



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
Saturday	Raheen Hospital	2.15pm
Wednesday	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

Ascension of the Lord

21st May 2023

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 20th May 6.30pm Catherine Whyte - First Anniversary
 Tom Whyte
 Julie Hogan

Wednesday 24th May 10.00am Mass

Saturday 27th May 6.30pm Mass

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 21st May 9.30am Mass

Friday 26th May 10.00am Mass

Sunday 28th May 9.30am Jack, Michael & Catherine O'Brien

*Sick or housebound parishioners who would like a **First Friday** visit from the priest are asked to call the parish office on 087 1498763.*

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 14th May

€451.61

*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 •

**27th/28th May 2023
 (Pentecost Sunday)**

Tuamgraney

Reader: Eileen Harrington

Eucharist: Bernie Malone


Bodyke

Reader: Sean O'Halloran


Eucharist: Biddy Hogan



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.

 Donations of flowers for Tuamgraney church altar it would be much appreciated!

Welcome to God's Family

 The Christian Community welcomes with joy Katie Claire Walsh who was baptised this weekend. We pray for her and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

Bottles of Holy Water are available in the parish office.

PARISH NOTES



We pray for all students in our parish who will be sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams in June. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide them. We will remember them at weekend masses on June 3rd & 4th and at all our masses for the duration of the exams. **Please note that the 6.30pm mass in Tuamgraney on June 3rd will be celebrated in the Memorial Park (weather permitting) as part of the Tuamgraney Community Weekend.** From the weekend of June 3rd/4th there will be booklets at the back of both churches where you can write the names of students whom you would like to be prayed for at this time and Exam Prayer Cards for students will also be available in both churches.

First Holy Communion



We pray for the following children from our parish who received their First Holy Communion in the Church of the Assumption Bodyke this weekend:
Grace Griffin, Megan Hehir, Cian Isola, Ben Jack Malone, Mia Kate Malone, Éabha Nash, Elena Quinlan and Lily Slattery.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 22nd: St. Rita of Cascia
- Wednesday 24th: Our Lady, Help of Christians; Day of Prayer for the Church in China
- Thursday 25th: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi; St. Gregory VII; Africa Day
- Friday 26th: St. Philip Neri
- Saturday 27th: Our Lady of Apostles; St. Augustine of Canterbury



The **Killaloe Lourdes Invalid Fund** envelope collection will be taken up at masses next weekend - May 27th & 28th.

Thank you from Pdraig Walsh

"A big thank you to the organisers and all who attended the recent function to celebrate my retirement from An Post. Thanks especially for the presentation made to me on the night and for all the gifts, cards and good wishes sent to me to mark the occasion" - *Pdraig Walsh*.

May is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Killaloe. During the last year, 24 Pastoral Ministers were appointed to the Diocese of Killaloe, in Pastoral Care and Catechesis. These Pastoral Ministers have been appointed to different Pastoral Areas, working alongside priests and Pastoral care teams. All the Ministers have been Garda vetted and undertaken Safeguarding training in line with Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Prayer, reflection and continued discernment, is a vital part of the Ministers life, ensuring that they remain steadfast and diligent as Pastoral Ministers of the Church.

A **Midsummer Concert**, as part of the Tuamgraney Community Weekend, will take place in St. Joseph's Church Tuamgraney on Thursday June 1st at 8pm, featuring East Clare Community Choir, Killaloe Male Voice Choir, The Gúnas, Voices of the Derg and Cathal Moloney & Friends. Tickets are €10 and are available at the door on the night or to prebook Text or WhatsApp 087 1394125. Join us for a wonderful night of music!

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 please contact Karen on 065 6844007 or email info@employabilityclare.ie or log on to www.employabilityclare.ie

Tuamgraney Tidy Towns village clean up takes place every Tuesday. Meet up at the Memorial Park. Please bring gloves and hi viz. All help very welcome!

East Clare Community Co-op Monthly Talks

So you are thinking of returning to education? by Eimear Stewart. Monday May 22nd at 7pm. Eimear Stewart will share her own experience of returning to education as a mature student who felt as though she wasn't academic enough to take on a degree. She will cover all aspects of returning to education as it can be a daunting task to many. All welcome.



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto
There was no Jackpot winner of the May 15th draw. €500 winner was Gearoid Devanny. €100 winner was Niamh Donoghue. €50 winners were Brid Boland, Gerry & Margaret Kolbohm. The next draw is on Monday May 29th at 9pm. **The jackpot is €10,800.** Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 10pm on Sunday May 28th. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

Tuamgraney Community Weekend - June Bank Holiday

Tuamgraney is where it is all happening the June Bank Holiday Weekend with the annual Community Weekend running from Friday the 2nd June to Monday 5th June this year. The aim of the weekend is for the Community, those in neighbouring parishes and those visiting to come together to celebrate everything that is good about Tuamgraney. We open with a **Midsummer Concert on Thursday June 1st** with local choirs and talent performing at St. Joseph's Church at 8pm and end with a Monster Raffle on Monday evening. We are blessed with many local businesses and amenities and want to showcase them over the weekend. We have events ranging from a **Biodiversity event on Friday 2nd** with the National School, a **Festival Walk on Saturday morning** in aid of our underage Bodyke GAA teams and a **Handball Tournament in the Handball Alley**. In the afternoon there are demonstrations, talks and tours with local businesses. **APIS Bee Supplies, McKernans, Paipéar, The Trading Post and Wildes Chocolates** are all taking part. The **Annual Community Mass will take place in the Memorial Park on Saturday 3rd at 6.30pm** followed by a **cake sale** in conjunction with Tuamgraney NS. On **Sunday 4th** the **Tuamgraney Development Association will host a Family Fun Day and Barbeque in the Memorial Park**. We are bringing the award winning country singer **Derek Ryan to the Barn@Nualas** (with Marquee) on Friday 2nd and the great tribute band **Abbaesque** will take to the stage on Saturday night. The local band **Naked Bare** will perform on Sunday night. All of our events are only possible with the ongoing support of sponsors which is very much appreciated. Come out and enjoy all that Tuamgraney has to offer this June Bank Holiday Weekend!
Follow us on Facebook - [tuamgraneycommunityweekend](https://www.facebook.com/tuamgraneycommunityweekend)

Important: If you are dropping envelopes or any correspondence into the Tuamgraney Parish Office please put them through the letter box of the inner **red door** - not the white patio door!

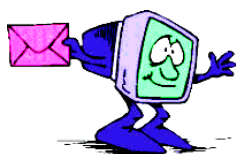
Reflection

Returning to God

We are born in exile and die there too.

As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen. Like homing birds that are released in a strange country, And know no rest until they return home, so it is with us. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return him. You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.



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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