



INIS CEALTRA PASTORAL AREA SCARIFF PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Masses

January 2026:

Saturday: Scariff 6.30pm

Sunday: Scariff 11am

Weekdays: Scariff: Monday – Friday (inclusive) 10am

Masses in other Churches:

Saturday: Kilclaran 7pm

Sunday: Bodyke 9.30am; Flagmount 9.30am; St Mary's Ogonelloe 11am; Whitegate 10am

February 2026: Please note: On Saturday January 31st 2026 the February schedule will come into effect.

Saturday:

Sunday: Clonusker 9am; Scariff 11am;

Weekdays: Scariff: Monday – Friday (inclusive) 10am

Masses in other Churches:

Saturday: Tuamgraney 6.30pm; Mountshannon 7pm; St Molua's Ogonelloe 8pm

Anniversary Masses

Saturday	17 Jan	6:30pm	Paddy Moroney (Month's Mind) and his predeceased wife Mary Geraldine McNamara
Saturday	24 Jan	6:30pm	Francie O'Rourke (1 st Anniv) Marie Long John Joe, Nellie and Ger Slattery and deceased members of Slattery Family
Sunday	25 Jan	11:00am	Barry Nash Martin Noel McNamara
Friday	30 Jan	10:00am	Deceased members of Sammon Family, Meenross

"We look, not to the things that are seen, but to things that are unseen", St Paul

Enrolment Ceremony

This will take place for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation on **Wednesday 28th January at 7pm** in Sacred Heart Church, Scariff. We invite you to keep the Boys & Girls in your prayers at this special time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This will take place from **Sunday 18th –Sunday 25th January**. The theme chosen for this week of Prayer is "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4). An Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held in the Sacred Heart Church, Scariff on **Wednesday January 21st at 7.30pm**. We extend a warm welcome to join us in this special time of prayer and celebration.

Bishop Willie's First Anniversary Mass

Bishop Willie's first anniversary Mass will be in the Cathedral on **Saturday, February 21st at 11.00 am**. The tombstone on his grave is being prepared this week in advance of that. The county council will be officially naming the new space in front of the Cathedral – The Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza – and a ceremony will be held to unveil a plaque to mark that. All welcome.

Catholic Schools Week 2026: 18 – 24 January

The theme "Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness". In the words of Pope Francis on Blessed (now Saint) Carlo Acutis "Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

Priests' Remuneration Collections 2026

Scariff Pastoral & Finance Group wishes to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support to the parish. We are presently ordering our boxes of 2026 collection envelopes and these will be available for distribution at the end of January. You will find that there are now six priests' collection envelopes in your box instead of the usual five. This change is made at the request of Bishop Fintan Monahan and while it need not result in a change to parishioners' overall total contribution it will ensure that all parishes and pastoral areas are operating a standardised number of collections across the diocese.

Tulla Drama Group

Tulla Drama Group will present two 1 Act Plays at Tulla Courthouse from **Wednesday January 21st to Saturday 24th at 8pm**. The plays are "A Dog's Life" by Pam Valentine and "I Do" by Siobhán Donnellan. Tickets €12 on sale at Tulla Courthouse Monday January 19th - Wednesday 21st between 10am and 12pm. Phone Siobhán on 087 2356124 to reserve tickets.

Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages

Direct flights from Knock October 21st- 28th. Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph. Complete Spiritual Programme available. 7 nights' accommodation with freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day to compliment the Irish palate! Early booking discount price €865 available until January 31st, For further information contact Sharon 086 0523014.

May you always have an angel by your side

May you always have an angel by your side
Watching out for you in all the things you do
Reminding you to keep believing in brighter days
Finding ways for your wishes and dreams
to take you to beautiful places
Giving you hope that is as certain as the sun
Giving you the strength of serenity as your guide

May you always have love and comfort and courage
And may you always have an angel by your side
May you always have an angel by your side
Someone there to catch you if you fall

Encouraging your dreams
Inspiring your happiness
Holding your hand and helping you
through it all in all of our days,
our lives are always changing

Tears come along as well as smiles
Along the roads you travel,
may the miles be a thousand times
more lovely than lonely

May they give you the kind of gifts that never, ever end:
someone wonderful to love and
a dear friend in whom you can confide
May you have rainbows after every storm
May you have hopes to keep you warm
And may you always have an angel by your side

~*Emilia Larson*~

ECMS Table Quiz

East Clare Musical Society are holding a Table Quiz on **Saturday 17th January** in McNamara's Bar, Scariff from 8pm Tables of 4 €20.

Scariff Parish Webcam Link

See Parish Website.
www.scariffparish.ie & then click on "View our Webcam".

Dromindoora Run / Walk

Dromindoora (Killanena) N.S. Annual Fun Run/Walk in memory of Ciara Clancy and Eimear Noonan takes place on **Sunday 18th January 2026 @ 12pm**. Registration from 11am in Canny's Bar, Killanena.

Offertory Collection

Thanks for your kind and generous support for our Offertory collection: 11 January: €740.

Thought for the Week

"If you can overthink the worst, why can't you overthink the best"