



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
<b>Sunday Morning</b>	Bodyke	9.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tuamgraney	10.00am
<b>Friday</b>	Bodyke	10.00am

3rd Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 11th December 6.30pm Stephen McGuire / Jack Walsh  
 Margaret Dillon / Thomas Hogan  
 Wednesday 15th December 10.00am Mass  
 Friday 17th December 7.30pm Mary Naughton - 1st Anniversary  
 Saturday 18th December 6.30pm Helen O'Meara Stafford  
 Frank O'Meara  
 Margaret & Chris McNamara

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 12th December 9.30am Brian McGrath  
 Christopher & Paddy Stuart and  
 deceased members of Stuart family  
 Molly, Paddy & Tom Walsh  
 Friday 17th December 10.00am Mass  
 Sunday 19th December 9.30am Mass

The Parish Office is located in the  
**TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE**

Opening hours are:

- Tuesdays 9am to 12.30pm
- Thursdays 9am to 12.30pm

**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.

### Yellow Envelope Contributions

Week ended 5th December  
 €516.81

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

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

## • Lay Ministers •

**18th/19th December 2021  
 (4th Sunday of Advent)**

### Tuamgraney

*Reader:* Eileen Harrington  
*Eucharist:* Damien Nash

### Bodyke

*Reader:* Sarah Wiley  
*Eucharist:* Philip Moreau



**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in  
 Tuamgraney Church on Wednesdays from  
 just after 10am. You are welcome to visit the  
 Adoration Blessed Sacrament during these hours. *Strict  
 HSE & government guidelines on hygiene and numbers  
 of people in church must be observed at all times.*

### Covid 19 Guidelines for attending Mass:

- Facemasks must be worn in church during Mass and other services.
- Please maintain adequate social distancing.
- Please sanitise your hands when entering church.
- Holy Communion should only be received in the hand.
- Please help to sanitise the church, wiping the seats after Mass or after a personal visit



## PARISH NOTES



### Schedule for Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

- 6.30pm in the Church of the Assumption Bodyke;
- 4.00pm in GAA Field Ogonnelloe (drive-in only).

#### Christmas Day

- 9.30am in St Joseph's Church, Tuamgraney;
- 11.00am In St Mary's Church Ogonnelloe.

*Please note there will be no 10am Mass in Bodyke  
 on Friday 24th (Christmas Eve) and no 6.30pm  
 Mass in Tuamgraney on Christmas Day.*

### Volunteers needed

Will you give one / two hours to our church next  
 Monday night, 13th December? St. Joseph's  
 Church Tuamgraney needs a thorough cleaning in  
 preparation for Christmas. We will meet at 7pm.  
 Both men & women are very welcome to help -  
 many hands make light work! On the following  
 Monday evening, 20th December at 7pm, we will  
 decorate the Church for Christmas. Crib to be  
 erected, Christmas Tree decorated etc. All  
 donations of berry holly, straw for crib and flowers  
 for the altar would be welcome and very much  
 appreciated.

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 13th: St Lucy
- Tuesday 14th: St John of the Cross
- Saturday 18th: St Flannan

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Due to the ongoing Covid situation there will not be a Giving Tree this year in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. However, there will be a second basket collection instead at masses on this weekend, Saturday December 11th and Sunday December 12th. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Other ways you can donate to SVP East Clare are:

- Blue envelopes - available in local shops
- You can donate vouchers – contact us
- You can donate online or in branch at the Bank of Ireland. Account Name: East Clare SVP. IBAN No: IE91 BOFI 9044 1363 2045 45. BIC No: BOFIII2D.

We can be contacted, in confidence on 086 3921492 and via email at [stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie](mailto:stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie)

**Confession** will be available after all masses in both churches during the season of Advent for anyone who wishes to receive it.

**Do This in Memory Mass** scheduled for this Sunday morning in Bodyke has been postponed.

**Clarecare** is a not for profit agency providing a unique range of support services for people in County Clare. To enquire about any of our services email [info@clarecare.ie](mailto:info@clarecare.ie) or phone 065 682 8178

**Please note:** A reminder to EVERYONE who uses the Parish House Tuamgraney to please SIGN IN and SIGN OUT every time! Also, if you turn on the heating, please *don't forget to turn it off again before you leave.*

### Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you for all the amazing support. 4,341 shoeboxes from Clare are heading to Romania this year for Christmas 2021. Well done to all.



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaea/lotto](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaea/lotto)  
The next draw is on Monday 13th December at 9pm. The cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday 12th December. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. Please note that lotto tickets are also available in Niland's Tuamgraney, The Cobbler's, Nuala's and Bane's Shop Scariff. Thank you for your continued support.

### Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

April - October 2022. 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you by calling 01 4434510 or email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**Samaritans Ennis and Clare Branch** are currently recruiting new volunteers for the New Year. Full training will be given. For information please log on to [volunteer.samaritans.org](http://volunteer.samaritans.org), text 085 1763491 or email [Ennis.BranchRecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:Ennis.BranchRecruitment@samaritans.org)

TFI Local Link bus public transport has launched a new Route C1 timetable to Ennis with pick up points at Niland's Shop Tuamgraney and at Bodyke Church. Copies of the timetable in both churches.

Scariff Bay Community Radio have launched a beautiful 2022 Souvenir Calendar as a fundraiser. It includes gorgeous photographs from the villages in East Clare by the talented photographer Ruth Griffin. It costs just €5 and can be purchased at Ted's Fruit and Veg Shop or Rodger's Off Licence in Scariff or from any of the SBCR volunteers. Another great Christmas idea for loved ones at home or abroad.

**AID TO BURUNDI (A2B)** and the population of Karambi in Burundi have been aware of the importance of education to the village's development since they started working together in 2007. Education in Karambi primary & secondary schools has been restricted because of a lack of school textbooks and other facilities. A2B would like to continue to address these problems and are asking people to donate €30 to help with the buying of school textbooks and the improvement of school facilities, or whatever they can afford. You will then receive an A2B designed card + envelope as well as a photo of one of the activities carried out by A2B in the village which can be used as a gift. Please contact A2B through Leocadie Murray, Bodyke, Co. Clare. Tel: 087 9073315 for payment details. Many thanks for your continued support.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Aid2Burundi](http://www.facebook.com/Aid2Burundi)  
Also a selection of Christmas trees is for sale locally with prices ranging from €20 to €30. €10 from the sale of each tree will be donated to Aid to Burundi (A2B). Please ring or text Leocadie Murray Tel: 087 9073315 to check availability or make an appointment to see trees.

## Reflection

### Joy

*There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy.*

*Joy is a blend of laughter and tears.*

*It consists in having a love affair with life.*

*It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life.*

*It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages,*

*knowing that big packages are few and far between.*

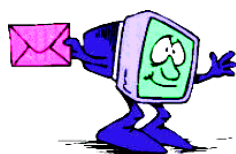
*It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.*

*Joy is love bubbling over into life.*

*And it can coexist with pain.*

*Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace,*

*has taken up residence in our hearts.*



**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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