



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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 30th December 6.30pm Mass
 Wednesday 3rd January 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 6th January 6.30pm Mass

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 31st December 9.30am Angela Gurnett - 1st Anniversary
 Friday 5th January 7.30pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany
 Sunday 7th January 9.30am Mass

Please note: There will be no 10am Mass in Bodyke on Friday 5th

*"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.
 Unseen, unheard, but always near,
 still loved, still missed, and held so dear".*

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 24th December and Christmas Masses €1,939.72

Thank you for your continued kind and generous support.

Lay Ministers

6th/7th January 2024
(Baptism of the Lord)

Tuamgraney

Reader: Rosetta Whyte
 Eucharist: Liam Whyte



Bodyke

Reader: Teresa Clohessy
 Eucharist: Michael McNamara



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.

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

**"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow,
 it only empties today of its strength".
 THINK ABOUT IT!**

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

A sincere "Thank You" is extended to everybody who worked for the good of the parish and community throughout 2023. Thanks also to all who helped in any way with the celebration of Christmas ceremonies, to those who decorated the two churches and to all who participated in every way. May such service towards each other continue in creative and renewed ways. A special thank you to Steve Tonna who made the crib for Tuamgraney Church.

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. Vigil Mass for the feast will be celebrated in Bodyke Church on Friday January 5th at 7.30pm. *There will be no 10am Mass in Bodyke on that morning.*

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all parishioners and all visitors to our community. May this year, 2024, be an outflowing of goodness, appreciation and togetherness for us all.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 1st: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- Tuesday 2nd: St Basil the Great; St Gregory Nazianzen
- Wednesday 3rd: St Munchin; The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Thursday 4th: St Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Friday 5th: St. John Neumann; St Charles of Mount Argus
- Saturday 6th: Epiphany of the Lord.

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.

As we enter into a New Year, the late Brendan Kennelly's lovely poem "Begin" is an apt reflection for this January:

*Begin again to the summoning birds
to the sight of the light at the window,
begin to the roar of morning traffic
all along Pembroke Road.
Every beginning is a promise
born in light and dying in dark
determination and exaltation of springtime
flowering the way to work.
Begin to the pageant of queuing girls
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal
bridges linking the past and future
old friends passing though with us still.
Begin to the loneliness that cannot end
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,
begin to wonder at unknown faces
at crying birds in the sudden rain
at branches stark in the willing sunlight
at seagulls foraging for bread
at couples sharing a sunny secret
alone together while making good.
Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
that always seems about to give in
something that will not acknowledge conclusion
insists that we forever begin.*

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



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.

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

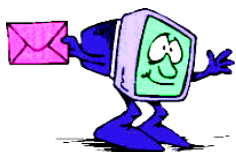
Are you struggling to make ends meet? Are you worried about money you owe to lenders, credit cards, banks and mortgage lenders? For free, confidential and independent advice please contact the **Clare MABS** on 0761 072430 or email us at ennis@mabs.ie

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Reflection

Prayer for the New Year

*Lord, grant us in all our tasks your help,
in all our doubts your guidance,
in all our weaknesses your strength,
in all our dangers your protection,
and in all our sorrows your consolation.
Give us the kind of faith
that will enable us to live our joyfully
the mystery of our fragile human condition,
which sees us suspended
between earth and heaven,
between time and eternity,
between nothingness and infinity.
Amen.*



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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