

Saints / Feast Days this week

 Monday 13th: 	Our Lady of Fatima
• Tuesday 14th:	St Matthias, Apostle
• Wednesday 15th:	St Carthage
• Thursday 16th:	St Brendan the Navigator;
	St Peregrine Laziosi
 Saturday 18th: 	St John 1, Pope and Martyr;
	Our Lady of Apostles

Bodyke Annual Festival

There was widespread praise and appreciation for all involved in organising the Bodyke Festival last weekend. Congratulations to all involved. The large attendances on each day reflected the enthusiasm of everybody and it was declared an enjoyable success.

Candles for Gaza - Thank you

The recent candlelight vigils held in the playgrounds at Scariff, Mountshannon, Feakle and Quin were very well supported. "East Clare for Palestine" would like to thank all who attended, or helped to organize, and all who generously supported the fundraiser. Nationally over ϵ 25,000 was raised via the Go fund Me page. Locally ϵ 1,695 was collected across the four vigils. All monies have been donated to Palestine Children's Relief Fund.

Tuamgraney NS will be holding a Bingo fundraiser in Scariff Community College on this Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm to raise funds for extra curricular activities and school resources. A bake sale and raffle will also be held. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Childminder required to mind 3 school going children in children's own home. After school pick ups required. Please contact Sinéad at 086-3859247 if interested.

Frs. Oliver O'Brien, Martin Mareja and Brother Stephen Buckley from the Pallottine Fathers Missions will visit the Pastoral Area this weekend to promote their mission work and one of the group will speak at weekend Masses. The Pallottines were founded by Saint Vincent Pallotti, who was born in Rome in 1795. From his childhood he offered his life to the service of the poor, and founded the Union of Catholic Apostolate. At that time the laity were not actively involved in the ministry of the Church and Saint Vincent wanted to inspire people of all walks of life to work for God's Kingdom. Saint Vincent wanted people to treat those in need "with care and with a loving concern". He died in 1850, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire people worldwide today.

Connecting Clare Communities are celebrating National Volunteering Week on Thursday May 23rd from 4-7pm with a Volunteer Expo in the Woodstock Hotel Ennis. Visit www.cldc.ie/ccc for full details.

TFI Local Link Bus Route 342 to Ennis has pick up points at former Niland's Shop Tuamgraney, Woollen Mills and opposite the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Copies of the timetable available locally.

Summer Solstice Go Yellow June 20th - 23rd

Grow Mental Health provides free, non-judgmental peer support groups for those dealing with mental health challenges or life's struggles. Based all over Ireland with in-person or online meetings. Each year we fundraise to provide this much needed community service through Go Yellow walks/runs/workshops/ information sessions or any fundraising event that helps. To donate or for more information call 061-318813 or visit www.Grow.ie or midwesternregion@grow.ie

Catholic Mothers Ireland Retreat Day on Saturday May 25th in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan, Ennis. Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks on the Theme 'To Jesus, through Mary', Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession. Guest speakers on the day Fr Marius O'Reilly, Sr Miriam Loveland SHM and Sinéad Strong. This all day Retreat will run from 9.30am-4pm at a cost of €40. Lunch provided. To book your place call 085 147 1516 or email catholicmothers@outlook.ie

Bodyke GAA Lotto in now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto There was no Jackpot winner of the April 29th draw. The next draw is on Monday May 13th at 8pm. The jackpot is €13,300. Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9pm on Sunday May 12th. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

Reflection

Ascensions into heaven are like falling leaves, sad and happy all at the same time. Going away isn't really sad especially when your going enables a new kind of presence to be born. Long have the leaves known the trees. They've danced together in the wind, days upon days. But now, growing older and wiser they know they can't cling to the trees forever. And so they say goodbye, falling to the ground waiting for the mystery of death to transform them into nourishment for the earth. And the trees? They stand alone for one short season but they are at peace, waiting for another mystery to enfold them with its presence. When I saw you leaving I covered my face with my heart *Oh, the ache of letting go* But then I remembered the trees and so I stood in peace remembering your return. When you come back we will be new for each other. Much will have happened in our lives. There will be more for each of us to love more for each of us to know. *The spirit will have left a footprint in our lives,* and will be excited like a new leaf come home to a tree!



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**