

# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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**MASS TIMES** 

6.30pm Saturday Vigil Tuamgraney

**Sunday Morning** Bodyke 9.30am

Wednesday Tuamgraney 10.00am

**Friday Bodyke** 10.00am

**Saturday** Raheen Hospital 2.15pm Wednesday 10.45am

Raheen Hospital

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### THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

#### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 29th February 6.30pm Flan O'Brien

4th March 10.00am Mass for the people of the parish Wednesday

7th March 6.30pm Dermot & Jerry Walsh Saturday

Jack Malone

#### **Bodyke - Church of the Assumption**

Sunday 1st March 9.30am Mena Hussey

Michael & Lena Wall

6th March 7.30pm Micheál O'Grady - Month's Mind Friday

8th March 9.30am Tommy Whelan Sunday

Please note: There will be no 10am Mass in Bodyke on Friday 6th

Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives

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.

#### **Offertory Collection** 22nd/23rd February 2020

Last week's offertory collection came to €620.50

Thank you for your continued kind and generous support.

# can be contacted through Fr. David or the Parish Office .au Ministers⁻

#### 7th/8th March 2020 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

#### **Tuamgraney**

Reader: Ella O'Shaughnessy Margaret Quinn Eucharist:

Helena Walsh

Servers: Group 3

lists on church notice boards.

**Bodyke** 

Reader: Fiona O'Brien Maureen Slattery Eucharist:

Brid Hogan

Bodyke Tuamgraney Apostolic Work Society's Annual

**Display** is being held at an earlier date than usual this year.

It takes place on Sunday March 29th. Anyone wishing to

donate a sacred vessel for use on the Missions can do so by

contacting Fr. David, or Marese Tuohy 061 921396. Price

# **PARISH NOTES**



We welcome the candidates for Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation to Masses this weekend as they continue their sacramental preparation.

Please pray for the boys and girls who will make their First Reconciliation on Thursday 5th March at 7pm in St. Joseph's Church Tuamgraney.

We are currently in the process of forming a new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). If you would like to help in our parish and have particular skills or interests especially in the areas of liturgy, finance, buildings maintenance or other areas please contact Fr. David in the next couple of weeks. The new PPC will also co-opt members and also identify and work on other areas of interest for our parish. This is our first step and we appeal to all in our parish to pray and work together for our parish.

#### Welcome to God's Family



The Christian Community welcomes with joy Isaac Michael Thomas O'Dwyer who was baptised last weekend. We pray for him and his family as he begins his journey of faith.

Please note that Fr. David will make his First Friday calls on Thursday of the coming week.

#### Trócaire

Please collect a Trócaire Envelope (Box is enclosed) to use throughout the season of Lent. Everything you give will help to put your love in action. €10 can provide eggs for a family by helping to buy two chickens. €30 can light the night by helping to provide solar lamps.

If you have not received your **box of giving envelopes** you can pick it up in the parish office during office hours on Tuesday and Thursday. If you cannot get to the office please contact Noreen on 087 1498763 to arrange pick up. If you would like to receive a box for the first time please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent church gate collection in aid of Epilepsy Ireland. The amount raised in Tuamgraney was €150.

**Sliabh Aughty Drama Group** will be performing their Three Act Play "The Outgoing Tide" by Bruce Graham in eight Drama Festivals around the country this year. There will be a performance of the play in Mountshannon Hall on this Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February. Doors open at 8pm and curtain at 8.30pm. There will be a raffle and your support would be greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday March 4th at 2.30pm Scariff Public Library presents AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival 2020: Introduction to Clare County Library's Online Resources. Learn all about the free online resources available with your library membership. Learn to Download, Read and Study Online. Bring along your device if you wish! This event is in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. This is a free event and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Scariff Public Library on 061 922893/ Scariff FET 061 640760.

**Blossom Harp Festival** will hold a Church Gate Collection on next weekend, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Bodyke and Tuamgraney. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The Michael Guerin Daffodil Day Launch Night for 2020 is on Monday March 2nd at 8pm in Treacy's West County Hotel. If you would like to volunteer on Daffodil Day (March 27th) or sell merchandise in your local area or work place please come along. Enquiries contact Clare on 086 2267364 or Michael on 087 2045759.

Why not take the Short-Term Pledge as your Lenten sacrifice? As part of its work for temperance and sobriety, we have a Short-Term Pledge section for adults over the age of eighteen years. This pledge enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment of total abstinence to take the pledge for a limited period of time and make a worthwhile sacrifice. If you would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent you can go online and follow the links. A small fee applies if you wish to have the Pioneer emblem and registration card.

Co. Clare Hunt presents a Cheltenham Preview Night in aid of Clare Suicide Bereavement Support on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Monk's Well Quin. With Derek O'Connor, Eric McNamara, Jason Titley, Conor O'Neill.



## GAA and Camogie Club Lotto



**Counties Drawn**Cavan, Derry, Louth, Wicklow

(No Jackpot Winner)

**€50 Winners:** Emer Kavanagh

Geraldine McNamara Bridget Minogue Shane Walsh

Next draw: March 9th in Nuala's

**Jackpot:** €20,000

Killaloe Library are hosting a Nutrition Workshop on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. This workshop will be facilitated by Nutritional Therapist, Hilary Gleeson. Hilary is passionate about growing and sourcing local whole foods to create delicious recipes that help with healing and maintaining good health. She specialises in ideas for those with food intolerances, such as dairy and wheat. Hilary's talk will give you some healthy ideas for bringing nutritious food into your daily routine and offer tastings of juices, smoothies and healthy alternatives to sweet treats and shopping ideas for your store cupboard essentials. Places are limited, booking is necessary. Contact Killaloe Library on 061 376062.

There will be a **TDA meeting** on Monday March 2nd at 8pm in Tuamgraney Parish House.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday 4th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. This week we welcome Fr. Ignatius McCormack who will lead us in prayer and reflection. Tonight will include the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. We will be praying for all who suffer and are in pain. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.



#### **Pruning time**

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.
The pruner rids it of all those suckers
which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit.
However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain,
but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.
Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time.
There is much that is useless
and perhaps harmful in our lives,
which saps our energy,
and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness.
Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent
so that we may become more fruitful branches
of Christ, the true Vine?



**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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