



Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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MASS TIMES below are not applicable at this time

Saturday Vigil	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
Sunday Morning	Bodyke	9.30am
Wednesday	Tuamgraney	10.00am
Friday	Bodyke	10.00am
Saturday	Raheen Hospital	2.15pm
Wednesday	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

4th Sunday of Easter

3rd May 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, May 3rd (4th Sunday of Easter)

will be broadcast on:

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

This Sunday, May 3rd, is Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday, the dedicated annual day for Catholics around the world to offer special prayers to encourage vocations from families and parishes to the priesthood and to religious life.

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 25th/26th 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**

PARISH NOTES

Sacraments 2020

Unfortunately it has been necessary to defer the celebration of First Holy Communion and as we await clear guidelines from the HSE & the diocese as to re-opening of churches and gatherings of people we are unable to fix a new date for the celebrations. However, general opinion and our hope would be that we will have a celebration of First Holy Communion in late September/early October.

The intention was to celebrate Confirmation on May 31st following its earlier postponement and again this will depend on advice from both HSE & Bishop Fintan. My sincerest hope is that we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament before the present Confirmation candidates go to secondary school. Families will be contacted directly and information posted through our website and newsletter as soon as possible.

The parish very much regrets the inconvenience caused by this and the closure of churches. But please bear in mind that these things are happening because of the efforts to stop the transmission of COVID-19 and every effort must be made by all of us for the importance of public health and safety. We see that some are not

following the guidelines and this is not helping to protect the vulnerable and frontline staff who are doing such wonderful work in difficult times. Keep in mind that in following the guidelines it will help to ease the restrictions for everyone. If you don't, the crisis-related restrictions will continue. Please think of the wider community and especially those most at risk.

Messages of hope and encouragement

If you go to our parish website you can view some messages of hope and encouragement from Bishop Fintan and Bishop Willie Walsh that you might find consoling at this difficult time. Just click on the link in the post. Bishop Fintan expresses his gratitude to the many who are making great efforts to communicate hope, consolation, faith and the Good News of the Gospel at this time.

Domestic Abuse helpline numbers

- Call the Gardaí 999
- WomensAid Helpline 1800 341900.
- Clare Haven 065 6822435
- or visit safeireland.ie

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

Finance: Many have asked about contributions to Trócaire and parish. Please hold onto your Trócaire boxes or donate directly by phone 1850 408 408 or online at trocaire.org Parish contributions can be sent to Fr. David or dropped into the parish office. The diocese is in the process of setting up an online payment system and there will be more details in due course. Thanks to all who have made contributions during the crisis and particularly when so many are faced with financial difficulties; your generosity is very much appreciated.

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,
shannonparish.ie,
[facebook.com/TullaParish](https://www.facebook.com/TullaParish)

other parishes can be found through 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!

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during COVID-19

*O Mary, you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at
the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need, and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy
and to feasting after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

*Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*



TDA Lotto Draw: The winners of €50 each in the special FREE draw for April were Jake & Mary O'Connell, Anita Ryan and Noreen & Mary Rouine. The bonus numbers were 14, 1 and 30. Please note that TDA will not be holding any more draws until the end of this pandemic. Stay safe!

Scariff Bay Community Radio has invited GAA clubs in East Clare to choose who they think is their club's best hurling team. The team must be made up of 15 members from the last 40 years - 1980 to 2020. Hopefully you got to pick your best team from Bodyke Tuamgraney and emailed it to the station before the closing date of April 30th! Scariff Bay Community will review a team from each club and broadcast details live on air at a future date. The clubs taking part include Scariff, Whitegate, Tulla, Bodyke, Ogonnelloe, Feakle, Killanena, O'Callaghan's Mills and Broadford.

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

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.

Prayer for Vocations Sunday

*Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love and Service
of our Church as we experience it today.
Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit
to shape its future.
Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace
Christ's Mission of love and justice.
Bless the Church of Killaloe by raising up
dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends who will serve
Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers,
Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Inspire us to know You better and
open our hearts to hear Your call.
We ask this through our Lord.
Amen.*



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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