

Bodyke Tidy Towns

Bodyke Tidy Towns committee members, with the help of locals, are currently doing a clean up of the area. Bags are available for anyone wishing to take part. The committee can organise drop off bags and if you wish to help please contact 085 2344463. Due to Covid-19 rules people are asked to social distance. Bags can be collected and will be taken to the Scariff recycling centre. All support will be most welcome. Work continues in the Community Park and a new sign has been installed near the Evictions Stone in the village. Thanks to all who worked on the information, provided the design and the installation.

Clubs re-opening

East Clare Golf Club Bodyke will re-open on April 26th. In the meantime essential maintenance continues on the course with the reseeding of some greens.

Bodyke GAA Club will also re-open on April 26th for underage training up to age 18. It will be great for the younger people to get back to training in the GAA field. Training will take place in pods up to 15 with noncontact. This is a very welcome development and hopefully planning for matches will not be too far away.

The Good Old Days by Mary A. Moloney

The Good Old Days is a 120-page booklet containing the authorised biography of the famous Co. Clare priest, Fr. James Minogue (1925-1918), whose memories of his life and times are in themselves an actual archive of the twentieth century. Allied to this is an interview with Sr. Phyllis Donnellan LCM (Clare native), who recounted her life and times as a "Blue Nun" both in St. John's Hospital Limerick and Milford Care Centre. The book also contains universal memories, including "Our Schoolyard Games", "The 1966 Farmers' March", "Saving the Hay", "Poems we Learned at School", and "Old Irish Sayings" and is available from the author for €10.00 plus €5.00 P&P at Clyduff, Lisnagry, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. A percentage of the sales will go to Milford Care Centre.

Bodvke GAA online Lotto in now at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto There was no Jackpot winner of the April 5th draw.



c. t. 5. €25 winners were Michael McNamara, Michael McNamara TD, T.J. McNamara and Marie McNamara. The next draw is on Monday 19th April at 9pm. The cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets

is 10pm on Sunday 18th April. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. Thank you for your continued support.

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. In Tuamgraney 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 website. See note below from Fr. Ger Nash.

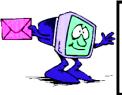
"In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions many people are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It has been possible for a while to make a contribution by credit or debit 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".

The Inaugural Clare Drama Radio Play Festival came to a conclusion on Easter Sunday night with final adjudication and list of winners announced by Paul Brennan ADA live on Scariff Bay Community Radio. Check out the radio Facebook page or the Clare Drama page for the full list of nominees and winners. Well done to all involved.

Reflection

The first Christians Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, Aristides, a non-Christian, said of them: 'These Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows. They save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. *If they see a stranger, Christians take him into their* homes and treat him as a brother. And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs. *If it is possible, they bail him out.* If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast to give him the food he needs. We are dealing with a new kind of person.

There is something divine in them'.



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