



# 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

1st Sunday of Lent

26th February 2023

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 25th February 6.30pm Flan O'Brien  
 Barry Walsh  
 Michael Ryan

Wednesday 1st March 10.00am Mass  
 Saturday 4th March 6.30pm Alice & John Martin O'Brien

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 26th February 9.30am Tim & Anne McGrath  
 Friday 3rd March 10.00am Mass  
 Sunday 5th March 9.30am Michael & Lena Wall

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

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

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 February  
 €822.13

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

## • Lay Ministers •

**4th/5th March 2023**  
**(2nd Sunday of Lent)**


### Tuamgraney

*Reader:* Eileen Harrington  
*Eucharist:* Bernie Malone

### Bodyke

*Reader:* Marese Tuohy  
*Eucharist:* Bernie 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. If you would like to volunteer one hour of adoration a week each Wednesday please contact 087 4129805.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret McGuinness (née Dinan), Annahgneal, whose funeral took place during the week. We extend our sincere sympathy to her daughters Deirdre & Niamh, sisters Teresa (Clohessy) and Mary, brother Vincent and all her relatives and friends. We also extend our sympathy to Martin Butler, Bodyke, on the recent death of his brother, Eamon, Bruff, Co. Limerick. May they rest in peace.

## PARISH NOTES



**'Planning the Future' - Conversations about the future shape of the Church in the Diocese of Killaloe.** After initial meetings in the East and West of the Diocese, there will be a series of meetings in the Pastoral Areas or Clusters to discuss how best resources can be used in continuing to serve the local Church. The first meeting arranged by the Diocese will be for the Inis Cealtra Cluster of Parishes i.e. Bodyke/Tuamgraney, O'Gonnelloe, Feakle, Killanena, Scariff and Mountshannon. The meeting will be held on Monday 27th February at 7.30 pm in McNamara's Bar Scariff. Summary of areas for discussion as raised at initial meetings can be found on www.killaloediocese.ie. It is hoped that Pastoral Council members and any interested individuals will attend this meeting.

There will be a second basket collection after communion at Masses **this** weekend to help the **Earthquake Appeal** for Turkey and Syria. The collection will be channelled through Trócaire.

**Please note:** Due to the Earthquake Appeal collection this weekend, the Scarriff St. Patrick's Day Committee have deferred their annual church gate collection. **Instead it will take place on Saturday March 4th.**

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 27th: St. Gregory of Narek.
- Wednesday 1st: St. David.
- Friday 3rd: St. Katharine Drexel;  
Women's World Day of Prayer.
- Saturday 4th: St. Casimir.

Bodyke National School will hold an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils on Sunday 5th March from 10:30 to 11:30am. We are currently accepting enrolment applications for September 2023. Application forms will be available at the Open Morning or by contacting the school by email [bodykens@gmail.com](mailto:bodykens@gmail.com) or phone 061 921285.

Information on the Pioneer Pledge for Lent, Calendar and Newsletter are available at [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie). Parishioners who wish to offer prayerful support to a person along the road to recovery from addiction are invited to contact Fr. Robert via [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray) or by post to PTAA, PO Box 13492, Dublin 7.



**Tuamgraney Handball Club** are organising a **Sponsored Family Walk** on Saturday March 11th, starting at 10.30am from Tuamgraney Handball Alley. The proceeds will be used to support the running costs of the Tuamgraney Handball Club. For sponsorship cards please contact Gordon Daly, Hazel Minogue, Valerie Madden, Jim Nash, Shane Walsh or Marie Punch. Your support would be greatly appreciated. The club has also set up the following online fundraising page for those who wish to sponsor or donate in that way: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Tuamgraney%20Handball%20Club/GeneralPayment>

### Tuamgraney National School Annual Admission Notice

Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 school year is available as follows on request:

- By emailing [info@tuamgraneyns.ie](mailto:info@tuamgraneyns.ie)

- By writing to Tuamgraney National School, Tuamgraney..

The school will cease accepting applications on **1st March**. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is **22nd March**. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is **29th March**. **Note:** the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy. Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn. The number of places being made available in Junior Infants for the 2023/2024 school year is 12.

**Bodyke National School Parents' Association** are holding a Fun 5k & 10k for Walkers, Joggers & Runners on this Sunday, February 26th, at 11.30am from the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Registration at 11am. Adults €10, children Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Finishers Medal for all children. No bikes please. Thank you for your support.

Cnoc na Gaoithe Tulla presents P.J. Murrihy & Seamus Shannon in Concert on Saturday 4th March at 8pm. Tickets at €15 are available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) or from Cnoc na Gaoithe on 087 8350996.



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto)

There was no Jackpot winner of the February 20th draw. €500 winner was Syl Dolan. Match 3 €50 winners were Tina Lynch and Caimin & Niamh Treacy. €50 winners were Olive Walsh and Shane Walsh. The next draw is on Monday March 6th at 8pm. **The jackpot is €10,200.** Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9pm on Sunday March 5th. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

**Scariff Bay Community Radio** are holding a fundraising **Table Quiz** on Friday March 3rd in McNamara's Bar, Scariff, at 9pm. Tables of 4 at €5 per person. There will be a raffle and some finger food on the night. This Quiz is always a great night of fun and your support would be appreciated. Scariff Bay Community Radio is your local Radio Station which is run entirely by volunteers and all funds raised go towards the daily running expenses.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday 1st March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Michael Collins, former Chaplain to St. Joseph's Secondary School, will lead us in prayer. On the night we will welcome choir / musicians from St. Joseph's Secondary School. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

Scór is a GAA competition that combines all the colour and rivalry of Gaelic Games with the social/fun element of Ireland's traditional pastimes. The competition was established by the GAA in 1969 with the aim of promoting Ireland's traditional pastimes and culture while offering club members the chance to meet up, have fun and represent their club during the winter months while football and hurling had ceased. There are eight events/disciplines in Scór that cover all aspects of Irish culture: Figure/Ceili Dancing, Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Recitation/Scéalaíocht, Nuachleas/Novelty Act, Instrumental Music, Set Dancing and Table Quiz. The competition is divided into two age levels: Scór na nÓg for young people under 17 and Scór Sinsir for those over 17. You can keep up to date with all Scór activity on Facebook @GAAScórOifigiúil. To take part in any event contact Máire Ní Choighligh on 087 2867393.

## Reflection

### 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*

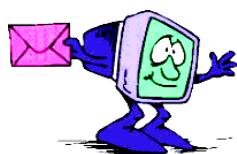
*and perhaps harmful in our lives,*

*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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