



Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
Sunday Morning	Bodyke	9.30am
Wednesday	Tuamgraney	10.00am
Friday	Bodyke	10.00am

4th Sunday of Advent

19th December 2021

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 18th December 6.30pm Helen O'Meara-Stafford
 Frank O'Meara
 Margaret & Chris McNamara

Wednesday 22nd December 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Mass

Please note - there will be no 6.30pm Mass in Tuamgraney on Christmas Day

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 19th December 9.30am Mass
 Friday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
 Sunday 26th December 9.30am Mass

Please note - there will be no 10am Mass in Bodyke on Christmas Eve

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 12th December
€560.70

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

24th/25th/26th December 2021
 Christmas Eve, Christmas Day
 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Bodyke - Christmas Eve

Reader: Fiona O'Brien
 Eucharist: Maureen Slattery
 Biddy Hogan

Tuamgraney - Christmas Day

Reader: Susan Harrington
 Eucharist: Damian Heaney
 Bernie Malone

Bodyke - Sunday 26th December

Reader: Amy Healy
 Eucharist: Jo McGrath



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.*

A **Reconciliation Service** for the Cluster will be held on Tuesday 21st December in the Sacred Heart Church Scariff at 7pm. All are welcome.

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.



A very Happy Christmas to all our parishioners and a warm welcome to everyone joining us for the Christmas season. At the Christmas Masses there will be a Christmas Candle, Candle Prayer and a Calendar available for every family.



The **Priest's Christmas Collection** will be taken up at Masses on 24th/25th/26th December or can be dropped in to the parish office.

Covid 19 Guidelines for attending Christmas Masses

- Facemasks must be worn in church during Mass.
- Please maintain adequate social distancing.
- Please sanitise your hands when entering church.
- Holy Communion should only be received in the hand.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 20th: St Fachtna
- Tuesday 21st: St Peter Canisius
- Thursday 23rd: St John of Kanty
- Saturday 25th: Birth of Christ the Saviour

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, you can donate to SVP East Clare as follows:

- 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: BOFIIIE2D.

We can be contacted, in confidence on 086 3921492 and via email at stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. **ALONE** operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most.

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 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.*



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto
There was no Jackpot winner of the December 13th draw. €25 winners were Nuala O'Brien, Roland Drost, Pat Tuohy and Nuala & Marcin (Bane's). The next draw is on Monday 27th December at 9pm. The cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday 26th 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

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, text 085 1763491 or email 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.

On Monday evening, 20th December at 7pm, we will decorate Tuamgraney Church for Christmas and volunteers to lend a helping hand would be very welcome. Crib to be erected, Christmas Tree decorated etc. All donations of berry holly and flowers for the altar would also be welcome and very much appreciated.



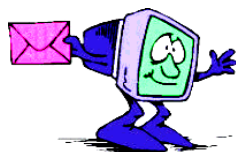
Bodyke and Tuamgraney are looking very festive for Christmas with lovely lights adorning both villages. Well done to those who put in such a great effort every Christmas in this regard. Your work is very much appreciated by all.

Congratulations to Bodyke/O'Callaghan's Mills U21s who defeated Ballyea in the semi-final last Sunday and will play Crusheen/Tubber in the final this weekend. We wish them the very best of luck!

Reflection

Lonely at Christmas

You sometimes hear people say,
'I always find Christmas Day a lonely day.'
I think what they are really saying is:
'I always feel lonely on Christmas Day.'
Loneliness is caused chiefly by two things:
absence and emptiness.
Let us spare a thought, a prayer, and maybe a visit for someone who will spend Christmas alone.
And if while spending Christmas in the midst of others, we still feel lonely,
let us not be alarmed.
Our hearts are always longing for something more, or rather, for someone else.
In every human heart there is an empty chamber waiting for a guest.
That guest is God.



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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