



# 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	2.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	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:* Biddy 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

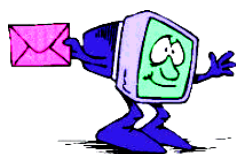
### Christmas Message

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!**

<p><b>Saints / Feast Days this week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 25th: Christmas Day</li> <li>• Tuesday 26th: St Stephen's Day</li> <li>• Wednesday 27th: St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</li> <li>• Thursday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</li> <li>• Friday 29th: St Thomas Becket.</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 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!</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>The <b>Priest's Christmas Collection</b> will be taken up at Masses on 24th/25th December.</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><b>Welcome to God's Family</b></p> <p> 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.</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>The <b>2024 Parish Calendars</b> are available in both churches. They are FREE. You can take as many as you need for yourself, your family and your friends.</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>New rotas for <b>Readers and Eucharistic Ministers</b> for Bodyke and Tuamgraney (<i>January to April 2024</i>) are available in both churches and on the parish website under groups. Rotas for <b>Tuamgraney basket collectors</b> are also available in the church and on the website under groups.</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>Thank you to the kind parishioner who donated a lovely <b>Holy Water dispenser</b> 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.</p>	<p>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.</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>	<div data-bbox="1018 1384 1241 1462" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Reflection</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="783 1462 1010 1496" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>A Christmas Star</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="783 1496 1246 1619" data-label="Text"> <p>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.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="783 1630 1289 1753" data-label="Text"> <p>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.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="783 1776 1249 1928" data-label="Text"> <p>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)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1289 1563 1465 1843" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p> 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 <a href="http://www.pioneerassociation.org">www.pioneerassociation.org</a>.</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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