



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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 See also the website: **www.ogonnelloe.parish.ie**

**MASS TIMES below are not applicable at this time**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
<b>Sunday Morning</b>	Bodyke	9.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tuamgraney	10.00am
<b>Friday</b>	Bodyke	10.00am
<b>Saturday</b>	Raheen Hospital	2.15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

4th Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2020

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## Public Celebration of Mass

In View of the Government Statement on Covid-19 and the need to avoid indoor public gatherings of more than 100 people, and the difficulty of guaranteeing this in practice, following consultation Bishop Fintan Monahan has decided as follows:

**All public Masses in this diocese, Sundays and weekdays (with the exception of Funeral Masses and the Celebration of Marriage) are suspended until March 29th or until further notice.**

**Mass on this Sunday March 22nd (4th Sunday of Lent)**  
 can be heard on:

- Scariff Bay FM (88.3 FM) at 11.00am
- Clare FM at 9.00am

The **Parish Office** is located in the **TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE**

Opening hours are:

- Tuesdays 9am to 12noon
- Thursdays 9am to 1pm

**Contact number - 087 1498763**

Please call the number above with newsletter items, to be issued with sacramental certificates, to book anniversary masses or to get Mass Cards & Bouquets.

~~There was no~~  
**Offertory Collection on**  
**14th/15th March 2020**  
 as there was no Mass in the parish due to Covid-19

*Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives can be contacted through Fr. David or the Parish Office*

We are currently in the process of forming a new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). If you would like to help in our parish and have particular skills or interests especially in the areas of liturgy, finance, buildings maintenance or other areas please contact Fr. David. The new PPC will also co-opt members and also identify and work on other areas of interest for our parish. We appeal to all in our parish to pray and work together.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**Clare Suicide Bereavement Support** continues to offer phone and text support to people who have been bereaved by suicide in Co. Clare in these exceptional times. You are welcome to call or text 087 3698315 or 086 0565373 and speak with a volunteer. Our website is [www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com](http://www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com)



## PARISH NOTES



Please support the **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** - your contribution will help support people in the world's poorest regions to live with independence and dignity. It will improve the lives of people affected by humanitarian crises and extreme poverty. 94% of your donation goes directly to charitable activities, 6% is used to help raise funds.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis all Pastoral Planning Process meetings and meetings with Chairs of Pastoral Councils planned for March and early April.

**Radio Maria Ireland** a Catholic radio station can be found on saorview 210 on your tv, on Facebook and app can also be downloaded. This is a wonderful station. Spread the word, people need reassurance at this time. Mass is celebrated every day at 10am. Fr. Eamonn and all the staff are brilliant and are doing great work. Anyone can visit the station as well for Adoration.

If you go to the Tulla parish facebook page you will see Fr. Brendan Quinlivan celebrating Mass every weekday morning at 10am and Sunday morning Mass at 11am.

## EAST CLARE COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP

A group has been set up to help any members of our community who find themselves needing assistance as a result of the Covid-19 virus.

The group represents a collection of community groups from the villages of Flagmount, Killanena, Feakle, Scariff, Tuamgraney, Ogonnelloe, Bodyke, Mountshannon and Whitegate, to help our fellow neighbours during the current Coronavirus outbreak.

Our contact number is **085 865 98 89**

We are here to assist those in our community, particularly the elderly, those with a disability and those who have to or have chosen to self-isolate, to get basic supplies and medicines.

### How to access our help:

- All you need to do is ring/text or Whats.App **085 865 98 89** with your request.
- A volunteer, preferably who will be known to you, will contact you and help you with what you need.
- For ease of use please have your Eircode to hand.

We would like to stress to you that we will be working within strict medical protocols to ensure there is no risk either to you or the volunteer. As part of this, we will not be entering your home and we will be following the social distancing and other recommendation set up by the HSE.

Your exchanges with us will remain confidential. Your information will not be held or shared.

**If you wish to help or volunteer please connect with local community groups in your area.**

Having been advised by bishops, the Catholic Communications Office has published new prayer and information resources on the home page of their website to offer support to the faithful during the coronavirus pandemic. The resources, which are live on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie), will be updated over the coming days to reflect the most up to date information available. The faithful are also reminded to link in with the social media accounts of the Bishops' Conference for news, updates and messages of hope:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IrishCatholicBishops/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CatholicBishops>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/catholicbishops/>



### Bodyke GAA Club News

No one will be permitted to use the clubhouse / gym until further notice in keeping with national guidelines. Our Lotto Draw is also postponed for the time being. We appreciate your co-operation on this issue. Also our Sponsored Walk, scheduled for March 28th, has been postponed indefinitely. Thank you to all those who have sponsored so far. All sponsors will be entered into a prize draw when the walk is rescheduled. Thanks for your continued support and understanding at this time.

## Reflection

### Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Covid-19 pandemic

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

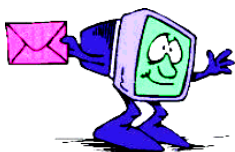
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.  
Under your protection, we seek refuge,  
Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,  
but deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



*We wish all mothers in  
our community a very  
Happy Mother's Day  
on this Sunday.*



**Newsletter Deadline:** News items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be with the Parish Office by **9.00am on Thursday**.  
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