



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

2nd Sunday of Easter

19th April 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, April 19th (2nd Sunday of Easter)

will be broadcast on:

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

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.

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 11th/12th 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*

Trócaire

If you have a Trócaire box please hold on to it until the end of the current restrictions when we will be able to collect same. You can also call Trócaire on 1850 408 408 to make a donation or visit trocaire.org

Accord

To help support marriage and relationships in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, Accord CLG and Accord Northern Ireland have established a new relationship support phone line which will be staffed by experienced couples and relationships counsellors. This will be a free service but calls are charged at a local rate. The support line is open from 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday. Call 01 531 3331.

DCU has a vacancy advertised for an Assistant Professor of Religious Education (Primary). The focus of the role is on preparing teachers who might like to teach in the Catholic sector and specifically the religious education and theological components of their studies. As you will see from the advertisement expertise in moral and systematic theology is being sought. The closing date for applications has been extended and you can search dcu.ie for further details.



PARISH NOTES



We acknowledge with gratitude those providing medical and other essential services

We continue to pray for all who are working so hard in medical and other essential services at this time. Thank you for your work. Please also pray for those affected by COVID-19 and stay safe, keep your distance, wash your hands.

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.

Funerals

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.**

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that we have enjoyed for so many years.

As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we ask for your divine intervention and mercy to be upon each of us.

Come and guide the minds of those working to discover a treatment to the COVID-19 virus. Grant them wisdom, knowledge and clarity of mind, so that all peoples will be free from the threat of this ailment.

We also pray for the healthcare workers that are standing in the front line of this battle.

Father, we thank you for their hearts of service, putting the needs of society before their own, generously responding to the cry of Your people.

We ask that You will grant them strength and protection. As they give of themselves in selfless service, may You fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be Your healing hands and feet!

Father, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus.

Grant them Your healing grace, merciful Father, so that they may recover swiftly and continue to be witnesses of Your love in their lives.

Mother Mary,

we ask for your intercession in this great time of need.

Cover each of us with your blue mantle of protection, so that we may be preserved in good health to continue to glorify your son, Jesus Christ.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Amen.

Festival Postponed: It is with regret that the Bodyke Festival committee has announced the cancellation of the annual festival, which was to have taken place on the May Bank Holiday weekend. The concert, which was to feature Mike Denver, has been postponed and a new date will be finalised in due course. Tickets which have already been purchased can be used for the new date. If you have any queries, please contact any member of the committee. Please stay safe and we will be back in 2021 with our festival.

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

What faith does

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be plain sailing for you. But this is not so. The fact that we can swim doesn't prevent us from being knocked about by the waves. In the same way faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life or death. What, then, does faith do? It gives us bearings and thus enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair. Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves, a power greater than us all. This power is the power of God, who brought his Son, Jesus, back from the dead.

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



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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