



Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area
O'Gonnelloe Parish
The Holy Family
28th December 2025



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Open from **10am - 2pm on Thursday's**. Deadline for your notices for the newsletter is Thursday by 11am.

Parish Website: www.ogonnelloeparish.ie

Parish Facebook: O'Gonnelloe Parish

Weekday Masses for the week ahead

Tuesday 30th December:	10am Mass St Mary's Church
Thursday 1st January:	10am Mass St Molua's Church, Adoration
Friday 2nd January:	10am Mass St Molua's Church - First Friday & Adoration for 1 hour
Saturday 3rd January:	No Mass
Sunday 4th January:	11am Mass St Mary's Church

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

Tuesday 30th December	Michael Mooney - Anniversary	St Mary's 10am
Tuesday 6th January	Theresa & Thomas McKenna	St Mary's 10am

Weekend Ministries

Date	Reader (please check with celebrant before Mass)	Eucharist Minister	Church Cleaning (to be cleaned week leading up to your date)
Dec 27th - St Molua's 8pm St Mary's	Catherine McGrath No Mass	Siobhan Kelly No Mass	Liz Skelly, Lorraine Hassett Breda McNamara, Margaret Kenney
St Molua's Jan 4th - St Mary's 11am	No Mass Mary McMahon	No Mass Anne Molloy	Martha McNamara, Anne Ryan Olivia O'Donovan, Olivia Weir, Orlaith Ringrose
St Molua's Jan 11th - St Mary's 11am	No Mass Pat Mooney	No Mass Margaret Mooney	Martha McNamara, Anne Ryan Karen English, Noreen Meagher

Thank you for your continued kind generosity & support.

Thank you

Think about it

"You are one of a kind, therefore no one can really predict to what heights you might soar. Even you will not know until you spread your wings". **THINK ABOUT IT!**

Parish/Diocesan News

We wish all parishioners a Happy New Year. Welcome home to anybody visiting family during the Christmas period. Also welcome to any 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.

Parish Calendars: are available from the churches. They are free of charge, please take one for yourself and family.

Rotas for January to March 2026 for Readers, Eucharistic Minister and cleaning of the churches is on the notice board of each of the churches. Many thanks.

Ogonnelloe Parish is making its own **Family Prayer Book** and we are asking you to share your favourite prayer or prayers, for example: a prayer for a particular time of the day or season of the year; a prayer for an event or a special day in the church year; a prayer for different personal circumstances, eg feeling thankful, a prayer when someone is unwell, has died or when we or someone we know is not feeling good for some reason; a prayer to a favourite Saint. **Send your suggested prayers - by the end of January please** - to the Parish Pastoral Council's new email address: ogonnelloecouncil@gmail.com OR you can drop in an envelope in the collection basket at mass or leave in the Parish Office or the Sacristy of either church and it will be passed on to us. Thank you.

The **Parish Council** would like to encourage more men and women to **volunteer** in our churches, we especially need people to help as Sacristans and church cleaners; please think about what you can do to participate actively in our Parish, contact Joanne in the Parish Office to get more information; current volunteers will help you to get started.

Parish Office is closed Thursday 1st January. Please send your notices to office@ogonnelloeparish.ie

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

Community/ Local News

Café 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 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 on 061- 923215

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.

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

Rota for January 2026

Saturday	Scariff 6:30pm; Kilclaren 7pm
Sunday	Bodyke 9:30am; Flagmount 9:30am; Whitegate 10am; Scariff 11am; Ogonnelloe (St Mary's) 11am

Rota for February 2026

Saturday	Tuamgraney 6:30pm; Mountshannon 7pm; Ogonnelloe (St Molua's) 8pm
Sunday	Clonusker 9am; Killanena 9:30am; Feakle 10am; Scariff 11am

Helplines: • ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024 • Women's Aid Helpline 1800 341900 • 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: Begin Again - Brendan Kennelly

Begin again to the summoning birds to the sight of the light at the window, begin to the roar of morning traffic all along Pembroke Road.

Every beginning is a promise, born in light and dying in dark determination and exaltation of springtime flowering the way to work.

Begin to the pageant of queuing girls, the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal bridges linking the past and future, old friends passing though with us still.

Begin to the loneliness that cannot end, since it perhaps is what makes us begin, begin to wonder at unknown faces, at crying birds in the sudden rain at branches stark in the willing sunlight, at seagulls foraging for bread, at couples sharing a sunny secret, alone together while making good.

Though we live in a world that dreams of ending, that always seems about to give in something that will not acknowledge conclusion, insists that we forever begin.