



O'Gonnelloe Parish

Inis Cealtra Cluster

Third Sunday of Advent
17th 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.



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about it

"It is not what you do some of the time but what you do most of the time that makes the difference".

Parish/Diocesan News

Advent Penitential Service on 7 to 8 pm Tuesday 21st December in Scariff Church. A number of Priests will attend and Confession in open area or seated privately in Confession Box.

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

Community/ Local News

St Vincent de Paul Church gate collection: Many thanks to those who contributed to this collection. A total of €557.57 was raised.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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Thank you for your continued kind generosity & support.

Weekday Masses for the week ahead

Tuesday 19th December:	10am Mass St Mary's Church
Thursday 21st December:	10am Mass St Molua's Church, Adoration
Saturday 23rd December:	8pm St Molua's Church
Sunday 24th December:	No Sunday morning Mass. Christmas Eve Mass at 8pm St Mary's
Monday 25th December:	Christmas Day Mass 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.

Sunday 17th December	Anthony O'Callaghan (Anniversary)	St Mary's 11am
Saturday 23rd December	Bridget Minogue (Anniversary)	St Molua's 8pm

Sympathies: We offer our condolences to Margaret Bane on the death of her brother Mattie Connelly, who died recently in the UK. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

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 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	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

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

Reflection:

Allow time these days for prayer, for moments in a busy day. Take time for friendship, for love, for care with the people who mean a lot. Take time for those worse off, for ensuring that someone's Christmas will be better because of your generosity. God is present in his word and in our actions. Remember this week what makes you joyful about the coming feast of Christmas and be grateful.

