



# 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2023

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 30th September 6.30pm Mass  
 Wednesday 4th October 10.00am Mass with pupils from Tuamgraney National School  
 Saturday 7th October 6.30pm Kathleen, Jimmy & Peter Long  
 Breda Conheady  
 Kathleen Vaughan

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 1st October 9.30am Margaret & Tommy Whelan  
 Friday 6th October 10.00am Mass  
 Sunday 8th October 9.30am Danny, Marie, Nonie & John Moloney  
 Michael & Molly Wilmott  
 Gerry & Noreen Nation

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 24th September  
 €472.90

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

*Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives  
 can be contacted through the Parish Office*

## • Lay Ministers •

**7th/8th October 2023**  
**(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

### Tuamgraney

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

### Bodyke

*Reader:* Philip Moreau  
*Eucharist:* Teresa Clohessy



**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in Tuamgraney Church on Wednesdays from just **after 10am Mass until 2pm**. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. If you would like to volunteer some of your time during those hours contact 087 4129805.

We warmly welcome the pupils and staff of Tuamgraney National School to the 10am Mass in Tuamgraney on next Wednesday, October 4th.

We invite sick or housebound parishioners who would like to arrange a **First Friday visit** from the priest to please call the parish office on 087 1498763.

**"Sometimes silence is the best answer."  
 THINK ABOUT IT!**



## PARISH NOTES



### Current Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times

#### Vigil (Saturday)

Tuamgraney 6.30pm  
 Mountshannon 7pm  
 Kilclaren (Feakle) 7pm  
 Flagmount 7pm  
 Scariff 8pm  
 St Molua's Ogonnelloe 8pm

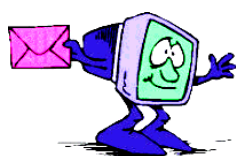
#### Sunday Morning

Clonusker (Scariff) 9am  
 Bodyke 9.30am  
 Feakle 10am  
 Killanena 10am  
 St Mary's Ogonnelloe 11am  
 Whitegate 11.00am  
 Scariff 11.00am

### Tax Rebate on Charitable Donations

Our parish has recently applied to Revenue for a tax rebate on donations made to Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish in 2022 by parishioners who had kindly completed and signed a CHY3 certificate. This certificate was completed by a taxpayer within a household that has donated more than 250 euro to the parish in the tax year. This rebate is a valuable source of income every year and we will be pleased to send out a blank form to anyone who has donated more than 250 euro per annum and who hasn't already completed one. We will anyway be writing within the next month to everyone who already completed the form which was valid from 2018 to 2022 requesting that they complete a new form for the 2023-2027 period.

<p align="center"><b>Saints / Feast Days this week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels</li> <li>• Tuesday 3rd: Blessed Columba Marmion</li> <li>• Wednesday 4th: St Francis of Assisi</li> <li>• Thursday 5th: St Faustina Kowalska</li> <li>• Friday 6th: St Bruno: Children's Day of Mission Prayer</li> <li>• Saturday 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary.</li> </ul>	<p>The <b>Season of Creation</b> runs until October 4th. The following is from the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, <i>Laudato Si</i> "The created things of this world are not free of ownership: 'For they are yours, O Lord, who love the living'. This is the basis of our conviction that, as part of the universe, called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect. Here I would reiterate that 'God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement'.</p> <p><i>This is not to put all living beings on the same level nor to deprive human beings of their unique worth and the tremendous responsibility it entails. Nor does it imply a divinisation of the earth which would prevent us from working on it and protecting it in its fragility. Such notions would end up creating new imbalances and would deflect us from the reality which challenges us. At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure. Certainly, we should be concerned lest other living beings be treated irresponsibly. But we should be particularly indignant at the enormous inequalities in our midst, whereby we continue to tolerate some considering themselves more worthy than others. We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, vainly showing all their supposed superiority and leaving behind them so much waste which, if it were the case everywhere, would destroy the planet. In practice, we continue to tolerate that some consider themselves more human than others, as if they had been born with greater rights".</i></p>
<p><b>Thank You:</b> Martin Whelan and family would like to thank most sincerely all those involved in Anna's funeral. Thanks to Father Blake and Father Sharpe and to Liam who prepared the church. Thanks to Aideen and Michael for the music and the choir for the beautiful singing, John Long, the undertaker, and the gravediggers, Eoin and Roisin for the flowers and for lining the grave. Thank you to doctors, Michelle McNamara, Conor Magee and staff and to Harry O'Meara and staff. A special word of thanks to all our neighbours and friends who supported us and all who travelled from near and far. A mass will be offered for your intentions. <i>Martin Whelan.</i></p>	
<p><b>Good news for Tuamgraney Development Association!</b> Three members of the TDA have been invited to attend the 2023 Supervalu Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony in the Hogan Suite, Croke Park, Dublin, on Friday October 6th. We wish them all the best on the day!</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> The next monthly meeting of the TDA will take place on <b>Tuesday October 3rd</b> at 8pm in the Tuamgraney Parish House. All welcome.</p>	
<p><b>Interested in becoming a Samaritan volunteer?</b> Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently seeking new volunteers for the Autumn training programme. Volunteers offer their time (approximately 3 to 4 hours a week) to help deliver a 24-hour emotional support service to callers from all walks of life. If you are tolerant, open-minded, and willing to help others email <a href="mailto:ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org">ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org</a> or call 085 1763491 for further information.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Carers Coffee Morning</b></p> <p>Family Carers Ireland invite all family carers in East Clare to a coffee morning on Monday October 2nd from 10.30am to 12pm at the East Clare Community Cooperative, Main Street, Scariff. Come and find out how we can help you in your caring role and chat to other carers. All carers and past carers are welcome.</p>
<div data-bbox="86 1379 165 1473" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>As part of their fundraising for the extension to the Club House / Community Centre Bodyke GAA Club are looking for support in their <b>Buy a Brick Campaign</b>. Purchase a Brick for €100 and your name will be included on a plaque which will be attached to the new extension which will be available for club and community events. This can also include former members or supporters that you may want to be remembered. More details from: Liam 087 2233674, Denise 087 9016305, Kevin 087 6542848.</p>	<p align="center"><i>Reflection</i></p> <p><b>How wealth is judged</b> <i>A week ago the sycamore tree was loaded with gold. However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it, it began to give it away. At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there, whenever the wind asked for a contribution. But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls, without being asked, and without a thought for a wintry tomorrow. Wealth is judged, not by the amount that is accumulated, but by the amount that is given away. The only wealth that is worth having is the wealth of the heart. To close one's heart is to begin to die; to open it is to begin to live.</i></p>
<p>You are welcome to a FREE event as part of World Mental Health Month (Connect Café) on 6th October, from 10am to 1pm at Ennis Scout Hall, Station Road, Ennis V95 A394. We have some great Guest Speakers/ Information Stands to encourage and support you in your personal wellbeing. For more information please contact EmployAbility Clare at 065-6844007.</p>	



**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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