

An Easter Prayer

I wish you strength to be warm when the world would prefer you to be cold. I wish you only joy for all your days that you may soothe the sorrow of others. *I wish you wonder that you may see* the glory of a loving God in all around you. *I* wish you humour and the gift of smiling that you may banish the fears of others. *I* wish you the glory of silence that you might know the will of your Lord who loves and walks always at your side. *I wish you Easter peace in your world* and in your surroundings, shining even into the furthest corners of your heart where your truth is kept. I wish you Easter fire to light your days and to fill them full of vision and dreams. I wish you Faith so as to walk at the side of men and women and feel their pain. *I wish you Hope that you might ascend* the heights of compassion. And I wish you Love to be with you for all eternity.

The Clare Drama Radio Play Festival on Scariff Community Radio concludes on this Easter Sunday night, April 4th, with the final adjudication and awards. Listen in this weekend and vote for your winning play. If your choice matches the judges' decision you will be entered into a draw for an Easter Hamper. Details will be announced over the weekend during the festival and on the Facebook page.

A gentle reminder to those visiting cemeteries in the parish - when disposing of old wreaths, plants, flowers etc. from your family graves, please do not leave them anywhere in the graveyard. Take them with you when you leave. Thank you for your co-operation.



c. u. s. Bodyke GAA Lotto in now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto The next draw is on Monday 5th April at 9pm. The cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday 4th April. Any lotto tickets

purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. There are some additional spot prizes in this draw, sponsored by Derek Browne, East Clare Cabs. They include an Easter Hamper and Easter eggs.

TDA Lotto Draw

Congratulations to Siobhan McMahon, our March winner of €200. Winning bonus number was 26. The next draw will be on April 24th. Thank you for your 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".

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. 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.

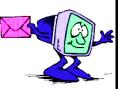


We wish all our parishioners a very *Happy Easter!*

Reflection

Moments of death and resurrection

As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave. But we also experience little resurrections. When we know love, acceptance, and forgiveness; when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb. Lord, may the splendour of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.



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