



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

The Nativity of Our Lord

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Mass
 Wednesday 29th December 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 1st January 6.30pm Mass

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 26th December 9.30am Mass
 Friday 31st December 10.00am Mass
 Sunday 2nd January 9.30am Matthew McNamara - Month's Mind

Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist

Copies of the new rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in Tuamgraney and Bodyke (up to the weekend of February 26th/27th 2022) are available in both churches and also on the parish website under groups.

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 19th December
 €864.57

*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 •

26th December 2021

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.*

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.



PARISH NOTES

Christmas Day Masses

- 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 is a Christmas Candle, Candle Prayer and a Calendar available for every family. ***We would appreciate it if every family took just one of each of the above please.***



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.

We don't need any more plastic bottles for Holy Water at present so don't leave any empty ones in the church.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Sunday 26th: St Stephen's Day
Feast of the Holy Family
- Monday 27th: St John, Apostle & Evangelist
- Tuesday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday 29th: St Thomas Becket
- Friday 31st: St Sylvester 1, Pope
- Saturday 1st Jan: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
World Day of Peace

St. Vincent de Paul

A sincere thank you to all who donated to SVP at masses in the parish of Bodyke Tuamgraney in recent weeks. A total of €1,407.63 was raised. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

You can still 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: BOFIII2D.

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

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.*

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. A Christmas idea for loved ones at home or abroad.



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.

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.

A **Pendant Alarm** can save your life in the event of an accident, or any other emergency. It can be pressed in any situation when you need help and cannot reach a telephone. Alarms are available for landline and mobile. For further information and application form please contact Family Carers Ireland (Ennis) at 065 6893690.



Bodyke GAA Club are holding a 10k walk/run on Wednesday 29th of December. The walk begins at 12 noon starting outside Nuala's with registration from 11.30am. Registration is €10 per person and every entrant will be entered into a draw for prizes afterwards.

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

Reflection

The greatness of our humanity

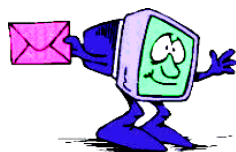
Sometimes people expect something extraordinary, or even miraculous to happen at Christmas.

But when Christ came on earth,
he came clothed, not in the extraordinary,
but in the ordinary.

He came dressed in the cloak
of our weak, fragile, mortal humanity.

*'They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger.'*

Like an acorn that falls to earth, silently and unheralded, in a remote corner of the forest, and which grows into a great oak tree, so from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatness of our humanity.



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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