



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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**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 |

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**26th 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 26th (3rd 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](mailto:bodykeparishnewsletter@gmail.com)

There was no  
Offertory Collection  
on 18th/19th 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*

Thanks to those who have made contributions to the parish at this time; we are very grateful for your generosity despite the very difficult circumstances in which many find themselves.

### Trócaire

If you have a Trócaire box for return please hold onto it until churches are re-opened or you can make a donation on [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org) or by calling 1850 408 408.



### 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. The support line is open from 9.00am to 8.00pm, Monday to Friday.

If funerals are to take place, 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.



### PARISH NOTES



**First Friday:** Unfortunately, due to continuing HSE guidelines, Fr. David will be unable to visit those who are sick and housebound on this coming First Friday. We will continue to pray for one another and all in our parish are prayed for at daily Mass which is being celebrated privately for the time being.

### 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](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 always online aware!*

## 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.**

### 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.

**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](http://www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com)

### Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in  
the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things,  
and desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**Clare COVID-19 Community Response 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. Call 1890 25 29 43 or email: [covidsupport@clarecoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@clarecoco.ie)



**TDA Lotto Draw:** In an attempt to lift people's spirits, TDA are holding a free draw for April. Every participant will receive the same number that they picked for the March draw and there will be a prize of €50 for bonus number in each of the three lotto draws on this Saturday, April 25th. Wishing you all the best of luck and stay safe!

### A Prayer for Use in the COVID-19 Crisis

Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern  
for others, young and old, that we may look after  
one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus  
and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring  
for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance  
that they may make the right decisions  
for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country  
who will continue to work in the days ahead  
in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe.

O God of creation and life,

we place ourselves in your protection.

May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day  
and tomorrow.

## *Reflection*

### **Jesus: life's companion**

*All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord.*

*But often we don't recognise you,*

*for we are blinded by work and worry,*

*doubt, confusion and fear,*

*and so you remain a stranger to us.*

*Before the day's end we will ask many questions,  
experience many sorrows and disappointments.*

*And then, suddenly, whether we are young,  
middle-aged, or old,*

*we will find that night is approaching.*

*In that moment we pray, that,*

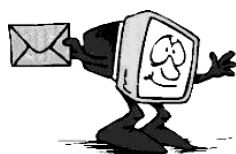
*like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,*

*our eyes will be opened,*

*and that we will recognise you.*

*And you will not vanish from our sight,*

*but stay with us to guide us to the Father's house.*



**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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