



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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## MASS TIMES - May 2026

<b>Sunday</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

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Ascension of the Lord

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 17th May 9.30am Jack O'Brien  
 Friday 22nd May 10.00am Mass  
 Sunday 24th May 9.30am Mass Alex Lahiff 1st Anniversary

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Wednesday 20th May 10.00am Kelly Wren

Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Bodyke and Tuamgraney (up to December 2026) are now available in both churches and on the parish website under groups.

The Parish Office is located in the  
**TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE**

Opening hours are:

- Tuesdays 9.30am to 12.30am
- Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am

**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 10th May

€366.40

*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 •

### Weekend of the Ascension of the Lord

Bodyke, Sunday May 24th 9.30am

*Reader:* Jo McGrath

*Eucharist:* Brid Hogan

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Tuamgraney Church (in the room space near the sacristy) on Wednesdays from just **after 10am Mass until 12 noon**. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

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

**St. Cronan's 10th Century Church in Tuamgraney** is now open to visitors from 10am to 5pm daily until the end of September. There is a free 6 minute audio visual presentation to view by just clicking a button inside the door. All are welcome to visit this historic building in Tuamgraney Village.



## PARISH NOTES



### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 18th: St John I Pope & Martyr
- Wednesday 20th: St Bernadine of Siena
- Thursday 21st: Ss Christopher Magallanes
- Friday 22nd: St Rita of Cascia
- Saturday 23rd: Our Lady of Apostles

Bodyke Tidy Towns committee meet every Tuesday evening from 7-8pm to improve our village and surrounds. They would welcome help from any volunteers that may be available. If Tuesday does not suit any other time will be fine. Should you wish to volunteer at any other time you can contact one of the committee. Tidy towns judging will commence after the June Bank Holiday weekend but its important also to have our village and surrounds looking well.

*"No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen  
 the friendship of those who are thoroughly  
 persuaded of each others worth".  
 THINK ABOUT IT!*

### Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area News

The Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area comprises of the parishes of Bodyke & Tuamgraney, Ogonnelloe, Scariff, Feakle, Killanena & Flagmount, Mountshannon (Clonrush) & Whitegate and also provides services to Raheen Community Hospital.

#### Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times

May 2026

##### Vigil (Saturday)

Scariff 6.30pm  
Kilclaren 7pm

##### Sunday Morning

Bodyke 9.30am  
Flagmount 9.30am  
Scariff 11am  
St Mary's Ogonnelloe 11am  
Whitegate 10am

#### Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times

June 2026

##### Vigil (Saturday)

Tuamgraney 6.30pm  
Mountshannon 7pm  
St Molua's Ogonnelloe 8pm

##### Sunday Morning

Clonusker (Scariff) 9am  
Killanena 9.30am  
Feakle 10am  
Scariff 11am

**Bus to Knock from Killaloe via Ogonnelloe, Tuamgraney and Bodyke on Saturday 6th June. The 41st All-Ireland Rosary Rally has a whole day programme with great speakers, mass with re-consecration of Ireland to The Immaculate Heart of Mary, anointing of the sick and much more. To book, contact Olive on 087 1850328.**

**Summer "Taster" Violin and Fiddle Lessons**, now enrolling in The Music Room, Barntick. Open to children (age 4+) and adults. A chance to try out the instrument before signing up for lessons in September. Violins available to rent. Please contact Caitriona for more information: 087-7735193

**National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May.** For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek)



#### **The Annual Bodyke GAA 5k & 10k Family**

**Fun Run and Walk** takes place on Sunday, 31st May at 11am, starting from The Evicted.

This is the key fundraiser for the juvenile club,

and we'd love to see as many people as possible join us for what promises to be a fun and family-friendly event for all ages!

If you can't make it on the day but would still like to support, you can donate here:

<https://bit.ly/bodykegaafunrun>. Thank you for your support.



#### **Preparing for Marriage**

Weekend residential courses available.

13-15 November 2026 & 26-28 February 2027.

Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto)  
There was no jackpot winner of the May 11th draw. Counties drawn: Cavan, Kilkenny, Waterford, Westmeath. €250 bonus draw winner: Mary Cassidy. €40 3 x county winner: Roisin Lynch, Dymrna Pearl, Michael Slattery. €30 Lucky Dip each to Ursula O'Farrell, Tiarnan Slattery, Gerry Cosgrove. Next draw on 25th May with a jackpot of €10,700 and more prizes. Online tickets at [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodyke\\_gaa/lotto](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodyke_gaa/lotto). or at The Cobbler's Rest, Nuala's and Brian Boru Plaza. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

#### **EXAM- MASS OF CARE & SUPPORT**

Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area warmly invites all students doing Junior Cert & Leaving Exams along with their family to Sacred Heart Church, Scariff on Friday 29th May at 8pm to join in prayer as you prepare for your exams in the coming weeks. We ask you to bring your "Invitation Prayer Card" with you on the night.

**EXAM STUDENTS** A book is available at the back of the church to write down the names of students preparing for Junior Cert. & Leaving Cert. Exams this June. All the students will be remembered in prayer during these coming weeks.

There will be a **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** on Monday May 25th @ 8.30pm in the Parish House Tuamgraney.

#### **Pray for Life Novena**

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

### *Reflection*

#### **Returning to God**

*We are born in exile and die there too.*

*As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.*

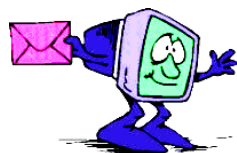
*We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen.*

*Like homing birds that are released in a strange country, And know no rest until they return home, so it is with us.*

*When we die, we do not so much go to God as return him.*

*You have made us for yourself, O Lord,*

*and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.*



**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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