



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
Wednesday	Raheen Hospital	11.00am

No 2.15pm mass on Saturdays until further notice

2nd Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 9th December 6.30pm Margaret & Christopher McNamara
 Wednesday 13th December 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 16th December 6.30pm Margaret & Joe O'Shaughnessy
 Stephen McGuire

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 10th December 9.30am Molly, Paddy and Tom Walsh
 Friday 15th December 10.00am Mass
 Sunday 17th December 9.30am Aine Murphy - 1st Anniversary

Please note: There will be a change to parish opening hours next week
 - see panel right for details

The Parish Office is located in the
TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE
 Opening hours next week:

- Tuesday 12th 9am to 12.30pm
- Wednesday 13th 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 3rd December
 €616.08

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 •

**16th/17th December 2023
 (3rd Sunday of Advent)**

Tuamgraney

Reader: Eileen Harrington
Eucharist: Damien Nash

Bodyke

Reader: Philip Moreau
Eucharist: Maureen Slattery



Eucharistic Adoration takes place in
 Tuamgraney Church on Wednesdays from
 just **after 10am Mass until 2pm**. You are
 Adoration 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.

The **2024 Parish Calendars** are available in both
 churches. They are FREE. You can take as many as you
 need for yourself, your family and your friends.

Christmas Mass Bouquets featuring images of Bodyke
 and Tuamgraney Churches are now available in the
 parish office at €3 each. *When purchasing your cards
 please have the exact amount of money with you as
 change is not always to hand in the office. Thank you!*

PARISH NOTES



Current Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times

Vigil (Saturday)

Tuamgraney 6.30pm
 Mountshannon 7pm
 Kilclaren (Feakle) 7pm
 Flagmount 6pm
 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

Webcam service is now operational in the parish.
 Weekend Masses, Holy Day Masses and Funerals will
 be broadcast. Other services may be broadcast from time
 to time. You can access the service at:
<https://www.churchcamlive.ie/bodyke-tuamgraney>
 or click on the link below on our parish website
<https://www.churchcamlive.ie/bodyke-tuamgraney>

Altar Server training will be held in Tuamgraney
 Church on Tuesday December 12th at 7pm. In
 accordance with Child Protection Policy some parents
 should also attend the training session.

**"Stop the habit of wishful thinking
 and start the habit of thoughtful wishes".
 THINK ABOUT IT!**

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 11th: St Damasus I, Pope
- Tuesday 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe;
St Finnian of Clonard
- Wednesday 13th: St Lucy
- Thursday 14th: St. John of the Cross.

The **Senior's Christmas Party** will take place on Sunday December 10th in the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Those attending are asked to arrive at 1pm please. Dinner will be served at 1.30pm followed by music.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday December 23rd: Tuamgraney 6.30pm as usual:
Sunday 24th (Christmas Eve): Bodyke 6.30pm:
Christmas Day: Tuamgraney 9.30am.

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

Tractor Run in Aid of Raheen Hospital will take place on Wednesday December 27th starting at the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Registration from 11am. All are welcome. Contact Ger on 087 1300238 for more information.

East Clare to raise its voice with concert in aid of victims of war in Palestine: Some 20 plus singers, musicians and story-tellers are set to put their best East Clare performance and hearts into a one-off fund-raiser for victims of the war in Palestine at a special event in Scariff GAA hall on Sunday, December 17th. The 'East Clare for Peace in Palestine' concert will be a medley of songs and stories of peace and Christmas from some of the best-known performers from the Scariff, Ogonnelloe, Whitegate, Mountshannon and Bodyke areas. They will sing from the same emotive sheet on Sunday week to raise funds for the Irish Emergency Alliance response to the ongoing horror unfolding in Gaza. The alliance comprises member agencies, Action Aid, Christian Aid, Trócaire, World Vision, TearFund and Plan International, whose emergency appeal is aimed, in particular, at providing immediate help to children and families affected by the war and escalating humanitarian crisis. Tickets for Sunday week's gathering go on sale on Eventbrite and can also be purchased at Rodgers' and Bane's shops in Scariff, McDermott's in Whitegate plus other outlets to be added over the coming days. Tickets are priced at €20 each and are expected to sell out quickly so the advice is to book early.

Help us make a difference this Christmas by supporting the **SVP East Clare Appeal**. There are several ways for you to donate - funds raised locally are used locally.

1. Via our website: svp.ie/clarefundraiserappeal23
2. **Church gate collection: 9th and 10th December**
3. Blue Envelopes in local shops and churches
4. Bank Transfer: Account name: East Clare SVP, BOI.
IBAN No: IE91 BOFI 9044 1363 2045 45.
BIC No: BOFIE2D.

To contact SVP in confidence please call 086 392 1492 or email stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto. The next draw is on Monday December 11th at 8.30pm. **The jackpot is €12,200.** Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9.30pm on Sunday December 10th. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

Smartphone classes at Scariff Library on Wednesday mornings 11am - 12pm where you will have a 1 to 1 session with the transition year students from Scariff Community College. Bring your own device and learn how to install apps, use email, plus lots more. Booking essential on 061 922893 or email: scariff_library@clarecoco.ie

Raheen Day Centre welcomes new referrals at any time. If you or someone you know would like to avail of this service where you can meet people, avail of hairdressing, chiropody, music sessions, advocacy support and a hot meal please call Louise on 061-923215 for further information.

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

TFI Local Link Bus Route 342 to Ennis has pick up points at former Niland's Shop Tuamgraney, Woollen Mills and opposite the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Copies of the timetable available locally.

Reflection



Advent fine tunes our hearts to listen to the inner stirrings of our souls.

It moves us to pray, to listen, to serve.

It calls us to be firm in faith, active in love, joyful in hope.

It is a journey through the wilderness.

It is a space to share our fears and doubts with our God in our Advent journey,

God speaks words of blessing and consolation.

God speaks gently to us.

He calls us to listen and delight in the coming of His Son.

Advent celebrates our search for meaning,

for purpose, for wholeness.

It is a time to search for God and for God to search for us.

Advent is about waiting, wonder, welcome.

Advent is an adventure.

The adventure of darkness and light, past and future, emptiness and fulfilment.

We need to know who we are and why we are here.

Advent keeps our shared story alive, and helps us focus on the values that shape us.

It is a time for soul-searching and of grace.

Our Advent God is near. He connects fully with us.

God walks into our lives. He stays with our brokenness.

He is our real presence.

He extinguishes the darkness of loneliness, rejection, isolation.

God waits for you. He wants you to know who you are.

Sit in silence and discover who He is.

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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