



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.

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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	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 (1 st Anniv)
Friday	30 Jan	10:00am	Deceased members of Sammon Family, Meenross
Sunday	1 Feb	11:00am	Noel Bolton (1 st Anniv) Kathleen MacGrath

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

Presentation for the Lord

Monday 2nd February BLESSING OF CANDLES

On this feast, we celebrate Jesus as the light of the world, so it is only fitting that on this day we bless the candles that will be used in the Church or in our homes for the year ahead. If you would like to have candles blessed for home use or if you would like to donate candles for use at our liturgies during the year please leave them into the Church next weekend. Please mark you candles clearly with your name if you wish them to be blessed for home use.

February Schedule of Masses starts 31 January

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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.

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 time.

Parish Renovation Fund Update

We really appreciate the generous support to date towards our Parish Renovation fund.

Contributions to date: €98,852

No. of households that contributed: 191

In order for us to reach our Fundraising target of €140,000, we would urge households that have not contributed to date to support this initiative.

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be returned via the Mass collection baskets or to a Scariff Pastoral Council member or to the Parochial House.

If you would like to donate online,

Account Name: Bishop of Killaloe FTB and Scariff Parish

IBAN: IE24BOFI90441389674238

SVP East Clare

Grateful thanks to all those who donated to SVP East Clare at Christmas and throughout 2025. As always, your donations make a big difference, meaning that our volunteers can continue to support those most in need in East Clare. You can also contact SVP East Clare, in confidence, on 086 392 1492 or via email at stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie.

Prayer to Saint Brigid

St. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

Christ is the light of the world.

His light was not lit once in Palestine and then extinguished.

It continues to shine for all who believe in him.

It is a persistent and defiant light that no darkness can overpower.

Lord Jesus, may your gentle and sure light

Guide us along the unfolding road, so that we may walk with confidence

towards the light that never fades

And the life that never ends.

Scariff NS Enrolment Forms

SCARIFF NATIONAL SCHOOL

Enrolment forms for the 2026/2027 school year are now available from Scariff National School.

Please contact the school on

061 921481 or

Email:- scariffnationalschool@gmail.com

Closing date for applications **31st March 2026**

Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje

Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimage: 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.

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- Philosophy
- Healthcare Chaplaincy
- Liturgical Music

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Offertory Collection

Thanks for your kind and generous support for our Offertory collection: 18 January: €835.

Thought for the Week

“Don’t rush your chapters. Every page matters.”