



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	2.00pm
Wednesday	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

4th Sunday of Advent

24th December 2023

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 23rd December 6.30pm Mary Naughton
 Monday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Mass
 Wednesday 27th December 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 30th December 6.30pm Mass

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass
 Friday 29th December 10.00am Mass
 Sunday 31st December 9.30am Angela Gurnett - 1st Anniversary

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

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 17th December
€759.80

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

24th/25th December 2023
(Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)

Bodyke

Reader: Seán O'Halloran
 Eucharist: Brid Hogan

Tuamgraney

Reader: Susan Harrington
 Eucharist: Gerardine Campion



30th/31st December 2023
(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

Tuamgraney

Reader: Gerardine Campion
 Eucharist: Helena Walsh

Bodyke

Reader: Sarah Wiley
 Eucharist: Bidy Hogan



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



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

Christmas Message

A very Happy Christmas to all our parishioners. A warm welcome to those who are joining us for Christmas from overseas. Christmas can be a difficult time for people who have lost someone during the year and for those who might feel a little left out. Be conscious of people living on their own and the importance of a visit at this time of year. *At the Christmas Masses there will be a Candle and Prayer for the Christmas meal for every family.*

"Self discipline begins with mastery of your own thoughts. If you don't control what you think, you cannot control what you say or do".

THINK ABOUT IT!

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 25th: Christmas Day
- Tuesday 26th: St Stephen's Day
- Wednesday 27th: St John, Apostle & Evangelist
- Thursday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Friday 29th: St Thomas Becket.

The Senior's Christmas Party was a great success and a wonderful occasion for all who attended. Thanks to everybody who came. Thanks to everybody who helped with the planning and the work on the day. A big thank you to Martin and Susan for facilitating us and for their sponsorship. We look forward to repeating it all again next year!

The **Priest's Christmas Collection** will be taken up at Masses on 24th/25th December.

Welcome to God's Family

 The Christian Community welcomes with joy Indie Rose Molloy who was baptised last weekend. We pray for her and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

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.

New rotas for **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** for Bodyke and Tuamgraney (*January to April 2024*) are available in both churches and on the parish website under groups. Rotas for **Tuamgraney basket collectors** are also available in the church and on the website under groups.

Thank you to the kind parishioner who donated a lovely **Holy Water dispenser** to Bodyke Church. Parishioners can now bring their own bottles and fill them from the dispenser at the back of the church. Thank you also to Mary Rouine who painted the figures for the crib in Tuamgraney Church.

 As part of their fundraising for the extension to the Club House / Community Centre Bodyke GAA Club are looking for support in their **Buy a Brick Campaign**. 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.

 Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday, 27th December, and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) via www.pioneerassociation.org.

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

 **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.

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.

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.

Do you need support? Individual and couple counselling available in **ACCORD** Ennis. Everyone welcome. Call 065 6824297 or email: accordennis1@gmail.com

There will be a **Silent Retreat** 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 "*If you but knew the gift of God...*" Cost is €540 full board. For more information contact Helen on 086 1678027, email: hellywilliams@gmail.com or log on to www.foyerofcharity.ie

Fr Jackie would like to thank everyone who donated watches for his recent trip to Gambia. He also wishes to sincerely thank all who made monetary donations, which amounted to approximately €3,000. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Reflection

A Christmas Star

The stars above are shining bright on snowclad hills this Christmas night. O'er glens and vales the angels sing, A song of praise, O Lord our King.

Long, long ago, in distant lands, A star shone bright o'er desert sands, Ere the break of dawn on Christmas morn' In a stable bare a child is born.

That guiding star in its heavenly dome, A leading light to guide us home. Leading us on life's lone pathway, To eternal bliss at the close of day. (Patrick J. Guilmartin)



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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