



# INIS CEALTRA PASTORAL AREA

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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

Friday	2 Jan	7:00pm	Mary Vaughan (Month's Mind)
Saturday	3 Jan	6:30pm	Brendan Cosgrave Michael and Madge Connolly
Sunday	4 Jan	11:00am	Michael Macnamara Peggy O'Grady
Friday	9 Jan	7:30pm	Sean Moloney (Month's Mind)
Saturday	10 Jan	6:30pm	David Minogue
Sunday	11 Jan	11:00am	Eddie Fennessy Mary Farrell PJ and Breeda Minogue

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

### Prayer for new Year

God of this New Year, we are walking into  
mystery.  
We face the future, not knowing what the days  
and months will bring to us or how we will  
respond.  
Be love in us as we journey.  
May we welcome all who come our way.  
Deepen our faith to see all of life through your  
eyes.  
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you  
dwell  
in is amidst all our joys and sorrows.  
Thank you for the treasure of our faith life.  
Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each  
day  
with the assurance of your walking through the  
day with us.  
God of this New Year, we praise you.  
Amen

### Blessing of a Home at Epiphany

Using the blessed chalk (which many parishes will bless and make available) mark the lintel of your front door as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 26 saying:  
The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty six years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year.  
Amen.  
Then say the following prayer: Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever.  
The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat": "May Christ bless the house."  
The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "26" at the end mark the current year.

## Feast of the Epiphany: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Epiphany is of Greek origin and it means "Appearance" or "Showing Forth". It is celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January. This feast is also called Little Christmas and Women's Christmas. The Three Kings arrived from the East to honour the Infant Jesus. They represented the Gentiles and were directed by a star to Bethlehem. They knew that a King was born who deserved homage and respect. They knelt to worship Him and offered Him precious, symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They returned home a different way disregarding Herod's request.

### Epiphany Mass Times for Pastoral Area

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass:** Whitegate 7pm; Tuamgraney 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Scariff 10am; Ogonnellloe St. Mary's 10am; Flagmount 7pm; Mountshannon 7pm.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This will take place from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. We extend a warm welcome to join us in this special time of prayer and celebration.

### Blood Donation Clinic in Scariff

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is asking for blood donors to attend clinics in Scariff. Blood supplies typically fall after the festive season, but hospital demand remains constant, with patients continuing to rely on life-saving blood for cancer treatment, surgery, emergency care, and maternity services.

Clinic is taking place at:

**Scariff GAA Hall**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**4:50pm - 8:10pm**

**Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment.**

New Donors welcome.

## Parish Gathering for all our volunteers

We invite you to a Parish gathering for all our dedicated volunteers who serve our parish so faithfully. We are blessed to have so many people helping out in so many ways – Cleaning, Choir, Flowers, Sacristy, Servers, Collections, Pastoral Council, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Maintenance, Finance etc

**Date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Venue: McNamara's Scariff**

All are welcome. Please let Donie Bane or any member of Pastoral Council if you will be able to join us. We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

**Scariff Pastoral Council**

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Josie and the extended family, relatives and friends of **John Patrick (Séan) Moloney**, Mountshannon Road who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

### Loose Change for Mary's Meals

Any loose change or unwanted coins are greatly appreciated towards Mary's Meals. Please drop into the box at the Church door. Mary's Meals use the funds received to provide a nutritious meal to children while they learn in areas of the world in great need of support.

### Scariff Parish Webcam Link

All broadcasts from the Church will now be through our Parish Website [www.scariffparish.ie](http://www.scariffparish.ie) & then click on "View our Webcam".

### Offertory Collection

Thanks for your kind and generous support for our Offertory collection: 25 & 28 December €1,760.

### Thought for the Week

"Sometimes the most productive thing to do is rest"