



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
<b>Sunday Morning</b>	Bodyke	11.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tuamgraney	10.00am
<b>Friday</b>	Bodyke	10.00am

## Ogonnelloe Parish Mass Times

<b>Saturday 8.00pm</b> St. Molua's	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b> St. Mary's
<b>Sunday 10.00am</b> St. Mary's	<b>Thursday 10.00am</b> St. Molua's

2nd Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 9th December 6.30pm Martin McNamara  
 Mattie Kelly, Bridget Dale, Peg Moreau  
 Wednesday 13th December 10.00am Mass  
 Saturday 16th December 12.30pm Stephen McGuire - 10th Anniversary  
 Saturday 16th December 6.30pm Helen O'Meara-Stafford  
 Frank O'Meara  
 Jack Walsh

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 10th December 11.30am Seán, Pat, John & Nora O'Halloran  
 Friday 15th December 10.00am Mass  
 Sunday 17th December 11.30am Brian McGrath / Paddy Stuart & deceased members of the Stuart family

The Parish Office is attended on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon in the Parish House Tuamgraney  
**Contact number - 087 1498763**

and on Thursdays from 10am to 1pm in the Parish House Bodyke  
**Contact number - 061 921060**

Please call the numbers above with newsletter items, to be issued with sacramental certificates, to book anniversary masses or to get signed Mass Cards.

### Offertory Collection

**2nd/3rd December 2017**

Last week's offertory collection came to €800.62

*Thank you for your continued kind and generous support.*

**Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives are Noreen Murray (087 6839202) and Nuala Kilkenny (087 2739503)**

## Lay Ministers

**16th/17th December 2017  
(3rd Sunday of Advent)**

### Tuamgraney


*Reader:* Eileen Harrington  
*Eucharist:* Patrick Harrington  
 Anna Mae McNamara  
*Servers:* Group 1

### Bodyke

*Reader:* Fiona O'Brien  
*Eucharist:* Philip Moreau  
 Jo McGrath



**Children's Mass** on this Saturday, December 9th, in Tuamgraney church at 6.30pm.

 The Tuamgraney village Christmas Tree is in place, thanks to TDA, and following 6.30pm Mass on this Saturday December 9th will be the switching on of the Christmas Tree lights in the Memorial Park by the Mayor of Tuamgraney and a sing-a-long Christmas Carol Service by the children of Tuamgraney National School. Please come along and join in the festivities . . . and bring your singing voices!

## PARISH NOTES



**SVP:** A sincere thank you to Scariff Community College for the wonderful food collection received recently. Well done to all involved. The second collection on this weekend will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Please be as generous as you can. Also, for the season of Advent we will have a **Giving Tree** in both churches. Please donate non perishable items that will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Appeal.

### Masses for Christmas will be as follows:

Christmas Eve, 24th - 6.30pm Bodyke (Children's Mass)  
 Christmas Day, 25th - 9.30am Tuamgraney.

**Please note:** There will be no 11.30am Mass in Bodyke on Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th).

**Reconciliation Service:** There will be a Reconciliation Service for Christmas at Masses on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December. Why not come along and make peace with God and others for Christmas.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Nora McNamara, Coolawn, whose funeral took place during the week. We extend our sincere sympathy to Micheál and family. May she rest in peace.

**Tuamgraney National School** Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday 13th December in Scariff Community College at 7.30pm. Adult admission €5. All monies raised on the night will go towards school funds. We look forward to seeing everyone there to support our wonderful school and its pupils and teachers!

**Bodyke National School** will be hosting a Christmas celebration with Carol singing around the Christmas tree, a ceremony of light, followed by a Christmas play with the children in Bodyke Church on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm. All are very welcome to join us.

A meeting of Tuamgraney NS Parents Council will take place in the Tuamgraney Parish House on Monday December 11th at 8pm. All welcome to attend.

**Glór na Nollaig Christmas Carol Concert**, featuring Mountshannon & Whitegate National School Choirs, Killaloe Male Choir, East Clare Community Choir, Lough Derg Bell Ringers & Lough Derg Singers in Whitegate Church on Saturday 16th December at 8pm. Tickets available from Centra Scariff - all proceeds to support Scariff Community College trip to Missionvale. Missionvale is a township on the edge of Port Elizabeth, home to 30,000 people who live under terrible conditions. Within the Township is the Missionvale Care Centre founded by Sr. Ethel Normoyle from Lissycasey. It contains a school, a clinic, a hall, a garden programme and a care outreach to all the people living in shacks in the area. Your support will help hugely this wonderful centre that reaches out to people. For more information check out [www.missionvaleireland.org](http://www.missionvaleireland.org)

**Bodyke Tidy Towns Fundraiser** will be held in the Cobbler's Rest on New Years Eve December 31st. Music will be by Rosanna. Admission is €5 and there will be a raffle on the night. We look forward to your support.

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta [CHY:13218] on Thursday December 14th. Bags of clothes can be left earlier that day outside Bodyke, Tuamgraney and Ogonneloe Churches up to collection time of 2pm. All wearable clothing most welcome as this special collection will fund the building of a school kitchen in Calcutta over the Christmas period. Enquiries Michael Hopkins 087-9073074.

**Tuamgraney Development Association** will be holding Bingo on Sunday December 17th at 3pm in Scariff Community College. Everyone welcome. Your support would be much appreciated.

The Bodyke GAA Victory Dinner Dance for the Junior A Champions 2017 will take place on Saturday 6th January 2018 in the Woodstock Hotel, Ennis. Tickets €40. Dinner Served 7.30pm sharp. Music by: Gearóid Devanny Band followed by DJ Tubs. Tickets available from Maureen Slattery, Flan Murray & Seán O'Halloran.

**Timber Auction** at St. Molua's Church Ogonneloe on this Sunday, December 10th, at 12 noon.



## GAA and Camogie Club Lotto

### Counties Drawn

Antrim, Down, Kilkenny, Tyrone  
**(No Jackpot Winner)**

**€50 Winners:** Catherine McNamara  
Syl Dolan  
John McDermott  
Michelle Kelly

**Next draw:** December 18th in Hasset's  
**Jackpot:** €20,000



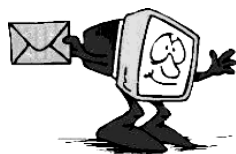
Clare Youth Trad Orchestra (C.Y.T.O.) will hold their Christmas Concert on December 17th in Glór Theatre, Ennis. 7pm start. A great night's entertainment is promised - following on from their debut performance at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann last August. C.Y.T.O. has 100 members, including Grace, Stephen and Ronan Kennedy. All proceeds are being shared between Crumlin Children's Hospital and the children's unit of Beaumont Hospital. Tickets available from Glór.ie or the Glór box office.

**Raffle:** The East Clare Branch of Family Carers Ireland are holding a Draw for a Christmas Hamper in Bane's Gift Shop on December 22nd at 4pm. €2 per line or 3 for €5 - available in Bane's Gift Shop.

Mountshannon N.S. Fundraising Bingo in Mountshannon Parish Hall on Friday 15th December at 8pm. Jackpot €1,200. Raffle on the night.

## Reflection

*The weeks of Advent prepare for Christmas,  
all we associate with Christmas prepares us for Jesus,  
for his birth in the love of Mary and Joseph.  
All of us can be like John the Baptist,  
preparing a room for Jesus Christ in our families,  
among friends, in schools and workplaces,  
preparing a room in our hearts for love.  
Or Christmas weeks can be like empty tinsel,  
singing the songs of Christmas and forgetting the birth,  
or playing Santa and pretending love,  
or being so busy that you wish it was already over.  
But it need not be like this.  
Allow times these days for prayer,  
for moments taken in a busy day,  
like stopping in the heavy traffic  
and just remembering that Jesus is near.  
Take time for friendship, for love, for care,  
for those activities that grow our friendship and love  
with the people who mean a lot.  
Then the songs will be full  
and gifts will be a reminder of love,  
and Santa, the friend of children,  
will be like the Christ-child.*



**Newsletter Deadline:** News items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be with the Parish Office by **9.00am on Thursday**.  
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