



Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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MASS TIMES below are not applicable at this time

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

5th Sunday of Easter

10th May 2020

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Public Celebration of Mass

In View of the Government Statement on COVID-19 all public Masses in this diocese are suspended until further notice.

Mass on this Sunday, May 10th (5th Sunday of Easter)

will be broadcast on:

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

Bishop Fintan's pastoral letter to parishioners in the diocese can be viewed on our parish website by clicking on the link in the relevant post.

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

Due to COVID-19 the Parish Office

is closed to the public
until further notice.

You can still contact
the office by calling

087 1498763

or by email at

bodykeparishnewsletter@gmail.com

There was no
Offertory Collection
on 2nd/3rd May
as there was no Mass
due to COVID-19



PARISH NOTES



Sacraments 2020

Unfortunately it has been necessary to defer the celebration of First Holy Communion and as we await clear guidelines from the HSE & the diocese as to re-opening of churches and gatherings of people we are unable to fix a new date for the celebrations. However, general opinion and our hope would be that we will have a celebration of First Holy Communion in late September/early October.

The intention was to celebrate Confirmation on May 31st following its earlier postponement and again this will depend on advice from both HSE & Bishop Fintan. My sincerest hope is that we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament before the present Confirmation candidates go to secondary school. Families will be contacted directly and information posted through our website and newsletter as soon as possible.

Domestic Abuse helpline numbers

- Call the Gardaí 999
- WomensAid Helpline 1800 341900.
- Clare Haven 065 6822435
- or visit safeireland.ie

Re-opening of Churches

In line with diocesan recommendations we will be re-opening our churches for private visits and personal prayer on Monday May 18th. Measures will be in place to ensure social spacing and hand sanitisers will be in each church. Please note that public Masses and other liturgies, other than funerals, will not resume until later in the Summer. Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation.

Finances: Thanks to all who have made donations and contributions to parish finances. We are very appreciative of your generosity in these difficult times. If you wish to make a contribution, you can leave it into Fr. David or the parish office. Contact us if you would like to create a standing order. The diocesan website will soon have an online donation service through which you can donate directly to the parish.

Messages of hope and encouragement

If you go to our parish website you can view some messages of hope and encouragement from Bishop Fintan and Bishop Willie Walsh

EAST CLARE COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP

An East Clare 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. 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. All you need to do is ring/text or WhatsApp **085 865 98 89** with your request. For ease of use please have your Eircode to hand.

You can tune into Masses on television and radio

Scariff Bay Community Radio broadcast Mass at 11am on Sunday mornings and you can tune into them on 88.3FM, just below the spot of RTÉ Radio 1.

Clare FM also broadcast Mass at 9am on Sunday mornings. There are many parishes that offer morning prayer and Mass online. If you have access to the internet here are some that you can find locally;

ennisparish.com,

shannonparish.ie,

facebook.com/TullaParish

other parishes can be found through churchservices.tv

Bishop Robert Barron broadcasts daily Mass on his youtube channel.

Please exercise due care when using social media and be always online aware!

The month of May is normally the **Diocesan Safeguarding Month**. However, in these exceptional circumstances, during this month it is not possible to mark it as we would normally do. We ask that people keep in their prayers those children and adults who are experiencing harm and or have been hurt by others. We ask that you look out for those who are struggling during this time, by giving them a smile, a wave or a few kind words.

A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

(Archbishop Jackson)

Almighty and All Loving God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

we pray to you through Christ the Healer

for those who suffer from Covid-19

in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those

who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,

skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,

comfort to everyone in distress

and a sense of calm to us all in these days

of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

who showed compassion to the outcast,

acceptance to the rejected

and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

Run for Raheen

The Run for Raheen, organised by Bodyke GAA, is going very well. All funds will go to the Raheen Community Support Group. You can follow it on Facebook or Twitter where you can also view the photographs of some of the participants. You can also make a donation through any of the committee members. The staff in Raheen does an amazing job in caring for the residents, especially at this challenging time, so the support is very welcome.

Clare COVID-19 Community Response Helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers on 1890 252 943 or email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

ACCORD COVID-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line: If you need to speak to an experienced couples and relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life. Contact: 01 531 3331 - 9am to 8pm, Monday to Friday.

We continue to pray for all who are working so hard in medical and other essential services at this time. Please also pray for those affected by COVID-19.

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

Reflection

Going home

Going to heaven!

I don't know when, pray do not ask me how.

Going to heaven!

How dim it sounds!

And yet it will be done

as sure as flocks go home at night

unto the shepherd's arm.

If you should get there first,

save just a little place for me close to the two I lost.

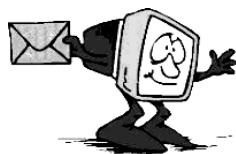
The smallest 'robe' will fit me,

and just a bit of 'crown';

for you know we do not mind our dress

when we are going home.

(Emily Dickinson)



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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