

Italy's 'Most Handsome Man' Leaves Modeling Career to Become A Priest

Young Edoardo Santini, considered "the most handsome man in Italy," has decided to leave his promising career as a model and enter a seminary to become a priest. Dancer, swimmer, actor — these were a few of the dreams of Santini, a 21-year-old Italian who in 2019 when he was 17 earned the title of the most handsome young man in his country after winning a national contest. This award opened the doors to the world of fashion, and his future seemed clear: He was destined to become a big star. However, God's plans were different. Santini was going to continue shining, but away from the spotlight and catwalks.

A courageous first step - In a video posted on social media Nov. 23, Santini explained that he is on his way "to become, God willing, a priest." He says that during these years he has met people who, "by showing me what it means to 'be Church,' have given me the strength to investigate this question that I had been carrying around since I was little" but which, he says, "I didn't delve into because of fear." In January 2020 he discovered "the real Church," and that was when on social media he began to talk about God and the call he felt "Living in God doesn't mean locking yourself inside the church but rather living one's life more fully," he told his more than 11,000 followers on Instagram. He also mentioned the opposition of his grandmother, who "expected something else" from her grandson. However, he stressed that he didn't feel "alone" in his decision and that he was "tired of satisfying the will of others and posting photos where I am apparently secure and happy." The young man from the Tuscany region took "a first step" and last year he went to live with two priests, which he described as "the most beautiful experience of my life." Sharing his daily life with the priests allowed him to "find in everyday life the answer that I hoped for, which has come to me from above. "At the end of the year, it was natural for me to ask the bishop to enter the preparatory course, the year preceding life in the seminary. And here I am, studying theology and serving in two parishes of the Diocese of Florence," he said in his video. He also shared that he was slow in taking the first step "for fear of not being accepted" and that making this decision was something "that terrified him" although, he said honestly, "I built more walls for myself than there were."

Experience at World Youth Day in Lisbon - Santini also shared on Instagram his experience during World Youth Day in August in Lisbon, Portugal. Through different videos, he showed how this gathering of young people marked a before and after in his life. Between "laughter, dancing, jumping up and down," and new friendships, Santini discovered that "the Church is beautiful." Now, at the age of 21 and after having dared to say "yes" to the call of the Lord, he said he feels really "happy."

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards
are available at Grange PO, Supervalu
and Gala shop Cliffoney.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

- Mullaghmore 6:30pm
- Grange 8:00pm

Christmas Day

- Cliffoney 10:30am
- Grange 12:00noon

Christmas Confessions

- Grange Dec 18th @ 7pm
- Cliffoney Dec 20th @ 7pm

CALLING ALL LADIES

St Molaise Gaels GAA Healthy Club

Are hosting a Female only 4 week
Self Defence class starting on
Wednesday 10th January 2024

Facilitated by Qualified Black Belt &
M.A. Instructors

Class will include Escape, Awareness,
Confidence, Strikes etc.

Suitable for all females over 16 years.
16 year olds must be accompanied by female adult

Contact Joanne @ 087 7607540 to
register before Sunday 17th December
2023

Limited Places available

Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

Grange ✠ Cliffoney ✠ Mullaghmore

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Sunday 17th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent – Year B



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church
Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 16 th December	6:30pm	Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent Tom Duffy (21 st Anniv)
Saturday 23 rd December	6:30pm	Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent Deceased of the Croghan & McCluskey families
Sunday 24 th December	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Every first Saturday	10:30am	Holy Rosary

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 17 th December		Patricia O'Hara (1 st Anniv) Peter Oates Bridie Hargardon & Jacqueline & Siobhan O'Carroll
Wednesday 20 th December	7:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 21 st December	10:00am	Feast of St. Peter Canisus
Sunday 24 th December	10:30am	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday 25 th December	10:30am	Christmas Day Mass

Collection €732 8/12 €168

Grange Masses

Saturday 16 th December	8:00pm	Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent Michael Caraway & Michael Caraway Jr Patsy & Terry Kilfeather & deceased family Annie & Mick Waters & deceased family, Raughley
Sunday 17 th December	12noon	3rd Sunday of Advent Violet Gilmartin-McGarrigle & Mark O'Brien
Monday 18 th December	7:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 18 th December	7:30pm	Feast of St. Flannan
Tuesday 19 th December	9:30am	
Wednesday 20 th December	9:30am	Eleanor Boyce
Friday 22 nd December	9:30am	Parish Mass
Saturday 23 rd December	8:00pm	Mary Langan, Drumfad (2nd Anniv)
Sunday 24 th December	12noon	4th Sunday of Advent Mary Ellen & John Gilmartin, Drumfad
Sunday 24 th December	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Monday 25 th December	12noon	Christmas Day Mass

Collection €1095 8/12 €425

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Church of Mary Immaculate Grange on May 8th at 11am 2024 for children of the entire parish.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 11th at 11am 2024 at Church of Mary Immaculate Grange.

First Holy Communion will be held in Cliffoney Church on May 18th at 11am 2024.

The First Friday calls will be done on **Monday December 18th**
Please note change of day & date!

Please Remember in your Prayers: Frank Hayden, Galway. Our sympathy to his daughter Louise McGuinness, Star of the Sea Retreat and Conference Centre, Mullaghmore.

Philip Duffy - Scothouse Clones Dec 14th. Our sympathy to his wife Maureen, children and grandchildren and his sister Eileen Moran, Grange. May he Rest in Peace.

Grange Church Carol Services:

Grange Post Primary School will present their annual Carol Service in Grange Church on Wednesday 20th December @ 2pm. ~ **All Welcome** ~

Scoil Naomh Molaise Primary School Christmas Carol Service will be held Thur Dec 21st Dec @ 7pm ~ **All Welcome** ~

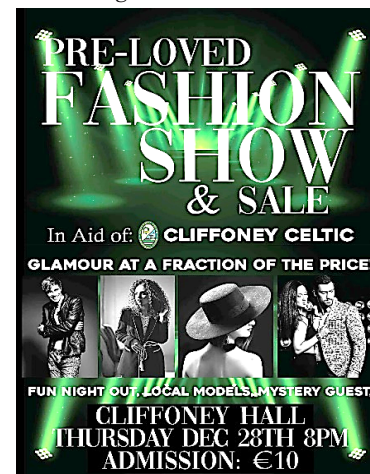
St. Vincent De Paul Volunteers – we are here if you need us. All calls are confidential. St. Teresa's Conference Grange. Contact: 087 186 8490

The Annual Tractor Run will be held on Sunday Dec 17th @ 5pm. Gathering in Gilroy's yard. Fundraiser for N W Stop & Sligo Cancer Support Centre. In the 3 years the tractor Run has raised €38,000

Grange Calendars on sale at all the local outlets €10 each. Well done to Grange Tidy Towns Committee

The Christmas Crib: One of my Christmas traditions is to visit the crib in many of the local churches during the quiet days after Christmas Day. They all have their loveliness and sense of peace and holiness. Once while sitting quietly before the Crib, along came a family of three children and their parents and they knelt down to pray. Leaning in one of the children took up baby Jesus in her arms, hugged the statue and handed it to her siblings who each in turn did the same and laid the figure back in the crib. At first I was worried the statue could be let fall and I was glad to see it back in the crib. However, reflecting on it later, I thought how beautiful for Jesus came to be loved and to love and the children showed me exactly that. The Crib has a real liturgical meaning during the Christmas season. Though it's only a replica of the stable in which God was born into the world as a human child, the crib is an attempt to bring that profound moment of history into the present moment. This symbolic replica is a way of drawing us closer to that profound moment of Jesus' birth. The crib has a power to draw us in and uplift us. It differs from the real presence in the Eucharist where He is seen and worshiped through the eyes of faith. Bring the children to the Crib. They may explain to you as they did to me in such a very simple gesture as a hug to the infant Jesus. After all God became human in order to be closer to us and share life with us.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern". – St. Mother Theresa



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~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

Grange
Monday 18th December @ 7pm

Cliffoney
Wed 20th December @ 7pm