



## O'Gonnelloe Parish

Inis Cealtra Cluster

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**3rd December 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

<b>Tuesday 5th December:</b>	10am Mass St Mary's Church
<b>Thursday 7th December:</b>	No morning Mass, Vigil Mass Holy Day 7:30pm St Molua's Church
<b>Friday 8th December:</b>	Holy Day 10am Mass Bodyke Church. No mass in St Molua's Church.
<b>Saturday 9th December:</b>	8pm St Molua's Church
<b>Sunday 10th December:</b>	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 2nd December** Maí & Jackie Cosgrove  
Bill McElhinney **St Molua's 8pm**

### Weekend Ministries

Date 2023	Reader (please check with celebrant before Mass)	Eucharist Minister	Church Cleaning (to be cleaned week leading up to your date)
Dec 2nd - St Molua's 8pm Dec 3rd - St Mary's 11am	Siobhan Kelly Mary McMahon	Siobhan Kelly Donal Molloy	Liz Skelly, Lorraine Hassett Gerardine Sheedy, Carmel McMahon
Dec 9th - St Molua's 8pm Dec 10th - St Mary's 11am	Connie McKenna Family Mass	Francis McKenna Margaret Mooney	Marie/Jude McInerney, Margaret Mooney Breda McNamara, Margaret Kenney
Dec 16th - St Molua's 8pm Dec 17th - St Mary's 11am	Anna O'Farrell Oonagh McElhinney	Elaine Mulcahy Anne Molloy	Kathleen Mooney, Phil McNeive Olivia O'Donovan/Olivia Weir/Orlaith Ringrose



Thank you for your continued kind generosity & support.

**The Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area** comprises of the parishes of Bodyke & Tuamgraney, Ogonnelloe, Scariff, Feakle, Killanena & Flagmount, Mountshannon (Clonrush) & Whitegate and also provides services to Raheen Community Hospital. Current Inis Cealtra Area Weekend - **Mass Times Vigil (Saturday)** Flagmount 6.00pm; Tuamgraney 6.30pm; Mountshannon 7.00pm; Kilclaren (Feakle) 7.00pm; Ogonnelloe 8pm; Scariff 8pm. **Sunday Morning** Clonusker (Scariff) 9.00am; Bodyke 9.30am; Feakle 10.00am; Killanena 10.00am; Ogonnelloe 11.00am; Whitegate 11.00am; Scariff 11.00am

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about it

"People who say it cannot be done should not disrupt those who are doing it".

### Parish/Diocesan News

**Family Mass:** Advent Family Mass will be next Sunday, 10th December, 11am in St Mary's. Everyone is welcome. As Advent prepares us for the Light of Christ, children might like to make stars that will shine on the altar during Mass – we have some from last year that children are welcome to use. 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.

**The 2024 Parish Calendars** are available in both churches. They are FREE. You can take as many as you need for yourself, your family and your friends.

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Holy Day:** Vigil Mass on Thursday 7th December in St Molua's 7:30pm. No Thursday morning mass that day. 8th December in Bodyke at 10am.

**Pastoral Council News:** has decided that the financial statement will be prepared and published in the early part of the new year.

**Lectio Devina** runs every Tuesday evening in the parish hall, 8pm to 9pm. Call Olivia @087 6380201 for more info. All welcome.

**Christmas Mass Programme:** is as follows - Christmas Eve: Mass St Mary's at 8pm; Christmas Day: Mass in St Molua's at 11am. There will be no mass on Sunday morning 24th December.

**Volunteers:** we need some volunteers to be 'backup' sacristans in St Mary's Church for weekend mass. People who would be willing volunteers are asked to give their name to Joanne at the parish office.

**Training of New Altar Servers:** will be done in January. Children who are in 3rd class or upwards are eligible. Families could discuss in the meantime if interested in becoming part of the altar serving service.

**Giving Tree:** Christmas Food Appeal for East Clare St Vincent de Paul - For the season of Advent we will have a giving tree in both churches. We ask you to donate non perishable goods that will be donated to families in need this Christmas. Last day will be Sunday 17th December 2023.

**Raheen Hospital:** Please note: There will be no Mass in Raheen Hospital on Saturdays at 2.15pm for the next few weeks. There will be Mass at 11am on Wednesdays.

### Community/ Local News

**The Trade Fair in the Parish Hall** on Sun 19th was a great success and also a wonderful community event. The Fair and Café made €1119 for the Community Hall which is very welcome. A financial update on the Hall will be published shortly. The results of the raffle are as follows. Senior draw. 1st, Angela O'Connor, 2nd Orlaith Ringrose, 3rd, Anna McElhinney. Children's draw. 1st Lilly Molloy, 2nd Kate Molloy, 3rd Freddie Mooney. A sincere thanks to all those involved in organising the fair and to everyone who worked so hard on the day to make it a great success.

**Thank You:** Ogonnelloe Senior Club had a stall at the annual craft fair. €1000 was collected and a further €600 has been donated since. €1600 will be donated to Irish Motor Neurone Disease. Many thanks to everybody. Maura Nihill

**Scariff Library Smartphone Classes for Beginners:** a 1 to 1 session with the transition year students from Scariff Community College. Bring your own device and learn how to install apps, use email, WhatsApp, the library's online resources plus lots, lots more. Every Wednesday morning – 11am – 12pm. Booking is necessary. Contact Scariff Library.

**Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal:** A huge thank you for all the amazing support. 4157 shoeboxes from Clare are heading to Romania this year for Christmas 2023. Well done to all.

**Scariff Bay Radio:** The Board and Volunteers of Scariff Bay Community Radio are delighted to announce that we're running a fundraising raffle, with some really great prizes, sponsored by local businesses and individuals here in East Clare. Tickets for this raffle at €5 each are available to purchase in Joey Kavanagh Butchers and Rodgers Off Licence, both in Scariff or from any of the SBCR Volunteers. The draw will take place on December 16th.

**Tuamgraney Development Association:** are delighted to confirm that Christmas Bingo will return on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 3pm in the Community College Hall.

**Clarecare Thrift Shop Appeal:** are seeking kind donations of good quality items to our Thrift Shops. If you are planning a declutter of clothes, shoes, bags, belts etc then we would be delighted to accept your donations at our Thrift Shop in Killaloe.

**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.**

**Reflection:** We are a people on whom the light of Christ has shone and still shines. We must, therefore, strive to walk in the light, the light of truth and life, the light of holiness and grace, the light of justice, love and peace. The most precious light of all is the light of love. Without that light the world would be a dark place. Love lights up everything. It brings hope to a world darkened by selfishness, indifference and hatred.

A question for the first week of Advent: How can I help someone today? How can I share God's love?

