



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

Easter Sunday

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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.

Easter Ceremonies

The following parishes and resources will be broadcasting Easter ceremonies and reflections.

- Scariff Bay Community Radio;
- RTÉ, Bishop Barron broadcasts on Youtube;
- Tulla parish via their Facebook page;
- There are other parishes which can be found on www.churchservices.tv

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic 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 4th/5th April as there was no Mass due to COVID-19


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

Closure of Churches

Church buildings are remaining closed for the time being. Apart from the fact that all are meant to stay at home, it is practically impossible to ensure that surfaces in church buildings would be cleaned regularly, and that the numbers entering churches would be supervised.

The **Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** on 26th June has been rescheduled to 29th June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid-19 Pandemic which prevents us guaranteeing the health and safety of all who travel with us. The agreement is with JWT to carry forward to next year all current bookings so that there will be no financial loss to those who are booked. Please do not at this time contact JWT as staff are working from home and do not have full access to their office. A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

May our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.

 Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tony Gurnett, Caherhurley, Bodyke, whose funeral took place during the week. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Angela, his children Christine, Nigel, Phillip, Claire and Douglas and his extended family, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.

PARISH NOTES

Easter 2020

This Easter is marked in a very different way than any of us have ever experienced. While we are unable to gather as a faith community to celebrate the Easter Triduum, our connection in spirit and in prayer holds as one with the church across the world. While some will be able to tune into the various broadcasts on television, radio and online, for many others, it will be just a moment spent in reflection on the message of Easter. And that message is one which we all need to hear and believe in - Resurrection. We are called to life by the Risen Jesus in a new way. This awaits us all as we go through the isolation caused by this health crisis - life in a new way. We should not be afraid but rather hope that the darkness and shadow that is over so many will pass and will be done in the company of the Risen Lord. Pray this weekend; pray with the Alleluia of Easter to lift heart, soul and mind. And in time we will give thanks together in our worship. The blessing of Easter to each and everyone of our parish family scattered over the face of the earth.

If **Funerals** are to take place during this time, no more than 10 people can be present in church. This will be extremely difficult for all concerned and we hope and pray that this situation will pass. Perhaps to keep in mind that month's mind and memorial masses can be held later at which a more complete solemn celebration can take place.

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.

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.**

Easter Ceremonies

Obviously we cannot celebrate Easter in church this year due to COVID-19, but if you go to our parish website www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie and click on the links, you can access the **Holy Week Booklet**, the **Stations of the Cross** and also **RTE's schedule for broadcasting of Liturgies for Easter**.

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.

Fitness for Fun for over-Fifties

Log in with Facebook for an exercise class online with John Conroy Tuesday 14th April at 10am. Fund raiser for Clare Suicide Bereavement Support, who provide phone and text support to people bereaved by suicide in Clare. Call 087 3698315 or 086 0565373.

Clare COVID-19 Community Response Helpline

The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it. For more information call 1890 25 29 43 or email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Message of Hope

"Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street. When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will all be a memory but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims in the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage. See you soon!"

Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time. Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they are already. Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner. Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders my concern for others. Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way. Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing now and that I am never fully alone. Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love. Give me your blessing: in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Easter

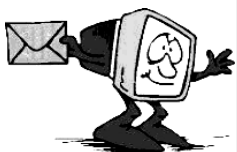
*God, as we journey through Easter towards the cross,
May we remember the wonder of who You are.
Beyond sin
Your love is inexhaustible,
Beyond brokenness
Your forgiveness is incomprehensible.
Beyond betrayal
Your grace is
poured out eternally,
Beyond death
Your life is unimaginable.
Beyond human understanding,
Your ways are always higher than ours.*



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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

*Happy Easter
to all our Parishioners!*



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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