



Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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

1st Sunday of Advent

29th November 2020

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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**

Saturday	28th November 10.00am	Peggy & Tom Minogue Esther McGrath
Sunday	29th November 10.00am	Molly, Paddy & Tom Walsh
Monday	30th November 10.00am	Mass
Tuesday	1st December 10.00am	Mass
Wednesday	2nd December 10.00am	Mass
Thursday	3rd December 10.00am	Mass
Friday	4th December 10.00am	Mass
Saturday	5th December 10.00am	Nora McNamara
Sunday	6th December 10.00am	Jimmy, Mary & Patsy Healy

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.

Offertory Collection

(through Parish Office etc.)
Most recent totals came to €326
*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 current restrictions Lay Ministers and Altar
Servers are not required at present.*

Season of Advent

This Sunday, November 29th, is the first Sunday of
Advent. Why not make an Advent wreath at home, using
evergreens and candles in a circle, or even the circle of
candles with a holy image will help to remind you of the
season of Advent, a time of preparation and joy at the
coming celebration of Christ's birth. Use this prayer
which Fr. David will use at Mass on Sunday:

*As we prepare to light this candle,
we remember once again that we are waiting
for the coming of Christ this Christmas.
We remember that on the first Christmas night
Jesus brought light into the world,
a light to show people how to live and how to love.
We pray that that same light will come
into our hearts this Christmas.*

*Light the candle and say:
God our Father, as we prepare for Christmas,
send the light of Christ into our hearts
to show us how to love others and how to love you.
Amen.*



PARISH NOTES



Celebration of Mass

At the time of publication it was still unclear as to the
level of restrictions that will apply from the weekend.
Mass will continue online only for this coming week and
we will have some agreed diocesan guidelines early next
week which will help us plan for Christmas. You can
check the parish website and the next newsletter for
updates and of course Fr. David will announce any
changes at daily Mass. Hopefully, Sunday Mass will
resume next weekend but the general expectation is that
we will still be restricted with numbers allowed to
attend. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to
accommodate the usual large crowds for Christmas.

Please pray for all those preparing for **Sacraments** who
this week were invited to enrol for these celebrations.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Freddie Walsh, Ballinahinch, who died during
the week and whose funeral Mass was
celebrated in Bodyke on Friday. We extend
our sympathy to his sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives
and friends. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas Mass Bouquets at €3 per card are now available from the Parish Office and part of the proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul East Clare.

St. Vincent de Paul

SVP have a long held tradition of organising different appeals and events in the lead up to Christmas. These include giving trees, food, toy and clothes donations as well as church gate collections - all of which are vital in order for our local volunteers to be able to continue to support people in need in our local communities. This year, being different in so many ways, means that we need to approach things differently. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will now not be able to accept donations of toys and food, there will be no giving trees in the churches and our annual church gate collection is cancelled. Therefore, we are asking if you would please make a monetary donation, directly to SVP East Clare, by bank transfer or in branch. This year we need your support more than ever. Many thanks.

Account Name: East Clare SVP

Bank of Ireland. IBAN No: IE91 BOFI 9044 1363 2045 45

BIC No: BOFIE2D

Bodyke NS Board of Management and Parents Association wish to highlight concerns about safety on the public road in the vicinity of the school. There is great concern for the safety of children being dropped off and collected each day and the hope is that a solution can be found before there is a serious accident. Since there is no designated parking area, parents and teachers must pull up onto the footpath to drop and pick up from school. With increasing volume and speed of traffic on the Bodyke-Limerick road it makes the situation as it currently stands dangerous for all and we would ask that this matter be taken with the urgency it deserves. Off-road parking and a safe turning area near the school are urgently required. Clare County Council and Clare TDs have been asked to look at how this might be made possible. Local community support is hugely valuable and we would urge you to sign a petition and help draw attention to this local issue. You can sign the online petition on the Bodyke NS facebook page or the parish website at www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie Just click on the link: <http://chn9.it/dwppXQCWCP> To sign the petition you need to provide your first name, last name, a valid email address and general geographic location. You do NOT need to make a donation.

Useful Helplines

- East Clare Community Response 085 8659889
- Clare Community 1800 203600
- ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024
- WomensAid Helpline 1800 341900.
- Clare Haven 065 6822435

Collection Envelopes

During these weeks when the public celebration of Mass is not permitted 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.**

Important note from the Diocesan Secretary

"In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services 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.killaloediocese.ie. The full 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".

Ger Nash.



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto Next draw is on Monday 30th November at 9pm. Cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday 29th. Lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

Do you have an illness, injury or disability? Would you like support around career choices / support while in employment? Contact EmployAbility Clare on (065) 6844007 or e-mail karen@employabilityclare.ie

Reflection

Advent: A time of Hope

It is said that while there is life there is hope.

This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life.

Hope is strength.

Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.

It inspires the will to live.

It is the doctor's most powerful ally.

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

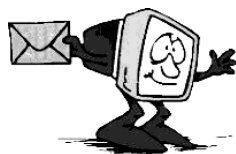
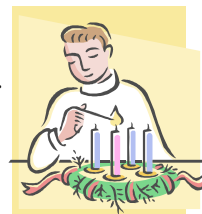
It revives ideals and renews dreams.

As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope

for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the final analysis, he is our hope.



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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