



## O'Connell's Parish

First Sunday of Lent  
26th February 2023

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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

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| <b>Tuesday 28th February:</b> | 10am Mass St Mary's                                      |
| <b>Thursday 2nd March:</b>    | 10am Mass St Molua's & Adoration                         |
| <b>Friday 3rd March:</b>      | 10am Mass St Molua's First Friday & Adoration for 1 hour |
| <b>Saturday 4th March:</b>    | 2:15pm Raheen Hospital, 8pm St Mary's                    |
| <b>Sunday 5th March:</b>      | 11am St Molua's  |

### 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.

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| <b>Saturday 25th February</b> | Micheál Stritch (Months Mind)                          | <b>St Mary's 8pm</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 26th February</b>   | Jimmy Keon   | <b>St Molua's 11am</b> |
| <b>Saturday 4th March</b>     | Mr & Mrs Pakie McMahon, Mr Fintan Smith<br>Maudy Healy | <b>St Mary's 8pm</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 11th March</b>    | Philomena Owens & Oonagh Hogan                         | <b>St Mary's 8pm</b>   |

### Weekend Ministries

| Date<br>2022   | Reader<br>(please check with<br>celebrant before<br>Mass) | Eucharist Minister                 | Church Cleaning<br>(to be cleaned week<br>leading up to your date) |
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| Feb 25th - St Mary's 8pm<br>Feb 26th - St Molua's 11am   | Mary McMahon<br>Seamus Bane                               | Elaine Mulcahy<br>Martha McNamara  | Breda McNamara, Margaret Kenney<br>Kathleen Mooney, Phil McNeive   |
| March 4th - St Mary's 8pm<br>March 5th - St Molua's 11am | Pat Mooney<br>Siobhan Kelly                               | Donal Molloy<br>Catriona Casey     | Anne Forde, Kathleen Dinan<br>Anne Molloy                          |
| Mar 11th - St Mary's 8pm<br>Mar 12th - St Molua's 11am   | Francis McNulty<br>Mary Gibbons                           | Margaret Mooney<br>Frances McKenna | Breda Keaveney<br>Anna McElhinney, Reggie Quinn                    |

**Reflection: Lent is a special time to let God's Spirit work within us:**

- To help us examine the way in which we love;
- To touch our minds and hearts, and so help us live according to the values of Jesus himself;
- To reflect on Jesus's boundless love for us, shown particularly in his Passion, Death and Resurrection;
- To strengthen our resolve to change our focus, putting the interests of others rather than our own self first.



### Parish/Diocesan News

**'Planning the Future': Conversations about the future shape of the Church in the Diocese of Killaloe** - After initial meetings in the East and West of the Diocese, there will be a series of meetings in the Pastoral Areas or Clusters to discuss how best resources can be used in continuing to serve the local Church. The first meeting arranged by the Diocese will be for the Inis Cealtra Cluster of Parishes i.e. Feakle, Killanena, Scariff, Bodyke, Mountshannon and Ogonnelloe. The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 27th February in McNamara's Hotel beside the Fairgreen (or Square) in Scariff. Summary of areas for discussion as raised at initial meetings can be found on the [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie). It is hoped that Pastoral Council members and any interested individuals will attend this meeting. <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese-2/>

**Family Mass:** Thank you to everyone who helped make our Family Mass last Sunday so special. You will see the stones we used in our Liturgy have been placed in the church for the season of Lent, to remind us of our path to holiness. We look forward to our next Family Mass on 19th March, a lovely way to celebrate Mother's Day. We welcome participation by children and young people from the Parish, their parents and wider family, all are welcome. If you would like to get in touch with the Family Mass team, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us through the Parish Office.

**First Friday:** will be on Friday 3rd March in St Molua's Church at 10am. Adoration will be for 1 hour after.

**Confessions and Reconciliation:** Confession will be available after all masses (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday) in both churches during the season of Lent for anyone who wishes to receive it.

**Trócaire:** Boxes are available in all of the churches. Please take one and support.

**Your Parish Needs you! Volunteer today!** Some people have given decades of service in this way and we are now all asked to consider how we might be able to help in whatever way we can. We are particularly looking to recruit new and previous volunteers as Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic ministers and Cleaners at this time. If you would like to volunteer or to know more please contact Joanne in Parish office or Fr Dariusz.

**Turkey / Syria Earthquake response extra Diocesan Collection:** this will be collected during masses this weekend after Holy Communion and will be channeled through Trócaire who are working with partners in the affected areas.

**Lectio Divina** will take place Tuesdays at 8 to 9pm in the parish hall. Please bring a bible, we will be reading the coming Sunday's Gospel. Lectio Divina is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation & prayer which helps deepen your prayer life and personal relationship with God. We ask for a €2 donation for room hire. Contact Olivia @0876380201

**The Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday 1st March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr Michael Collins, former Chaplain to St Joseph's Secondary School will lead us in prayer. On the night we will welcome choir / musicians from St Joseph's Secondary School. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

**Lenten Series:** Killaloe Diocese invite you to An Adult Faith Formation Lenten series. The date is March the 13, 20th and 27th 2023 @ 8.00-9.15 pm sharp in the Maria Assumpta Community Hall, Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul, Ennis.

**Dates for your diary: St Patrick's Day** 17th March in St Mary's 10am ~ **Confirmation** 25th March 2023 in Bodyke ~ **Holy Communion** 13th May 2023 in St Mary's Church 11am

### Community/ Local News

**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)

**Scariff Bay Community Radio are holding a fundraising Table Quiz** on Friday March 3rd in Mc Namaras Bar, Scariff at 9pm. Tables of 4 @ €5 per person. There will be a raffle and some finger food on the night. This Quiz is always a great night of fun and your support would be appreciated. Scariff Bay Community Radio is your local Radio Station which is run entirely by volunteers, and all funds raised go towards the daily running expenses.

**Ogonnelloe National School - Admission/Enrolment for September 2023:** Applications are being accepted for enrolment in Junior Infants for the School Year 2023-2024. Please complete the 2023 Application for Enrolment form which you can find on our school website ([www.ogonnelloens.com](http://www.ogonnelloens.com)), and return to the school (either by post or email to [office@ogonnelloens.com](mailto:office@ogonnelloens.com)). Applications should be received no later than Friday, 3rd March 2023. If you have any queries please contact [office@ogonnelloens.com](mailto:office@ogonnelloens.com)

**EmployAbility Clare:** If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, we can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email [info@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:info@employabilityclare.ie) or log on to [www.employabilityclare.ie](http://www.employabilityclare.ie)

**Accord** is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. Please contact [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) for info on recruitment and training. Closing date 26th May 2023.

**Helplines:** • ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024 • 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.**

**Collections 18th/19th February** Offertory: €283.32 Church Renovation: €58

Thank you for your continued kind generosity & support.

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