



# 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
<b>Saturday</b>	Raheen Hospital	2.15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

Mary the Holy Mother of God

1st January 2023

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 31st December 6.30pm Ann Patterson  
 Wednesday 4th January 10.00am Mass  
 Saturday 7th January 6.30pm Babs & John Durack  
 Joe McNamara  
 Alice & Jimmy Wiley

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 1st January 9.30am Mass  
 Friday 6th January 10.00am Epiphany of the Lord  
 Sunday 8th January 9.30am Mass

*"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.  
 Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
 still loved, still missed, and held so dear".*

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 25th December  
 €1,528.49

*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 •

**7th/8th January 2023  
 (Baptism of the Lord)**

### Tuamgraney

*Reader:* Susan Harrington  
*Eucharist:* Gerardine Campion

### Bodyke

*Reader:* John McNamara  
*Eucharist:* Michael McNamara



## PARISH NOTES



**New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** for Tuamgraney and Bodyke (up to March 25th/26th 2023) are now available in both churches and on the parish website under **groups**.

Friday January 6th is the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord** and there will be Mass in the Church of the Assumption Bodyke at 10am.

**In Sympathy** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Angela Gurnett, Caherhurley, Bodyke, whose funeral took place over the weekend. We extend our sincere sympathy to her daughters Christine and Claire, her sons Nigel, Philip and Douglas and to her extended family, friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace.

**Enrolment Mass for Confirmation** will take place on Saturday January 7th at 6.30pm in Tuamgraney Church. **Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion** will take place on Sunday January 8th at 9.30am in Bodyke Church.

**Please note:** From January 2023 donations for Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets from the parish office will be €10 for a FULL MASS.

**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. If you would like to volunteer one hour of adoration a week each Wednesday please contact 087 4129805.

**Raheen Hospital Support Group** invites you to "Climb Moylussa". Meet at Two Mile Gate at 10.30am on Saturday January 14th to help provide funding for a New Mini Bus for Raheen Hospital & Day Centre. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Happy New Year 2023**

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 2nd: St. Basil the Great;  
St. Gregory Nazianzen.
- Tuesday 3rd: St. Munchin;  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus.
- Wednesday 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- Thursday 5th: St. John Neumann;  
St. Charles of Mount Argus.
- Friday 6th: Epiphany of the Lord.
- Saturday 7th: St. Raymond of Penyafort.

As we enter into a New Year, the late Brendan Kennelly's lovely poem "Begin" is an apt reflection for this January 1st:

*Begin again to the summoning birds  
to the sight of the light at the window,  
begin to the roar of morning traffic  
all along Pembroke Road.*

*Every beginning is a promise  
born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of springtime  
flowering the way to work.*

*Begin to the pageant of queuing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal  
bridges linking the past and future  
old friends passing though with us still.*

*Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,  
begin to wonder at unknown faces  
at crying birds in the sudden rain*

*at branches stark in the willing sunlight  
at seagulls foraging for bread  
at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.*

*Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
insists that we forever begin.*

### Bereaved by Suicide

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality.

086 0565373. 087 3698315.

[www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com](http://www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com)

ALHomecare is in business for 9 years. We work with hundreds of families and we have nearly 300 carers working nationwide. It is a safe and affordable alternative to nursing homes and private visiting carers which we are aware are in serious short supply especially at this time of the year in your area as cold and wintry weather approaches. 6,000 people who have been approved for funded home care from the HSE have had to be put on a waiting list because of a shortage of carers. ALHomecare is an option as we know that choosing the right care for your relative is a very important decision. You naturally want the best quality care at an affordable price. We understand that homecare can be very expensive and can put a lot of stress and worry on individuals and their families. We aim to provide you with the highest quality live-in homecare at an affordable price. Contact Tom 087 7440729 or Eileen 087 9916791 who will be happy to chat anytime.

**Irish Red Cross** have a community support vehicle available for patient transport, as mobile first aid station and other humanitarian services. Contact Irish Red Cross Clare on 086 8323456 for more information or [support.clare@irishredcross.com](mailto:support.clare@irishredcross.com)

**TFI Local Link Bus Route C1** to Ennis has pick up points at Niland's Shop Tuamgraney and at Bodyke Church. Copies of timetable are available locally.

### Getting married in 2023?

Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis on 20th January 2023 and 17th February 2023. Bookings on [www.courses.accord.ie](http://www.courses.accord.ie)



### Annual Lotto Membership 2023

Guarantee your entry to fortnightly draws in 2023 with great prizes:

- Jackpot of up to €10,000
- 20 Lucky Dips of €500-New Tickets Only
- Match 3 Counties win or share €100
- Two quick-pick prizes of €50 every two weeks if not won
- Full yearly membership €50

• For 2023 the jackpot is split starting at €10,000 with 20 draws of €500. First of 20 draws starts on 6th February 2023.

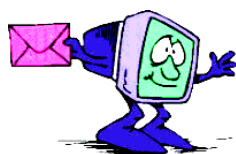
• If the present jackpot of €20,000 is won before the 6th February 2023 the above is null and void and we will start at €2000 for the main jackpot.

Are you struggling to make ends meet? Are you worried about money you owe to lenders, credit cards, banks and mortgage lenders? For free, confidential and independent advice please contact the **Clare MABS** on 0761 072430 or email us at [ennis@mabs.ie](mailto:ennis@mabs.ie)

### Reflection

#### Prayer for the New Year

*Lord, grant us in all our tasks your help,  
in all our doubts your guidance,  
in all our weaknesses your strength,  
in all our dangers your protection,  
and in all our sorrows your consolation.  
Give us the kind of faith  
that will enable us to live our joyfully  
the mystery of our fragile human condition,  
which sees us suspended  
between earth and heaven,  
between time and eternity,  
between nothingness and infinity.  
Amen.*



**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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