



## O'Gonnelloe Parish

Inis Cealtra Cluster

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**23rd 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 26th December:</b>	10am Mass St Mary's Church
<b>Thursday 28th December:</b>	10am Mass St Molua's Church, Adoration
<b>Saturday 30th December:</b>	8pm St Molua's Church
<b>Sunday 31st 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 23rd December**  
**Friday 29th December**

Bridget Minogue (Anniversary)  
Michael Mooney (First Anniversary)

**St Molua's 8pm**  
**St Molua's 7pm**

### 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 23rd - St Molua's 8pm Dec 24th - St Mary's 8pm Dec 25th - St Molua's 11am	Siobhan Kelly	Siobhan Kelly Donal Molloy, Margaret Mooney Martha McNamara, Pat Gavin	Anne Molloy Anne Forde
Dec 30th - St Molua's 8pm Dec 31st - St Mary's 11am	Mary Gibbons Pat Mooney	Frances McKenna Oonagh McElhinney	Anna McElhinney Breda Keaveney
Jan 6th - St Mary's 8pm Jan 7th - St Molua's 11am	Francis McNulty Connie McKenna	Anne Molloy Marie McInerney	Kathleen O'Brien, Mary McKenna Martha McNamara, Ann Ryan



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

Think  
about it

"Self discipline begins with mastery of your own thoughts. If you don't control what you think, you cannot control what you say or do".

### Parish/Diocesan News

We wish all parishioners a Happy Christmas. Welcome home to anybody visiting family during the Christmas period.

Also welcome to any other visitors who travel to Ogonnelloe during this special time.

May we all enjoy the sharing of time, friendship and relaxation. May Christ be at the centre of our thoughts.

**Masses at Christmas:** 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.

**Mass/Church Changes:** On Saturday 6th January Mass will be in St Mary's 8pm and Sunday 7th January Mass will be at 11am in St Molua's.

**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.

**Parish Office:** is closed on Thursday 28th December 2023. Office reopens on Thursday 4th January 2024.

**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 Kieran.

**Contributions:** Thanks for your continued financial support of the parish at this time, your support is greatly appreciated in these difficult times. A number of payments have been received through the diocesan online donation facility and we are very grateful.

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

**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:** Huge thanks to all those who contributed so kindly and generously this year. The food has now been delivered to East Clare St Vincent de Paul and will be distributed this week.

**Raheen Hospital:** Masses resume to normal on Saturdays at 2.15pm and Wednesdays at 11.00am.

**January Family mass:** will be on 21st January at 11am in St Molua's. We will be inviting the families who had a child baptised during 2023 in our Parish, in recognition of baptism as the beginning of our Christian lives. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

### Community/ Local News

**Hall update:** The first phase of work to the Parish Hall was started in Mar '18 and the second in Sept '18. The total cost of the development including both phases, sheds, canopy, projector, screen lighting and sound is €302,000. After receiving grants we took out a loan of €70,000, of which to date we owe €48,991. This loan will be repaid in 2029. Our main income is Hall rental and the monthly envelopes and without these we could not meet our repayments. Our appreciation and thanks goes to the community for their continued support. We have a wonderful Community Centre with great facilities which the community of O'Gonnelloe can be very proud of and with your continued support we will be able to meet our monthly payments and finish the loan.

**Ogonnelloe Exchange:** Thank you to all the volunteers who looked after the community café every Saturday during the year. It is very much appreciated. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy & peaceful New Year.

**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 please call Louise on 061- 923215

**Tractor Run** in Aid of Raheen Hospital will take place on Wednesday December 27th starting at the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Registration from 11am. All are welcome. Contact Ger on 087 1300238 for more information

**Clare MABS:** Are you struggling to make ends meet? Are you worried about money you owe to lenders, credit cards, banks and mortgage lenders? For free, confidential and independent advice please contact MABS on 0761 072430 or email us at [ennis@mabs.ie](mailto:ennis@mabs.ie)

**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:** God of welcome and acceptance, Call me home from the four winds of distraction. Call me home to my own heart. Welcome me into your peace. Call me home from the Christmas rush, Help me to make my home with you. Call me home to my faith and my church, Call me home to Bethlehem, to rebirth, Help me to see divinity in a stable. Give me a heart for the homeless, for the refugee. Give me a prayer of healing for homes where there is violence, grief or separation. Help us all to turn our houses into homes, into places of welcome and acceptance for God and one another. Amen

