

Holy Week Holy Week is a highlight week in the Christian Calendar culminating in the celebration of Easter Resurrection. Participation in the liturgical ceremonies as much as possible is important for all of us.	 Friday 5th April to Sunday 7th April. The Festival has been going from strength to strength since its initial inauguration as Blossom Harp Festival many years ago. Friday 5th April 9pm: The official opening of the Festival will take place in Nuala's Bar & Restaurant followed by a music session in the bar with many talented musicians taking part including our guest artists for the weekend and all are welcome for what promises to be a great night. Saturday the 6th April: The following workshops will take place in venues around the village, starting at 10am and finishing at 12pm. This is a great opportunity to have access to expert tuition in your instrument of choice. Registration will be at The Parish House at 9.15am or can also be done online in advance at www.tuamgraneyharpfestival.ie. Beginner Harp workshop with Fiana Ní Chonaill Intermediate & Advanced Harp workshops with Mairéad Ni Chasathaigh and Fionnuala Rooney Concertina with Gormlaith Hayes Fiddle: Clí Donnellan Callan Harps and Narrow Water Harps will be in attendance at St Cronan's Church from 10am with Harp Demos and a discussion at 2.30pm. There will be also be competitions for both solo and ensemble artists held in St. Cronan's. On Saturday night then there is a Gala concert at St. Joseph's Church Tuamgraney starting at 8pm featuring all our Workshop held at St. Cronan's Church at 11am followed by a recital performance of the ensemble piece at St. Cronan's at 1pm. The recital is free and all are welcome. The festival will come to a close with a music session in Nuala's Bar & Restaurant at 5pm on Sunday evening. We would love to see as many people out and about joining in the festival activities and enjoying the great music over the weekend.
There will be an Easter Penitential Service from 7pm to 8pm on Tuesday 26th March in Scariff Church for the Pastoral Area of Inis Cealtra. A number of Priests will attend with confession in open area or seated privately in confessional.	
<i>Would you like to loan some flowering plants to</i> <i>Tuamgraney Church for Easter?</i> If so, it would be great if you could leave the flowers in the church by Wednesday 27th March. You can take your flowers back after Easter. Your help would be greatly appreciated.	
Bodyke National School Parents' Association are holding a fundraising Homemade Cake Sale, Easter Raffle and Community Coffee Morning on this Sunday, 24th March, at 10:15am in the Cobbler's Rest. Raffle prizes include some fabulous Easter Hampers and Vouchers from local businesses. All donations of cakes, buns, breads etc. gratefully accepted from 9:15am.	
Tuamgraney Development AssociationTDA are having their Easter Bingo andRaffle on this Sunday March 24th at 3pmin Scariff Community College. Yoursupport would be greatly appreciated.	
Tuamgraney Handball Club annual fundraising 10km Sponsored Walk/Run takes place on Easter Monday, April 1st, at 12pm. All support greatly appreciated and everyone is welcome to take part.	
The 75th Clare Drama Festival will continue until Friday March 29th in Scariff Community College Hall. Adults €12, Seniors €10, Children & Students €7, Season ticket €70. Doors open 7.15pm, curtain 8pm. Final night - doors open 7pm, curtain 7.30pm. There is a great variety of plays this	The local branch of Conradh na Gaeilge, Craobh Oirthear an Chláir , held a church gate collection in Bodyke on St. Patrick's Day. The amount collected was €118.50. The money will be used for the promotion of Irish language activities both locally and nationally. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!
year with something for all tastes. The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Pat Malone will lead us in prayer and reflection. There will be a special blessing of car and house keys at this evenings Novena. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.	Reflection Death of the Good Shepherd Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.'
Bodyke GAA Lotto in now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto There was no Jackpot winner of the March 18th draw. €50 winners were Finbar O'Halloran and Mary Pat Keating. The next draw is on Monday April 1st at 8pm. The jackpot is €13,000. Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9pm on Sunday March 31st. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. Your continued support is greatly appreciated	Jesus did not have to suffer and die. He had a choice. He chose to suffer and die because he cared about the flock God had entrusted to him. What Jesus wants from us is not our suffering, but a life of love and service. Such a life will inevitably bring suffering. But Jesus supports all those who follow him down the road of faithful love and generous service.
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	