



Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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MASS TIMES

Saturday	Bodyke	7.00pm
Sunday	Tuamgraney	9.30am
Wednesday	Tuamgraney	10.00am
Friday	Bodyke	10.00am

Mass will also be live streamed on weekdays at 10am and on Sundays at 9.30am. Please check our website for details of the broadcasts.

3rd Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Saturday 12th December 7.00pm Mass
 Friday 18th December 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 19th December 7.00pm Mass

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Sunday 13th December 9.30am Margaret McNamara - 1st Anniversary
 Stephen McGuire
 Wednesday 16th December 10.00am Helen O'Meara-Stafford
 Frank O'Meara
 Sunday 20th December 9.30am Margaret Dillon / Jack Walsh
 Thomas Hogan

Christmas Mass Bouquets at €3 per card are now available from the Parish Office and part of the proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul East Clare.

The Parish Office is located in the TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE
 Opening hours are:

- Tuesdays 9am to 12noon
- Thursdays 9am to 1pm

Contact number - 087 1498763

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

Envelope - Basket Collection

Up to 6th December 2020

Total - €944.70

Thank you for your continued kind and generous support.

Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives can be contacted through Fr. David or the Parish Office

• Lay Ministers •

12th/13th December 2020 (3rd Sunday of Advent)
Bodyke - Saturday December 12th 7.00pm

Reader: Marese Tuohy
Eucharist: Biddy Hogan

Tuamgraney - Sunday December 13th 9.30am

Reader: Gerardine Campion
Eucharist: Bernie Malone

19th/20th December 2020 (4th Sunday of Advent)
Bodyke - Saturday December 19th 7.00pm

Reader: Teresa Kennedy
Eucharist: Teresa Clohessy

Tuamgraney - Sunday December 20th 9.30am

Reader: Ella O'Shaughnessy
Eucharist: Gerardine Campion

Tuesdays: 10am St. Mary's O'gonnelloe
Wednesdays: 10am St. Joseph's Tuamgraney
Thursdays: 10am St Molua's O'gonnelloe
Fridays: 10am Church of the Assumption, Bodyke
Saturdays: 10am St. Molua's O'gonnelloe
 7pm Church of the Assumption, Bodyke
 8pm St. Mary's, O'gonnelloe
Sundays: 9.30am St. Joseph's, Tuamgraney
 11am St. Molua's, O'gonnelloe



PARISH NOTES

Resumption of Mass

The Government has announced special concessions with regard to religious services at level 3 which will be reviewed in January. This allows up to 50 people to attend Mass with the following measures in place:

- 2 metre social distancing – members of the same household should sit together
- Face coverings must be worn
- Gathering outside of church before or after Mass is not permitted.
- The building must be well-ventilated.
- Funerals and Weddings are still limited to 25 people - please respect this number.

To help us maintain these protocols we would respectfully ask that you attend only one Mass over a weekend thereby allowing others to attend. Thanks to all of you who follow these requests and thereby help to reduce the spread of infection. We are very grateful for your efforts in the community that help people to help one another. *(See panel left for mass times during this period of restrictions)*. Please keep in mind that capacity is limited to 50 at masses. Masses are also available online weekdays at 10am and on Sunday at 9.30am.



Christmas Masses: Because of the capacity restrictions, the family Mass in Bodyke on Christmas Eve will be online only. Christmas arrangements are as follows and we remind you that no more than 50 are allowed to attend.

Christmas Eve


- 6pm Family Liturgy for Christmas – **online only**
- 9pm Bodyke Church – **restricted to 40**

Christmas Day

- 9am Tuamgraney Church – **restricted to 40 (please note this mass is already fully booked)**
- 10.30am Bodyke Church – **restricted to 40**

*The restrictions of numbers for mass especially during the Christmas season make our planning very difficult and inevitably will cause inconvenience and upset to some if not many of our parishioners. We would ask for your understanding and co-operation as we work within government guidelines to provide a safe environment for all in our worship. Keep in mind that with **capacity restricted to 50** that a good alternative is joining us online for our services or listening over the radio link. If you are planning to attend one of our Christmas Masses we would ask you to please contact the Parish Office (087 1498763) in advance, and preferably during opening hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays, to provide your contact tracing details and indicate which Mass you wish to attend. We would hope that all families with children will participate in the Christmas Eve liturgy which is online only. The **9pm Mass in Bodyke will have an adults priority. The restricted capacity for Christmas Masses is 40 as this will allow for those directly involved in the liturgy to be included in the larger group numbers.***

Cake Sale in aid of Sláinte an Chláir and Missionvale Care Centre will be held on Friday 18th December from 10.30am to 12pm at the Market House in Scariff. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. Contact Carol McNamara 087 2892154.

 Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Charles (Bruddy) O'Donnell, Coolreagh, whose funeral mass was celebrated in Feakle during the past week. May he rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to his brother, sisters and extended family.

Collection Baskets: Please note that for the moment no collection baskets will be passed around at Mass - instead boxes are available at each church door for your donation. *See also notice on the right of this page.*

Youth Takeover of Beyond Belief: On this Sunday December 13th there will be a youth takeover of Beyond Belief on Clare FM at 9pm. The Meitheal College leaders will host the programme. Highlights of the programme include interviews with Clare Hurling Captain David McNerney and Writer and former Clare Hurler, Tony Griffin. This takeover comes at the end of the leaders week long fundraising event via their Facebook and Instagram @meithealsmerrymission. This fundraiser is in aid of Happy Feet, Happy Minds and Clare Haven Services. All donations greatly appreciated and accepted through their gofundme page (can be found on their Facebook and Instagram). Their social medias are full of entertaining videos and activities and well worth visiting.

If you are not attending Mass at present you may wish to drop your **collection envelopes** at the Tuamgraney parish office. **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 Diocese of Killaloe website. **See note below from Fr. Ger Nash.**

“In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services 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 www.killaloe-diocese.ie. 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”.

Thank You: Sr. Assumpta Walsh and family would like to thank Fr. David, Fr. Jackie and the Musicians for the beautiful liturgy to celebrate Freddy's life RIP. Thank you to all who sent condolences and to those who paid their respects at the church and enroute to the graveyard. Your kindness and prayers are greatly appreciated. God bless you all and keep you safe in these strange times. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions at Knock Shrine.

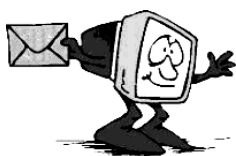
Mass Rock Donations: A sincere thank you to all those who leave monetary donations at the Mass Rock in Ballydonahane. A total of €55 from the Mass Rock will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thanks to the **children of Bodyke NS** for their creativity on show in the symbols used in the Jesse Tree in Bodyke Church. The symbols on the tree, as well as the tree itself, are based on lines of scripture telling us of the family line of Jesus and of the various prophets who foretold of his coming. The first Jesse trees were images, tapestries or carvings that were used to teach people Bible stories about Jesus. One of the earliest examples dates from the 11th Century in an illuminated manuscript, similar to the Book of Kells.

Tuamgraney Park & Christmas Lights Fundraiser

The renovation works in the Memorial Park are complete, the Christmas lights are on and the park is now back open. These works have been made possible due to a successful application for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020. However, as part of funding requirements the community must make a sizeable contribution to the cost of the works. If you would like to support the fundraising efforts please go online to GoFundMe.com and search for “Tuamgraney park and Christmas lights” or a donation can be given to any TDA Committee member. Thank you for your on going support.

“Please, Thank You and Sorry are the words that open up the road to a good family life.” - Pope Francis



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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