



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



**He is Risen!**

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

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

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| <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 |

**The Ascension of the Lord**

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*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 24th (Ascension of the Lord)**  
will be broadcast on:

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

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](http://ennisparish.com)

[shannonparish.ie](http://shannonparish.ie)

[facebook.com/TullaParish](https://facebook.com/TullaParish)

other parishes can be found through [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv)

Bishop Robert Barron broadcasts daily Mass on his youtube channel.

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

**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 16th/17th May  
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**

## **PARISH NOTES**

**Our churches are open** for you to visit, sit a while and pray. All are welcome. (Remember to bring your own lighter for a candle!) Thanks to all who helped to prepare our churches for opening last Monday in line with health guidelines. At the moment we are unable to gather for liturgies other than funerals. Masses and other liturgies are scheduled to recommence on July 20th and if there is any change we will of course let you know as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued understanding and let us pray for one another. **We are also currently looking at ways in which Masses can be streamed on the internet – any help would be appreciated!**

### **Lourdes 2020**

As there will be no Killaloe diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year there is no need to return your 2020 Lourdes collection envelope. We have already received a number of Lourdes donations and these donations will be held over and will be added to our 2021 parish contribution to the diocesan Lourdes fund.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

### **Trócaire**

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

- Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
- By phone: 1850 408 408 3
- By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Please do not leave Trócaire boxes in churches as we are unable to guarantee safety. As an alternative to the above you can hold on to your contribution until Masses begin in July and we will accept them at that point.

Please note that although the **Parish Office** is currently closed to the public, you can still get Mass Cards and Bouquets there on Thursdays between 9am and 1pm. You can also drop in your Weekly Giving Envelopes if you wish. Just ring the doorbell!

## 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 Whats.App **085 865 98 89** with your request. For ease of use please have your Eircode to hand.

We hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Bodyke & Tuamgraney NS candidates on Saturday 29th August at 11am and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th September also at 11am. Both celebrations will be in the Church of the Assumption Bodyke and will be held in line with Diocesan and HSE guidelines and will have restricted numbers attending. We are looking at ways in which they could be streamed online. Please pray for all the children involved whose celebrations have been deferred this year due to the Covid-19 crisis.

**Finances:** Sincere thanks to those parishioners who have continued to make their contributions towards weekly and other collections while our churches are closed. Envelopes are being dropped at the parish office and at Fr. David's house and this is greatly appreciated. If anyone would find it more convenient to make payments by standing order the standing order forms can be found on the parish website or hard copies can be posted to anyone who phones the parish office. The parish is grateful to those already making contributions through their bank and who have continued to contribute during the close-down period. Please also check the Diocese of Killaloe website for information on making donations to the parish during these difficult times.

### Prayer for families adjusting to new ways of life

*Holy Spirit,  
as families adjust to everyone being home  
for one reason or another,  
we ask that You guide people  
in their new realities.  
Give spouses and partners grace for each other.  
Prompt worn-out parents to speak words of kindness  
and encouragement to their children.  
Help children find creative ways to experience  
the beauty of all You have created  
and continue learning  
Amen.*

The **virtual** Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will be on this Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. If you go to the Killaloe Diocese website you will see a link to the Knock Shrine webcam to watch the ceremony live. The annual pilgrimage for 2021, hopefully with people being present in body, mind and spirit will be on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021. You are warmly welcome to attend.

### Coronavirus Helplines

- East Clare Community Response 0856 8969889
- Clare Community 1800 203600
- ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024

### Domestic Abuse helpline numbers

- Call the Gardaí 999
- WomensAid Helpline 1800 341900.
- Clare Haven 065 6822435
- or visit [safeireland.ie](http://safeireland.ie)

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

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

To join in the **Lough Derg online Retreat Days** go to [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live) for retreats on Sunday 24th May and Wednesday 27th May.

### Killaloe Diocesan Quiz Number 4

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of the Glenstal Sunday Missal go to the Diocesan website and click on the link to the Killaloe Diocesan Quiz Number 4.

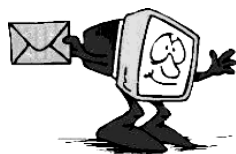
### ACCORD COVID-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line:

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.

## *Reflection*

### Returning to God

*We are born in exile and die there too.  
As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life,  
we begin our return.  
We spend our lives dreaming  
of a homeland we have never seen.  
Like homing birds that are released  
in a strange country,  
and know no rest until they return home,  
so it is with us.  
When we die,  
we do not so much go to God as return to him.  
You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.*



**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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