



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News

## Palm Sunday

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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

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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 5th (Palm Sunday) 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.

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic 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 28th/29th March 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*

We are unable to celebrate the Easter Triduum this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Efforts to secure local online transmission of the ceremonies have proven to be unsuccessful. Please be aware that the following parishes and resources will be broadcasting Easter ceremonies and reflections.

- Scariff Bay Community Radio;
- RTÉ, Bishop Barron broadcasts on Youtube;
- Tulla parish via their Facebook page;
- The parishes of Ennis, Shannon, Kilrush and Nenagh have webcam services available;
- There are other parishes which can be found on [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

It is with profound regret we announce that the **Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** on 26<sup>th</sup> June has been rescheduled to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid-19 Pandemic which prevents us guaranteeing the health and safety of all who travel with us. The agreement is with JWT to carry forward to next year all current bookings so that there will be no financial loss to those who are booked. Please do not at this time contact JWT as staff are working from home and do not have full access to their office. A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

*May our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.*



## PARISH NOTES



### Closure of Churches

This will continue until at least the 12th of April and is regrettable but please keep in mind that people are not supposed to be outside of home unless for essential reasons and we are unable to guarantee that all church surfaces be cleaned each and every day. We appreciate your understanding at this time.

**Please note** that if funerals are to take place during this time, 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.

### Guidelines from Bishop Fintan

- 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.

## 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.**

*Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time. Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they are already. Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner. Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders my concern for others. Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way. Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing now and that I am never fully alone. Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love. Give me your blessing: in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Clarecare Family Support Services** has launched a dedicated telephone and e-mail support service to provide parents with a listening ear, parenting guidance and practical assistance. The Parent Support Line is operated by professional, experienced Family Support Staff who ordinarily facilitate the parenting programmes. We hope to support parents through issues that may be coming up right now such as how to: talk to children about the changes to their lives due to Covid 19; establish effective routines; manage children's activity, behaviour and anxiety while maintaining a positive relationship with their children/teens. You can call us on 065 6828178 or email [parentingsupport@clarecare.ie](mailto:parentingsupport@clarecare.ie) We also have set up a new facebook page for further information help. [https://www.facebook.com/ClarecareParentSupportLine/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/ClarecareParentSupportLine/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

### 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.

### Message of Hope

*"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!"*

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.



**TDA Lotto Draw:** Congratulations to Paul Brooks, our March winner of €200. Winning bonus number was 3. Please note that we will not be holding any more draws until the end of this pandemic. Stay safe and well everyone!

### 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.*



**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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