



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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

<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

5th Sunday of Lent

29th March 2020

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### Public Celebration of Mass

In View of the Government Statement on Covid-19 and the need to avoid indoor public gatherings of more than 100 people, and the difficulty of guaranteeing this in practice, following consultation Bishop Fintan Monahan has decided as follows:

**All public Masses in this diocese, Sundays and weekdays (with the exception of Funeral Masses and the Celebration of Marriage) are suspended until March 29th or until further notice.**

**Mass on this Sunday March 29th (5th Sunday of Lent)** can be heard 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.

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

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.

**There was no Offertory Collection on 21st/22nd March 2020 as there was no Mass in the parish due to Covid-19 crisis**

### Updated guidelines from Bishop Fintan & the Irish Bishops Conference

- Baptisms are to be postponed until further notice unless in the case of danger of death.
- First Friday calls and calls to the sick and housebound are to cease except in the case of where someone is gravely ill.
- Where someone is affected by Covid19, the local priest is not expected to attend; the person will be transferred to hospital and there are guidelines for hospital chaplains to follow for anointing those who are ill.
- Some priests because of their age or health may feel unable to attend the sick in local circumstances; we ask for your understanding at this time.

**Radio Maria Ireland** a Catholic radio station can be found on saorview 210 on your tv, on Facebook and app can also be downloaded. Mass is celebrated every day at 10am and you can also visit the station for Adoration.

**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)



### PARISH NOTES



#### Message from Pope Francis

*“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!”*

Please continue to put money in your Trócaire boxes to support the **Trócaire Lenten Campaign**. Your contribution will help support people in the world's poorest regions to live with independence and dignity. It will improve the lives of people affected by humanitarian crises and extreme poverty.

The **Bodyke Tuamgraney Apostolic Work Society Annual Display**, scheduled for this Sunday, March 29th, has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## EAST CLARE COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP

A 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.

The group represents a collection of community groups from the villages of Flagmount, Killanena, Feakle, Scariff, Tuamgraney, Ogonnelloe, Bodyke, Mountshannon and Whitegate, to help our fellow neighbours during the current Coronavirus outbreak.

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.**

### A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

*Loving God, we place into your care  
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.*

*Give them courage of heart and  
strength of mind and body.*

*Keep them safe from harm.*

*May they know our deep gratitude  
for all they are doing to heal and help  
those affected by the coronavirus.*

*God of all consolation may they know  
your protection and peace.*

*Bless them in these challenging days  
and bless their families.*

*Amen.*

The Catholic Communications Office has published new prayer and information resources on the home page of their website to offer support to the faithful during the coronavirus pandemic. The resources, which are live on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie), will be updated to reflect the most up to date information available. The faithful are also reminded to link in with the social media accounts of the Bishops' Conference for news, updates and messages of hope:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IrishCatholicBishops/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CatholicBishops>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/catholicbishops/>

## Reflection

### Coronavirus Prayer

*Dear God,*

*I pray for healing for all  
affected by this deadly virus.*

*Only You can move in a  
mighty way and do the  
impossible for them.*

*We pray for all negative  
outcomes to be resolved  
by Your healing hands.*

*Bless and embrace each  
and every single person and  
bring full healing to their bodies,  
minds and spirits.*

*Amen.*

### 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 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

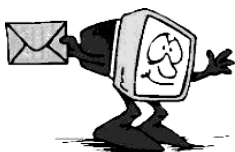


### DON'T FORGET

to turn your clocks

FORWARD ONE HOUR at

1am this Sunday morning!



**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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