

Reflection for Lent: Scariff Bay Community Radio continue their 'Taking Time Out' series at 6pm on Sunday evenings. You are invited to listen and find something through the prose, poetry and music to help your Lenten journey.

Vacancies: The local CE (FÁS) scheme currently has vacancies for participants in Bodyke and Tuamgraney. If you are in receipt of a social welfare payment for at least 12 months then you may be eligible. For further information please call 085 2344463.

National School will commence Tuamgraney accepting applications for admissions to Junior Infants for the 2021/2022 School Year on March 2nd 2021. Please email the school at info@tuamgraneyns.ie for an application form.

The Inaugural Clare Drama Radio Play Festival on Scariff Community Radio continues on this Saturday and Sunday night at 8pm. This new and innovative festival will feature two plays per night with live adjudication by Paul Brennan, ADA. The final adjudication and awards will be on Easter Sunday night, April 4th. This is an All-Ireland Festival with 20 drama groups entered.

Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or ipad. The programme called Getting Started KIT takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call 01 4756989 or e-mail gettiingstarted@ageaction.ie.

The Willow Counselling Centre is an affordable counselling/psychotherapy service where qualified therapist deals with a variety of issues with clients from 12 years upwards. They are open for face to face counselling as well as phone and on line counselling. The building on Chapel Lane in Ennis is now fully HSE/ HSA compliant as required under public health measures aimed at curbing the spread of Covid 19. Sessions are strictly by appointment by phoning 085 7820000.



Bodyke GAA Lotto in now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto The next draw is on Monday 8th March at 9pm. The cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday 7th March. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. Membership for the club is now also due - please contact David McNamara, Seán O'Halloran, Ray Hogan or Seán Browne in this regard. Membership can be paid into the bank account and any of the above will give you details.

Collection Envelopes

With the suspension of public Masses you may wish to drop your collection envelopes at the Tuamgraney parish office or Fr. David's house in Bodyke. 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.

"In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions many people 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 <u>www.killaloediocese.ie</u>. The 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".

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Please continue to observe guidelines for public health and safety. Stay at home, be responsible, sanitise and wear a face mask. If you visit the church for private prayer and read the newsletter while there, please take it home with you - do not leave it in the church after use!

TDA Lotto Draw: Congratulations to Harry O'Meara, our February winner of €200. Winning bonus number was 14. The next draw will be on March 27th. Thank you for your support.

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It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding; And to the open-handed the search for one who shall receive is joy greater than giving. And is there aught you would withhold? All you have shall some day be given; Therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours and not you inheritors. -from 'The Prophet' by Kahlil Gibran



Newsletter Deadline: News items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be with the Parish Office by **9.00am on Thursday.** Email: bodykeparishnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel: 087 - 1498763 website: www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie