



INIS CEALTRA PASTORAL AREA

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1st Sunday Lent

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Parish Masses

February 2026:

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

Sunday: Killanena 9.30am; Feakle 10am

March 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

Anniversary Masses

Saturday	28 Feb	6:30pm	Michael and Ann Downes
Sunday	1 Mar	11:00am	Eamonn Long
Saturday	7 Mar	6:30pm	John and Mary Jones, Aughtrim Paddy and Mary Corbett and their sons Pat and Seamus

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

Pastoral Ministers

We extend a warm welcome to Mary Moloney, Mountshannon & John McNamara, Bodyke who are in the training phase to be commissioned as Pastoral Ministers within our Pastoral Area. They will share reflection at Masses this weekend.

Faith at the Crossroads

You are invited to a talk by Dan O'Connell at **7.30pm on Tuesday March 3rd** (Venue TBC).

This is an initiative of the Pastoral Area of Inis Cealtra. We extend a warm welcome to join us for this Lenten night as we reflect on our faith story & how it connects with our living each day.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after 10am Mass each Thursday. We invite & encourage as many as possible to join with us.

Workshop for Choirs

The Irish Church Music Association (ICMA) is holding a workshop for church choirs in Limerick City on Saturday 28th February from 10.30-1.30pm at the Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre V94 925C. Choir leaders & choir member are welcome to attend.

Trócaire Boxes

TROCAIRE BOXES for Lent are available at the back of the Church. The theme of the 2026 Trócaire Lenten campaign centres on the story of a multi-generational, female-led household in rural Rwanda.

Please note that March schedule of Masses will commence on Saturday February 28th

Basket Collectors

We say sincere thanks to all who are involved in our Liturgies each weekend and thank you for your commitment. At this time we are inviting people who may be willing to help with organising the “passing around & collecting baskets at each Mass”. The more people the better so make things lot easier & not to have to do too often. Please let Fr. Pat or any member of the Pastoral Council know if you are will to be part of this group.

Annual Matt Talbot Novena

This takes place each **Wednesday night at 7pm** in Tulla Church, beginning with Mass and Benediction. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Novena. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

SVP East Clare: Coffee Morning Saturday 28th February 10:30 – 12:30 at Ogonnelloe Exchange Café. All welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bishop Fintan will lead both our Diocesan summer and autumn pilgrimages this year. Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th June cost €990 pps and Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October cost €960 pps. Book directly with joewalshtours.ie or tel 01 2410800

ASSISTED PILGRIMS A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in Accueil Norte Dame in the grounds of the sanctuary. For more information on this section only please contact Mary Freeman at marybfreeman@gmail.com or tel 087 9777896

SPONSOR A SICK PERSON: Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816

Lent can be more than a time of Fasting; it can be a time of Feasting

Fast from judging others; feast of the Christ dwelling in them
Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on the unity of life
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light
fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
Fast from pessimism: fest on optimism
Fast from worry; feast on divine order
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer
Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
Fast from self-control; feat on compassion for others
Fast from personal anxiety, feast on eternal truth
Fast from discouragements; feast on hope
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Offertory Collection

Thanks also for your kind and generous support for our Offertory collection: 15 February: €470.

Thought for the Week

“Kindness costs nothing, but means everything”