



INIS CEALTRA PASTORAL AREA

SCARIFF PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Parish Masses

May 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

June 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

Anniversary Masses

Saturday	16 May	6:30pm	Anita McMahon Mary Considine (Moynoe and Ennistymon)
Tuesday	19 May	10:00am	Sean Brogan
Saturday	23 May	6:30pm	Jimmy and Joan Lynch Mattie and Maureen Moloney
Sunday	24 May	11:00am	Gerry O'Brien and deceased members of the O'Brien Family

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

Exam Mass of Care & Support

Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area warmly invites all students doing Junior & Leaving Cert. Exams along with their family to Sacred Heart Church, Scariff on **Friday 29th May at 8pm** to join in prayer as you prepare for your exams in the coming weeks. We ask you to bring your "Invitation Prayer Card" with you on the night. Exam Students: A book is available at the back of the church to **write down the names of students preparing for Junior Cert. & Leaving Cert.** Exams this June. All the students will be remembered in prayer during these coming weeks.

Rosary at the Grotto

A warm welcome is extended to join as members from the Pastoral Area in praying the Rosary at the Grotto at Sacred Heart Church, Scariff each Tuesday evening at 8pm.

Ascension

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.

We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,

Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

Malcolm Guite

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations & many blessings to all our young people who were confirmed on Friday 9th May. Sincere thanks to their teacher who shared in their journey of faith and in preparing them for this special Sacrament. Sincere thanks to the teachers, choir, students, school secretary Maureen, Sacristan Micheál & all who enriched our ceremony. Mile Buiochas Díobh Go Léir. May we continue to remember our young people in the journey of their lives-

Rebecca Beston,
Erica Bugler,
Erin Downes,
Aoibhinn Enright,
Oran Healy,
Sean Kelly,
Martha McNamara,
Sadhbh Madden,
Ultan O' Neill,
Elena Wiley-Murphy,
Tracy Ward.

Killaloe-Ballina Local History talk

Connections & Reflections by Sandra Lefroy
In 2025, Sandra published a book – Connections and Reflections – and next Wednesday night, she will join us to tell us about the fascinating literary threads in her family history. She will also tell the story of The Phoenix – one of Ireland's most important heritage boats, which is still afloat and belongs to the Lefroy family. Join us for an evening of literary, family and local history.
Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Lakeside Ballroom. Our talks are and everyone is welcome. We look forward forward to seeing you there!

Additional Eucharistic Ministers

We are seeking additional Eucharistic Ministers to assist at weekend Masses.
Full training and guidance will be provided. If interested, please let Fr Pat or Joan know.

Into The Deep

The Diocesan Newsletter 2nd Edition This week we saw the publication of the second edition of the Diocesan Newsletter – Into the Deep. This is an online publication which can be found on the diocesan website. Click on the following link
www.killaloediocese.ie

Parish Donations by Cheque

We sincerely thank you for your extreme generosity towards all the different collections during the year and towards the priest' collection for our pastoral area. Following instruction from our Bank if anyone is donating through cheque, would you please write on cheques-

- Bishop of Killaloe FTB & Inis Cealtra Area Priests Remuneration Ac (Priests' Collections)
- Bishop of Killaloe FTB & Scariff Parish (All Other Collections)

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season

“A Pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply” Pope Leo XIV

Three Day Pilgrimage begins May 29th until August 15th; One Day retreats May –September.

Further information contact 071-9861518 or www.loughderg.org

Pioneer Association

An invitation is extended a to all Pioneers to a meeting which will take place at the Woodstock Hotel Ennis V95 TR25 on Tuesday 16th June 7:30pm to 9:30pm. This is a meeting to consult and listen to the views of all.

Date for Diary

Celebration of First Holy Communion- Saturday 16th May at 12 Noon

Pre-Marriage Course

GRÁSTA is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating Pre-Marriage Courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church. We are holding Pre-Marriage courses on the following dates: **13th - 15th November 2026;**
26th - 28th February 2027.

Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Thought for the Week

“Life is not a harvest. It is a sowing of seeds”