



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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 See also the website: **www.ogonneloeparish.ie**

**MASS TIMES**  
 Mass will be live streamed  
 from Bodyke Church at 10am  
 from **Sunday to Friday**.  
 Please check our website  
 bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie  
 for details of the broadcasts.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th January 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

**Live streamed from Church of the Assumption Bodyke**

- go to our website **www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie**
- go to the notice **Bodyke Church - live services**
- click on the link **BodykeChurch**

Sunday	24th January	10.00am	Mikie Pearl, Mai Walshe, Michael & Mary O'Grady / Ailbhe Dolan Mary & David Collins
Monday	25th January	10.00am	Mary Naughton - Month's Mind
Tuesday	26th January	10.00am	Mass
Wednesday	27th January	10.00am	Mass
Thursday	28th January	10.00am	Mass
Friday	29th January	10.00am	Mass
Sunday	31st January	10.00am	Deceased members of the O'Halloran family, Bohergloss

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.

### Yellow Envelope Contributions

Week ended 17th January 2021  
 €74

*Thank you for your continued kind and generous support.*

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

## Lay Ministers



Due to the latest Covid-19 restrictions no Lay Ministers or Altar Servers are needed at present



### 2021 Envelopes

We only have a few envelopes left in our current boxes. The new boxes are ready but will not be available in the churches until we are again able to attend mass. In the meantime anyone that wishes can arrange to collect their own new box and that of a neighbour or friend from the Tuamgraney office during office hours. *Please also see the separate notice about making contributions through the diocese.*

Please note that **Anniversary Masses** can still be booked through the Parish Office on 087 1498763, but will be **online only** due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Celebration of Mass:** Current restrictions mean that mass is available online only at 10am every day except Saturday. Churches are open for private prayer - if you visit please be considerate of others and wipe seat and surfaces afterwards. Funerals may only have 10 people present. Weddings are limited to 6 guests. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



## PARISH NOTES



**Catholic Schools Week 2021** runs from 24th-31st January. The theme this year is '**Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience**'. Catholic schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus. This week we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we live out the meaning of the beautiful hymn, Ubi Caritas et amor, Deus ibi est - Where charity and love are, God is there. Tune into our daily broadcast of Mass for reflections on Catholic schools week.

### Reflection for Catholic Schools Week

- When evil darkens our world, give us light.*
- When despair numbs our souls, give us hope.*
- When we stumble and fall, lift us up.*
- When doubts assail us, give us faith.*
- When nothing seems sure, give us trust.*
- When ideals fail, give us vision.*
- When we lose our way, be our guide!*
- That we may find serenity in your presence, and purpose in doing your will.*

Brendan Kennelly's poem "Begin" speaks to us of the possibility of always beginning again. May 2021 be good to you all.

### **Begin**

*Begin again to the summoning birds  
to the sight of light at the window,  
begin to the roar of morning traffic  
all along Pembroke Road.*

*Every beginning is a promise  
born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of springtime  
flowering the way to work.*

*Begin to the pageant of queuing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal  
bridges linking the past and the future  
old friends passing through with us still.*

*Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,  
begin to wonder at unknown faces  
at crying birds in the sudden rain*

*at branches stark in the willing sunlight  
at seagulls foraging for bread*

*at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.*

*Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
insists that we forever begin.*

**Church Unity Octave** continues until 25th January and this year's theme is 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit'.

Check out [www.oikumene.org](http://www.oikumene.org) for more information.

**Samaritans Ennis and Clare** are currently recruiting new volunteers. Everybody is welcome to apply. For further information please log on to [volunteer.samaritans.org](http://volunteer.samaritans.org), text 085 176 3491 or email [samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com](mailto:samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com)

### **Important**

Please continue to observe guidelines for public health and safety. It is important to stay at home, be responsible, sanitise and wear a face mask. If you visit the church for private prayer and read the newsletter while there, please take it home with you - do not leave it in the church after use!



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto)

The next draw is on Monday 25th January at 9pm. The cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday 24th January. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

### **Collection Envelopes**

With the suspension of public Masses you may wish to drop your **collection envelopes** at the Tuamgraney parish office. **Please make sure that you drop them through the letter box of the inner RED door!** You may also contact the parish office for information on how to contribute through your bank or by using the links on the Diocese of Killaloe website. **See note below from Fr. Ger Nash.**

*"In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions many people are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It has been possible for a while to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website which is [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie). The contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red "Donate to your Parish" button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated".*

Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or ipad. The programme called **Getting Started KIT** takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call 091 527831 or e-mail [gettingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie) <https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit>

### *Reflection*

#### **Good news for sinners**

Today we are in danger of being drowned in bad news.

Jesus began his ministry by announcing good news.

What was this good news?

That the kingdom of heaven had come.

The kingdom stands for the fulfilment of the promises, the fullness of God's blessings, in short, the new order of things.

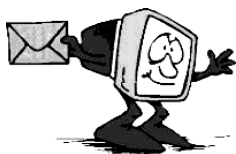
Forgiveness is available.

Recovery is possible.

God's love is unconditional and is available to us in Christ.

All we have to do is recognise our need, and seek his help with humility and sincerity.

Unless we repent we can't hear the good news.



**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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