



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



**Kieran Blake PP:** 061 - 954181 / 087 - 9302214  
**Email:** banner21faithfull@gmail.com  
**Parish Office:** 087 - 1498763  
**Office email:** bodykeparishnewsletter@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie  
**Pastoral Minister:** Michael Daly - 086 3813677  
**email:** mdaly178@gmail.com

**Ogonnelloe Parish Office:** 085 8779113  
**email:** office@ogonnelloe parish.ie / www.ogonnelloe parish.ie

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	11.00am

3rd Sunday of Advent

17th December 2023

Vol. 39 No. 51

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 16th December 6.30pm Margaret & Joe O'Shaughnessy  
 Stephen McGuire

Wednesday 20th December 10.00am Mass with Tuamgraney NS pupils  
 Saturday 23rd December 6.30pm Mary Naughton

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 17th December 9.30am Áine Murphy - 1st Anniversary  
 Friday 22nd December 10.00am Mass  
 Sunday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

**Please note:** There will be no 9.30am Mass in Bodyke on Christmas Eve

**Please note:** Masses in Raheen Hospital will resume as normal from next week - see above right

**Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives can be contacted through 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 10th December  
 €718.60

Thank you for your continued  
 kind and generous support.

## • Lay Ministers •

**23rd/24th December 2023**  
**(4th Sunday of Advent)**

### Tuamgraney

**Reader:** Damian Heaney  
**Eucharist:** Damien Heaney

### Bodyke

**Reader:** Seán O'Halloran  
**Eucharist:** Brid Hogan



**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.

**"It is not what you do some of the time but what you do most of the time that makes the difference".**  
**THINK ABOUT IT!**

**Christmas Mass Bouquets** now available in the parish office at €3 each. **Please have the exact amount of money with you. Thank you!**

The pupils from Tuamgraney National School will attend the 10am Mass on Wednesday 20th.

## 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 on our parish website

### Christmas Mass Times

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

**Please note:** There will be no 9.30am Mass in Bodyke on Christmas Eve.

**FREE 2024 Parish Calendars** now available in both churches. You can take as many as you need.

<p><b>Saints / Feast Days this week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 18th: St Flannan</li> <li>• Wednesday 20th: St Fachanan</li> <li>• Thursday 21st: St Peter Canisius</li> <li>• Saturday 23rd: St John of Kanty.</li> </ul>	<p>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 <b>Clare MABS</b> on 0761 072430 or email us at <a href="mailto:ennis@mabs.ie">ennis@mabs.ie</a></p>
<p> The <b>Priest's Christmas Collection</b> will be taken up at Masses on 24th/25th December or can be dropped in to the parish office.</p>	<p> <b>Tractor Run in Aid of Raheen Hospital</b> 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.</p>
<p>Any child interested in becoming an Altar Server in Tuamgraney is asked to attend an <b>Altar Server training session in Tuamgraney Church</b> on Tuesday December 19th at 7pm. In accordance with Child Protection Policy some parents should also attend the training session.</p>	<p><b>Raheen Day Centre</b> 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.</p>
<p> Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Paddy Fitzgerald, late of Caherhurley, who has died in Melbourne, Australia. We extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.</p>	<p><b>Lost and Found</b> A red purse containing Rosary Beads was found outside Tuamgraney Church after mass last Saturday. The owner can pick it up in the parish office during opening hours on Tuesday or Thursday.</p>
<p><b>Advent Penitential Service</b> from 7pm to 8pm on Tuesday 19th December in Scariff Church. A number of priests will attend and Confession will be available in open area or seated privately in Confession Box.</p>	<p><b>TFI Local Link Bus Route 342</b> 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.</p>
<p>A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> collection at Masses last weekend. The total raised in Bodyke-Tuamgraney was €1,040. All monies raised locally will be used locally.</p>	<p>Do you need support? Individual and couple counselling available in <b>ACCORD</b> Ennis. Everyone welcome. Call 065 6824297 or email: <a href="mailto:accordennis1@gmail.com">accordennis1@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>East Clare to raise its voice with concert in aid of victims of war in Palestine:</b> 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 <b>Scariff GAA Hall on this Sunday, December 17th at 8pm.</b> 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 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 at €20 are still available and on sale on Eventbrite and also at Rodgers' and Bane's shops in Scariff and McDermott's in Whitegate.</p>	<p>There will be a <b>Silent Retreat</b> preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity, in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo, from February 5th to 11th 2024. The theme is <i>"If you but knew the gift of God..."</i> Cost is €540 full board. For more information contact Helen on 086 1678027, email: <a href="mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com">hellywilliams@gmail.com</a> or log on to <a href="http://www.foyerofcharity.ie">www.foyerofcharity.ie</a></p>
<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. Please contact the following for further details: Liam 087 2233674, Denise 087 9016305, Kevin 087 6542848.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reflection</i></p> <p><b>Joy and pleasure</b> <i>There is a world of difference between joy and pleasure. Pleasure can be planned. Joy can't be planned; it comes unexpectedly, and is all the sweeter for that. Pleasure is immediate. Joy often comes later, and the sweetest joy of all is that which follows pain. Pleasure comes from saying 'yes' to ourselves. Joy comes from saying 'no' to ourselves. Pleasure is like a flare in the night: it brightens things up for a while, but when it's over, we feel darker and emptier than ever. Joy, on the other hand, is like a bright fire in the hearth; even when it dies down, it leaves a warm glow behind it.</i></p>

**Newsletter Deadline:** News items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be with the Parish Office by **9.00am on Thursday.**  
Email: [bodykeparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bodykeparishnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel: **087 - 1498763**  
website: [www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie](http://www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie)