



## 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 12th December:</b>	10am Mass St Mary's Church
<b>Thursday 14th December:</b>	No Morning Mass, Adoration
<b>Saturday 16th December:</b>	8pm St Molua's Church
<b>Sunday 17th 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.

<b>Sunday 10th December</b>	Family Mass	<b>St Mary's 11am</b>
<b>Sunday 17th December</b>	Anthony O'Callaghan (Anniversary)	<b>St Mary's 11am</b>

### 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 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
Dec 23rd - St Molua's 8pm Dec 24th - St Mary's 8pm Dec 25th - St Molua's 11am	TBC TBC TBC	TBC TBC TBC	Anne Molloy Anne Forde



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

"Stop the habit of wishful thinking and start the habit of thoughtful wishes".

### Parish/Diocesan News

**Family Mass:** Advent Family Mass will be this Sunday. As Advent prepares us for the Light of Christ. We will also celebrate Bambinelli: the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figures for your crib at home.

**Thursday 14th December:** there will be no morning mass on Thursday 14th December in St Molua's Church.

**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.

**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.

**Glenstal Advent Talks** are at 4.30pm Sunday 10th, 17th December in the Abbey Library (V94TK61). Talks are recorded and will be available shortly afterwards from the Abbey website.

### Community/ Local News

**East Clare to raise its voice with concert in aid of victims of war in Palestine:** The East Clare performing arts community has come together in response to the horrific impact of the war in Palestine on children and families to put together a one-off show this coming Sunday, December 17 in Scariff GAA Hall at 8pm. The 'East Clare for Peace in Palestine' concert will see some 20 plus of our best known singers, musicians and story-tellers from Bodyke/Tuamgraney, Ogonnelloe, Scariff and Whitegate deliver what promises to be a very special performance of favourite songs and stories of peace and Christmas. Proceeds will go to the Irish Emergency Alliance, an alliance of Action Aid, Christian Aid, Trócaire, World Vision, TearFund, and Plan International, who have together established a 'Middle East Emergency Crisis' in response to the ongoing horror in Gaza. Tickets are on sale on Eventbrite and can also be purchased at Rodgers' and Bane's shops in Scariff, Treacy's in Tuamgraney, Josie Anne's in Ogonnelloe and McDermott's in Whitegate. Tickets are priced at €20 each and are expected to sell out quickly so the advice is to book early. Your support for this worthy cause and a night of great East Clare entertainment would be greatly welcome.

**Ogonnelloe National School Christmas Carol Service:** on Tuesday the 19th December at 7:30pm in St Molua's Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend on the night.

**St Vincent de Paul Stand at Craft Fair:** the Molloy family would like to acknowledge and thank the generous contribution of €601 for St Vincent de Paul East Clare branch, which has been presented to them. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

**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:** Advent is a time of hope and promise. Hope is a vital part of life. We spend a great deal of our lives longing, waiting, hoping for one thing or another. Hope is to the spirit what bread is to the body. Hope doesn't mean sitting back waiting for things to happen. Hope spurs us into action. We believe our efforts are worthwhile and that they do make a difference. It is the task of us all to keep hope alive, and to set an example. We must not depend on results, but only on the rightness and truth of the work itself. Our hope rests in God, telling us we are loved by him and that we are to love one another.

