, would be very much appreciated. The link the buy horses is now active and can be reached here : <https://buytickets.at/ogonnelloehurling/801789>
Bodyke Ogonnelloe Tuamgraney Youth Club provides an opportunity for youths aged 12 to 17 to socialise in a safe space where they can prioritise how they would like to spend some time [while supervised by Youth club leaders]. For further information please contact 087 776 7449.
SVP East Clare: our small East Clare based team supports local families and individuals, helping them to move towards self-sufficiency and we would welcome more volunteers to assist us. For more information or for an application form please text your contact details to 086 392 1492 or email us at: stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie
Raheen Day Centre welcomes new referrals at any time. If you or someone you know would like to avail of this service where you can meet people, avail of hairdressing, chiropody, music sessions, advocacy support and a hot meal – call Aine on 061-923215 for further information.
Helplines: Women's Aid Helpline 1800 341900: Pieta: 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444 Clare Haven 065 6822435, Samaritans, Ennis - 065 6829777 St. Vincent de Paul, East Clare - 086 3921492.

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

Reflection:

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.
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.