



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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February 2024

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 10th February 6.30pm Jim & Sarah McNamara
 Wednesday 14th February 10.00am Mass for Ash Wednesday
 Saturday 17th February 6.30pm Barry Walsh
 Peggy & Peadar Daly

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 11th February 9.30am Marian Hogan
 Marie Molloy
 Michael Hogan
 Tim & Anne McGrath
 Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm Mass for Ash Wednesday
 Friday 16th February 10.00am Mass
 Sunday 18th February 9.30am Margaret McGuinness - 1st Anniversary

*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 4th February
 €582.47

*Thank you for your continued
 kind and generous support.*

• Lay Ministers •

**17th/18th February 2024
 (1st Sunday of Lent)**

Tuamgraney

Reader: Rosetta Whyte
Eucharist: Liam Whyte

Bodyke

Reader: Philip Moreau
Eucharist: Brid Hogan



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

**"The will to succeed is important
 but what is more important is the will to prepare".
 THINK ABOUT IT!**

PARISH NOTES



Current Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times

Vigil (Saturday)

Tuamgraney 6.30pm
 Mountshannon 7pm
 Kilclaren (Feakle) 7pm
 Killanena 6pm
 Scariff 8pm
 St Mary's Ogonnelloe 8pm

Sunday Morning

Clonusker (Scariff) 9am
 Bodyke 9.30am
 Feakle 10am
 Flagmount 10am
 St Molua's Ogonnelloe 11am
 Whitegate 11.00am
 Scariff 11.00am

Envelopes 2024: We noticed that due to an oversight the
 new boxes of envelopes include January envelopes even
 though January was covered in your old box. If you haven't
 already done so please discard the January envelopes in the
 new box. We hope to have 2025 envelopes for the full
 calendar year available by the end of this year.

Next Wednesday, February 14th, is **Ash Wednesday**. Ashes
 will be blessed at mass and our foreheads will be marked
 with ashes as a sign of repentance. During Lent we search for
 ways to bring change and deeper commitment into our
 spiritual lives. Maybe we could think about the ways we
 could take up something extra or even determine that we will
 do our everyday commitments with a sense of brighter
 cheerfulness. **Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 10am
 in Tuamgraney and at 7.30pm in Bodyke.**



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mike Slattery, Coolreagh, whose funeral takes place this weekend. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Patsy, children, John, Michael, Tony, Hazel, Elaine, Orla, Fergus, Clive and Simone, and his extended family, many friends and neighbours. May he rest in peace.



Priest's Lenten Collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend - February 17th & 18th.

Tuamgraney Development Association AGM will take place on Monday February 12th at 8pm in the Parish House Tuamgraney. All are welcome.

Tuamgraney National School now enrolling for September 2024

Phone: 061 921550 Email: info@tuamgraneyns.ie

Tuamgraney Community Weekend and Tuamgraney Harp Festival in conjunction with Tidy Towns are hosting a Table Quiz on Saturday February 24th in Nuala's Bar at 9pm sharp. All support will be greatly appreciated. The Harp Festival will take place from April 5th to 7th.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This Sunday we celebrate the 166th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to St Bernadette at Lourdes and inviting her to bring people to Lourdes on pilgrimage. This invitation is now issued to the Diocese of Killaloe to come on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June. Cost €899pp sharing. Booking can be made with joewalshtours.ie or 01 2410800. The Diocese will be able to bring 24 assisted pilgrims. For more information please contact Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director - 087 2349816 or tfryan.ennis@gmail.com

Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2024: The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For a nomination form please email: agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie or telephone (065) 6846240 or visit www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/age-friendly-county/ Nomination forms must be submitted by Friday 1st March.

Day return bus to **Divine Mercy Conference**, RDS, Dublin on Saturday 24th February. Fantastic international speakers, great day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contacts: text please Karen 087-4160385 or Seamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings.

Reflection

Touching

*Many of us are afraid to touch other people.
We give a few pennies to a beggar,
but make sure there is no contact between us,
not even eye-contact.
Jesus didn't stand off or keep his distance.
He wasn't afraid to touch others.
He touched lepers, sinners, sick people, and even the dead.
Physical contact is precisely what gives people,
especially sick and wounded people,
a sense of warmth and joy.
By the very act of touching another person,
we accept that person exactly as he or she is.
Lord, give us a warm heart and kind hands.*

Next Sunday, February 18th, is the closing date for nominations to membership of the parish pastoral council. We wish to increase the number of members of the pastoral council. So far nobody has nominated anybody. Please use this important opportunity to have a wider representation from across the parish in the development of parish life. Nominations are simple to do. Just write name(s) on a piece of paper and put into a sealed envelope and deliver to the parish house in Tuamgraney or the parochial house in Bodyke or put it into the basket at mass at the weekend.

Trócaire boxes and literature are available in both churches. The theme of the Tróaire campaign this year is *"The importance of access to clean healthy water"*. Please take a box and drop in a little every day - it will help a lot. See also www.trocaire.org

A **"Suggestion Box"** is to be found at the back of each church in the parish. The pastoral council wish to encourage parishioners to put written suggestions as to how service in the parish could be a development towards enhancing our lives within our Christian community.

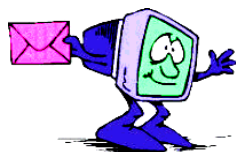
The **Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will return on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the novena and distribution of ashes will take place at this mass. Attending this Novena could be your Lenten resolution.

Bodyke National School is now enrolling for the school year September 2024. If you wish to enrol your child please contact the school Tel: (061) 921285 or email bodykens@gmail.com

Daily Lenten Messages: Brief (less than one minute) daily multi-media spiritual reflections from Bishop Fintan will be available on the various social media platforms every day for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave. Subscribe (at no cost - just click on the subscribe button) to <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopFintanMonahan> to keep up to date with many events around the diocese and beyond.

The Irish Red Cross Clare would like to thank the people who supported our recent Church Gate Collections in Bodyke and Tuamgraney for their very kind donation of €250. All fund raised is for Clare Community Services - Supporting the People of Co. Clare. Community Support Services contact James Lafferty, Clare Community Officer (086)8323456.

*Happy Valentine's Day
to everyone next Wednesday!*



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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