



INIS CEALTRA PASTORAL AREA

SCARIFF PARISH NEWSLETTER



24th May 2026
Pentecost Sunday

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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	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
Saturday	30 May	6:30pm	Tommy, Ethel and Bridie Horan
Sunday	31 May	11:00am	Michael and Teresa Bolton and their sons Michael and Liam

"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.

Family Carers Ireland Support Group

Family Carers Ireland Support Group is meeting in Bodyke GAA Hall on **Tuesday, 26th May. 11am-1pm.** Contact Fiona 065 6866515

KNOCK

FERNS & KILLALOE Diocesan Pilgrimages to Knock

Sunday 5th July 2026

PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

2pm:
Outdoor Stations of the Cross

2.30pm:
Anointing of the Sick in Knock Basilica

3pm:
Concelebrated Mass in Knock Basilica followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Outdoor Rosary (Weather Permitting)

Explore Knock Shrine:
Experience the Apparition Chapel
See the Apparition Mosaic
Guided Prayer in Knock Prayer Centre
Visit Knock Museum (Free Admission)
Explore the Creation Walk

First Holy Communion

We extend our congratulations to the boys and girls from Scariff N.S. who received their first Holy Communion last Saturday. We give thanks for the lovely celebration of faith that was made possible by the work and commitment of the class teacher, staff, students, and all the parents. We offer a sincere thanks to all who took care of catering in the school afterwards and to all who provided such beautiful food. Congratulations:

Erioluwa Otorie
Ollie McNamara
Cathal Bugler
Caden Corbett
Éabha Fennessy
Anna McNamara
Eva Porter
Caoimhe Moroney
Emma Moroney
Ethan McNamara,
Keelan O' Sullivan
Anna Treacy
Anna Scanlan

Míle Buiochas Díobh Go Léir

Leaving Cert Graduation

On Thursday night Scariff Community College celebrated the Graduation Liturgy for all the Leaving Cert. students. It was a celebration in which the students acknowledged their journey since commencing in Scariff Community College while looking ahead to the future. We congratulate the students, staff and parents of this year's Graduation Class. We wish all the Graduates of 2026 every success in their exams. We keep them and their families in our prayers

Maternity Blessing

A Maternity Blessing for expectant parents and family members will be held on **Thurs 26th May at 7:30pm** in St Peter and Paul's Church, Tulla. This a lovely ceremony and there's a cup of tea afterwards.

Offertory Collection

Thanks also for your kind and generous support for our Offertory collections:

- 10 May: €515
- 17 May €580

Parish Donations by Cheque

We sincerely thank you for your generosity towards the collections throughout the year. Following instruction from our Bank please make cheques payable as follows:

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

Pentecost Sunday Reflection

Into the darkness of despair and fear
the tongues of fire came,
bringing warmth and light, hope and joy.
The flame was no flame, but the Spirit of Christ.
As the bush burned in the desert,
but was not consumed,
so tongues of flame burned
on the heads of the disciples of Christ,
and they were not harmed.
Fire, blazing but not consuming,
a sign of the presence of God.
Fire in us, calm us.
Fire around us, enlighten us.
Fire above us, strengthen us.
Fire below us, encourage us.
Fire amidst us, empower us.
Fire given to us, protect us.
Fire from heaven, enthuse us.
Fire of God, unite us.
Fire of the Spirit, purify us.
Fire before us, inspire us.
Fire behind us, enliven us.
Fire set upon us, save us.
Fire of love, bless us.
Christ, in these tongues of flame
may we see your Spirit, given to us.
Christ, in this fire may we hear
your words of hope and joy.
Christ, in this flame which burns
but does not consume,
may we know your presence.
Christ, in our darkness,
may we know the warmth
and light of your love.

Thought for the Week

"If you have to choose between being kind and being right, choose being kind and you will always be right"