



O'Gonnelloe Parish

Inis Cealtra Cluster

Second Sunday of Easter

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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

Tuesday 29th April: 10am Mass St Mary's Church
Thursday 1st May: 10am Mass St Molua's Church, Adoration
Saturday 3rd May: **NO Mass**
Sunday 4th May: 11am Mass St Mary's Church

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

Saturday 26th April Mary & Jimmy Mulcahy - Anniversary **St Molua's 8pm**
Sunday 4th May Don Molloy - Anniversary
Andrew & Mary Bugler - Anniversary **St Mary's 11am**

Sympathies: We offer our condolences to the Gibbons family on the sad passing of Hannah Kirk, may her gentle soul rest in peace.

Weekend Ministries

Date	Reader (please check with celebrant before Mass)	Eucharist Minister	Church Cleaning (to be cleaned week leading up to your date)
Apr 26th- St Molua's 8pm St Mary's	Mary Gibbons No Mass	Elaine Mulcahy No Mass	Marie/Jude McInerney, Margaret Mooney Breda Keaveney
St Molua's May 4th - St Mary's 11am	No Mass Francis McNulty	No Mass Margaret Mooney	Anna McElhinney Kathleen O'Brien, Mary McKenna
St Molua's May 11th - St Mary's 11am	No Mass Matthew O'Brien	No Mass Anne Molloy	Margaret Bane, Mary Lynch Christine & Anne O'Driscoll

Thank you for your continued kind generosity & support.

*Thank
you*

**Think
about it**

"Some people reach the top of the ladder of success only to find it is leaning against the wrong wall." **THINK ABOUT IT!**

Parish/Diocesan News

It is with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Pope Francis this Easter Week. Having been appointed bishop of Killaloe by him in 2016 I had the opportunity to meet him soon after that, during the course for new bishops in Rome. I met him again for the occasion of the Ad Limina visit of the Irish Bishops in January 2017 and of course during his visit to Ireland for World meeting of families in 2018. Even though he didn't have much English he exuded warmth, friendliness and pastoral zeal. It was humbling to hear him on each occasion to ask for prayers for him personally as he exercised his mission.

Since his appointment as Holy Father in 2013 he has had a profound impact on the whole world as a spiritual leader and humble pastor. From the simple greeting, moments after his appointment along with his warm smile and asking people to pray for him he won over the hearts of so many. This was matched with a quiet and steely determination to embark on a mission of gentle reform in the Church. One of the many traditional names for the Holy Father is Pontifex, Bridge Builder and Pope Francis certainly endeavoured to be that with all determination, personal charisma and pastoral skill.

In choosing the name Francis, we got a strong indication that his papacy would be one of preferential option for the poor, the marginalised and those in trouble. His enthusiasm and missionary spirit was revealed in his first big communication, The Joy of the Gospel.

The fact that he chose to have an extraordinary jubilee year of Mercy soon after set the tone revealing his image of God. It was little wonder following on from that that he chose hope as the theme for the scheduled jubilee this year. I am honoured this year to be the Irish Bishops' nominee to be delegate for encouraging the celebration of the Year of Hope. Since it began with the opening of the Holy Door by Pope Francis I have seen the positive way people have engaged with the great virtue of hope in the diocese and beyond and the great consolation it has given. The last major publication of the Pontif, his autobiography was entitled just that; Hope. The mark of the man!

A deeply prayerful and spiritual man Pope Francis had a great devotion to Our Lady, popularising the devotion to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, to St. Joseph, the devotion to the Sleeping St. Joseph and also the Sacred Heart, his last encyclical being Dilexit Nos, He Loved us!

Care for the environment, emigrants, refugees, safeguarding children, peace, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue and the synodal way of being Church were to the foremost of his agenda during the fruitful papacy of Francis.

His spiritual and pastoral legacy is immense, and he will be sadly missed. The light of heaven to him and may he rest in peace! Sympathies and condolences to all who mourn his loss.

✠ **Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe**

There is **no First Friday Mass** on Friday 2nd of May.

Confirmation: Congratulations to the children of Ogonnelloe N.S. who will be confirmed on Friday 2nd May in Bodyke Church at 11am with the children from Bodyke & Tuamgraney. We welcome Bishop Fintan Monahan.

All notices are as given & correct on going to print

Inis Cealtra News

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.

A **Cluster Co-ordination Group** has been set up, including representatives from each Parish Pastoral Council across the six parishes of the pastoral area of Iniscealtra. It will also have other members from various people involved in pastoral / ministry involvement. Its purpose is to be a link group for proposed initiatives in the cluster area.

Weekend Mass Rota for the coming months in Inis Cealtra Cluster will be:

Rota for May 2025

Saturday	Scariff 6:30pm; Kilclaren 7pm
Sunday	Bodyke 9:30am; Flagmount 9:30am; Scariff 11am; Whitegate 11am; Ogonnelloe (St Mary's) 11am

Please note that on Saturday May 31st the June schedule will come into effect.

A **statue of the Sacred Heart** will be on display in the Diocese of Killaloe from May 11th until June 20th. It is one of 4 statues that were blessed recently by Pope Francis and are available to each province as a follow on from the recent encyclical encouraging devotion to the Sacred Heart. The statue will visit the **Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area from May 27th to 28th**. There will be more details in the newsletter in the weeks to come.

Community/ Local News

Café Exchange: Open on Saturdays 10:30am – 1pm.

SVP Coffee morning on Saturday 3rd May from 10:30-1pm in Ogonnelloe Exchange Café.

Indoor Astroturf Fundraising 5 Km Fun Walk Ogonnelloe GAA Monday 5th May, Starting and finishing at Ogonnelloe Astroturf. Start Time 11.00 - BBQ burgers - Face painting - Teas / Coffees / Refreshments - Ice cream Tickets 5 Euros per person capped at 20 Euros per family Tickets available at <https://buytickets.at/ogonnelloehurling/1678033> or contact Claire Molloy on 0870546018.

Men New to Golf Taster Program for 4 weeks - May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th €60. Join us in East Clare Golf course and we will teach you the fundamentals of the game. Register now: marketing@eastclaregc.com or 061-921322

Darkness into Light Whitegate: Whitegate is once again hosting the Pieta House Darkness into Light Walk at 4.15am on Saturday, 10th May 2025, starting from the GAA pitch. This walk is a wonderful opportunity for our community to unite, raise awareness, and offer hope to those affected by suicide.

Join us for a post-walk chat and refreshments with friends and neighbours. You can sign up today at darknessintolight.ie, selecting Clare and then Whitegate as your venue. For more information and regular updates, follow the Darkness into Light Whitegate Facebook and Instagram pages.