

There are still a number of boxes of envelopes in the Tuamgraney Parish Office awaiting collection. If you would like us to arrange to drop your envelopes in your letterbox please call or text Noreen on 087 1498763. If you are new to our parish and would like to make occasional donations we can arrange to get a box of donation envelopes for you if you call this same number.

as you did the disciples at Gethsemane. You want us to share in your life, to play our part. You told your disciples to watch and pray so that they might not fall into temptation. Do you ask the same of us and do we also fail you each time we whisper 'the spirit is willing but the body is weak'? Grant us the strength, Lord, of body and of spirit, to offer you the sacrifice of our lives.

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 is a 120 page booklet containing the authorised biography of the famous Co. Clare priest, Fr. James Minogue, late of Ballyvannon, Tuamgraney, 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". 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 plus €5 P&P at Clyduff, Lisnagry, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. A percentage of the sales will go to Milford Care Centre.

Bodyke National School Used Clothes Collection

Items allowed are clean clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags and bed linen (no pillows or duvets). Please drop tied bags to the school by 9:30am on Friday the 30th of April. Thank you for your continued support.

Bodyke Lotto online GAA in now at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto



The next draw is on Monday 19th April at 9pm. The cut **L S** 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".

Tuamgraney National School is now accepting enrolments for the 2021/'22 school year. Please contact the school on 061 921550 or email the school at info@tuamgraneyns.ie for an application form.

Back to School

Due to the phased easing of Level 5 restrictions and after more than 100 days of lockdown it was great to see the full resumption of in school teaching in all the schools in our parish this week.

Reflection

The wounds of love Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, only a multiplicity of little ones, a host of scratches, wrinkles and welts. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds: the furrows left on the mind and the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude and betrayal. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honour. They are the proof of our love. Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By his wounds we are healed.



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