



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

1st Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2023

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 2nd December 6.30pm Tom and Peggy Minogue
 Wednesday 6th December 10.00am Mass
 Saturday 9th December 6.30pm Margaret & Christopher McNamara

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 3rd December 9.30am Matthew McNamara
 Friday 8th December 10.00am Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Sunday 10th December 9.30am Molly, Paddy and Tom Walsh

Please note: There will be no Mass in Raheen Hospital on Saturdays at 2.15pm for the next few weeks. There will be Mass at 11am on Wednesdays.

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 26th November
 €508.57

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 •

9th/10th December 2023
 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Tuamgraney

Reader: Karena O'Brien
Eucharist: Bernie Malone



Bodyke

Reader: Jo McGrath
Eucharist: Jo McGrath



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.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you for all the amazing support. 4,157 shoeboxes from Clare are heading to Romania this year for Christmas 2023. Well done to all - Joanne Allen.

Friday December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and there will be mass at 10am in Bodyke Church on that morning. There will be a vigil mass at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th in St. Molua's Ogonnelloe.



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

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.

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.

Enrolment Ceremony for sacraments will be held in Tuamgraney Church on Wednesday December 6th at 7.30pm. Families of children preparing for sacraments are most welcome.

**"People who say it cannot be done should not disrupt those who are doing it".
 THINK ABOUT IT!**

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 4th: St John Damascene
- Wednesday 6th: St Nicholas of Myra
- Thursday 7th: St Ambrose
- Friday 8th: Immaculate Conception of the BVM; SMA Foundation Day (1856)
- Saturday 9th: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin.

The **Senior's Christmas Party** will take place on Sunday December 10th in the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke - gather at 1pm. Dinner, music and dancing. If you wish to attend please ring the parish office on Tuesday or Thursday between the hours of 9am and 12.30pm. All are welcome and please bring a friend if you wish. You may also contact one of the following people in the coming week to confirm your attendance:

Teresa Browne 087-6867548
Joanne O'Brien 087-6492169
Helena Walsh 087-9306430

Sincere thanks to Eileen Harrington who has donated a beautiful Altar cloth to Tuamgraney Church, in memory of her late husband, Patrick. Patrick was a much respected member of our parish community and served as a Minister of the Eucharist for many years. We will keep Eileen and her family in our prayers.

Tuamgraney Development Association are holding their Annual Christmas Bingo and Raffle on this Sunday, December 3rd, at 3pm in Scariff Community College Hall. Your support would be appreciated.

Scariff Bay Radio: The Board and Volunteers of Scariff Bay Community Radio are delighted to announce that we're running a fundraising raffle, with some really great prizes, sponsored by local businesses and individuals here in East Clare. Tickets for this raffle at €5 each are available to purchase in Joey Kavanagh Butchers and Rodgers Off Licence, both in Scariff, or from any of the SBCR Volunteers. The draw will take place on Dec. 16th.

Fundraiser for Gaza

Grateful thanks are expressed for the generous support for the recent coffee morning and Go Fund Me Collection held for the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza. €3,700 was collected and all monies have been donated to the Red Cross.

SVP East Clare Appeal.

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, Bank of Ireland.
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
There was no Jackpot winner of the November 27th draw. €100 winner Schenker Warehouse Group (Win A House Ennis Ticket). 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 are back every Wednesday morning between 11am and 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, WhatsApp, the library's online resources plus lots more. Booking is necessary. Contact the library on 061 922893 or email: scarriff_library@clarecoco.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.

Bishop Willie Walsh will officially launch Fr. Harry Bohan's latest book, '**Building Dreams: Reflections on six decades of change in Irish society 1963 - 2023**', in Sixmilebridge GAA Clubhouse on Friday December 8th at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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



TDA Lotto Draw: Congratulations to Gordon Daly, our November winner of €200 with winning bonus number 2. The next draw is on December 30th. Thank you for your support.

Reflection

Advent: A time of Hope

It is said that while there is life there is hope.

This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life.

Hope is strength.

Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.

It inspires the will to live.

It is the doctor's most powerful ally.

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

It revives ideals and renews dreams.

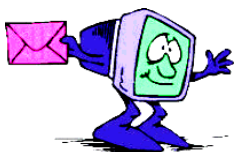
As long as there is hope,

no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope

for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the final analysis, he is our hope.



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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