



# 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

3rd Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 11th March 6.30pm Mass  
 Wednesday 15th March 10.00am John Joe, Nora, Michael, John Minogue  
 Saturday 18th March 6.30pm Mary McCormack

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 12th March 9.30am Mary Ann McNamara, Clonmoher  
 - 50th Anniversary  
 Friday 17th March 10.00am Mass for St. Patrick's Day  
 Sunday 19th March 9.30am Margaret McGuinness - Month's Mind



*"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".*

**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 5th March  
 €848.78

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

## • Lay Ministers •

**18th/19th March 2023  
 (4th Sunday of Lent)**

### Tuamgraney

**Reader:** Gerardine Campion  
**Eucharist:** Damian Heaney

### Bodyke

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

There will be a **Blood Donation Clinic** in Scariff  
 Community College on Monday March 13th from  
 6pm to 9.15pm. Please call 1800 222 111 to make  
 an appointment or check your eligibility on  
[giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie)

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

*to everyone on Friday next*

## PARISH NOTES



Friday March 17th is **St. Patrick's Day** and there will be  
 Mass at 10am in the Church of the Assumption Bodyke.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Anne  
 Whelan, Ballinahinch, on the death of her  
 uncle, Fr. James Geoghegan, whose  
 funeral took place in Mountshannon during  
 the week. May he rest in peace.

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

### Pilgrimages to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the **Killaloe Diocesan  
 Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from Shannon Airport on  
 Tuesday 27th June, returning Sunday 2nd July. €809  
 includes flight, airport transfers, full board with three  
 meals a day, sanctuary levy. For more information and  
 bookings please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or  
 email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**Franciscan Pilgrimage:** 22nd September

**Autumn Killaloe Diocesan pilgrimage** 2nd October.  
 Flight from Shannon Airport, travel time is less than two  
 hours to Lourdes.

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Wednesday 15th: St. Louisa de Marillac
- Friday 17th: St Patrick, Apostle of Ireland
- Saturday 18th: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

### Prayer to St. Patrick

*Christ be with me,  
Christ be within me,  
Christ be behind me,  
Christ be before me,  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in the hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger....*



Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th – 27th July 2023. He would like pilgrims from all dioceses in Ireland to travel with him. Cost for 7 days is £799/ €899 per person sharing. Flights depart Dublin at 6.05am Thursday 20th July arriving in Fatima 11.00am. Single room supplement and insurance is additional. For further information contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin on 00442890701606 or 00447711808207.

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) for information on recruitment and training. Closing date 26th May 2023.



**Sliabh Aughty Drama Group** will perform two hilarious One Act Comedies in Scariff GAA Hall on this Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March. Doors open at 8pm & curtain at 8.30pm. They are *'The Last of the Last of the Mohicans'* by Hugh Leonard and *'Losers'* by Brian Friel. Admission €10. Tickets can only be purchased at the door. Suitable for everyone and a great night's entertainment is guaranteed.



**The 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade** will leave Tuamgraney on Friday 17th at 3pm. Please come out and support this long running parade - it promises to be great fun for all the family!

### EmployAbility Clare

If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, EmployAbility Clare can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email [info@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:info@employabilityclare.ie) or log on to [www.employabilityclare.ie](http://www.employabilityclare.ie)



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 March 6th draw. €500 winner was Ger Whelan. €50 winners were Monica Lenihan and Amelia Boland. €35 winners were Darren Howard, Ger Walsh and Corinne Joyce. The next draw is on Monday March 20th at 8pm. **The jackpot is €10,300.** Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9pm on Sunday March 19th. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

**The Triest Community Employment Scheme** (sponsored by Brothers of Charity Clare Services) are currently recruiting the following positions in the Clare Services: Support Workers, Cleaners, General Maintenance Assistants, Sports & Recreational Roles and Art & Craft Assistants. Please contact the local Department of Social Protection Employment Services/ Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy or contact Thomas Gilligan at 065-6823123.

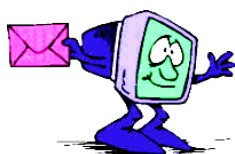
The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 15th March at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Tom Ryan from The Cathedral in Ennis will lead us on the vigil of the feast of our national patron, St. Patrick. We will remember in a special way our Faithful Departed, praying in a particular way for all the founding members of the Matt Talbot Novena. We would love if you joined us in this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

The National Church Gate collection for Conradh na Gaeilge will be held outside local churches in East Clare at the St. Patrick's Day Masses on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th next. The money will be used for the promotion of Irish language activities. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## Reflection

### The further thirst

*There is a thirst in every human heart.  
Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman.  
We are thirsting for something,  
something that will satisfy all our longings.  
But often we search in the wrong places.  
We draw water from many wells:  
the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem;  
the water of success to quench our thirst for importance;  
the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy . . .  
But we still get thirsty.  
Only God can give us what we are looking for.  
He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us.  
The water from this spring will sustain us  
in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life.*



**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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