



Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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MASS TIMES - December 2024

Saturday Vigil	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
Wednesday	Tuamgraney	10.00am
Friday	Bodyke	10.00am
Saturday	Raheen Hospital	2.00pm
Wednesday	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

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4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 21st December 6.30pm Mary Naughton
 Margaret & Christopher McNamara
 Wednesday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Mass
 Saturday 28th December 6.30pm Noreen O'Brien - Month's Mind

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Tuesday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
 Friday 27th December 10.00am Mass



The Priest's Christmas Collection will be taken up at Masses on 24th and 25th December or can be dropped in to the parish office.

The Parish Office is located in the TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE

Opening hours this week:

- Monday 23rd 9am to 12.30pm
- Friday 27th 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 15th December
 €489.80

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

Weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family Tuamgraney, Saturday December 28th 6.30pm

Reader: Teresa Browne
Eucharist: Damian Heaney

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.
Eucharistic Adoration in Tuamgraney Church takes place in the room space near the sacristy.

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

*"When I asked for all things so that I might enjoy life,
 I was given life so that I might enjoy all things".
 THINK ABOUT IT!*

There will be a change to parish office opening hours next week - see box top right for details.


PARISH NOTES

Current Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times December 2024

Vigil (Saturday)	Sunday Morning
Tuamgraney 6.30pm	Clonusker (Scariff) 9am
Mountshannon 7pm	Killanena 9.30am
St Molua's Ogonnelloe 8pm	Feakle 10am
	Scariff 11am

Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times January 2025

Vigil (Saturday)	Sunday Morning
Scariff 6.30pm	Bodyke 9.30am
Kilclaren 7pm	Flagmount 9.30am
	Scariff 11am
	St Mary's Ogonnelloe 11am
	Whitegate 11am

 We extend our sincere sympathy to Archbishop Eugene Nugent and family on the death of his sister, Angela Murphy, formerly of Gurtaderra, Scariff. Angela's funeral took place in Ratoath, Co. Meath, during the week. We also extend our sympathy to Michael and John Blake on the recent death of their aunt, Alice Sheehan, Listowel, Co. Kerry. May they rest in peace.

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.



Christmas Mass Bouquets featuring images of Bodyke and Tuamgraney Churches are now available in the parish office at **€3 each**. **When purchasing your cards please have the exact amount of money with you as change is not always to hand in the office. Thank you!**

Fr. David Carroll, Abbey Pastoral Area, is currently assisting with the pastoral care of Inis Cealtra Area (pro-tem, until the Summer appointments of 2025). He is working along with the team in the Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area. He remains resident in Ennis but is available to cover weekend Masses, when his schedule permits, along with funerals, weddings, sick calls, First Friday calls, chaplaincy to the schools and whatever pastoral needs might arise, whenever he can.

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the **St. Vincent de Paul** collection at Masses last weekend. The total raised in the parish was €515. All monies raised locally will be used locally.

Tuamgraney Handball Club will be hosting a Cyclothon Fundraiser on Monday 23rd December from 9am to 5pm at The Market House Scariff. Come along and meet our local champions and show your support. Hot beverages and treats on the day. Donate online at www.klubfunder.com



There will be a **Tractor Run in Aid of Raheen Hospital** on Friday the 27th of December starting at the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke. Registration will be from 11am. All are welcome. For more information please call Ger on 087 2776390.

Bodyke Nollaig na mBan - Gathering for ladies of all ages on Monday January 6th at 7pm in Bodyke GAA Clubhouse. Join us for a cuppa and a chat. Queries 089 7017460.

Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 23rd: St John of Kanty
- Wednesday 25th: Christmas Day
- Thursday 26th: St Stephen's Day
- Friday 27th: St John, Apostle & Evangelist
- Saturday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

There will be a Christmas Day Swim in Mountshannon Harbour on December 25th at 11am. Bucket collection on the day. All donations will go to Raheen Community Hospital.

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.

Grow Mental Health: Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing a mental health issue through 12 Step program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Meetings take place in Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis, on Monday at 7.30pm and Tuesday at 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie



Bodyke GAA Lotto is now online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/bodykegaa/lotto

There was no Jackpot winner of the December 9th draw. €250 winner was Patrick Minogue. €50 winners were Caroline Fallon and Jamie, Mia & Cian Howard. The next draw is on Monday December 23rd at 8pm. **The jackpot is €14,900.** Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9pm on Sunday December 22nd. Lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. Thank you for your continued support.

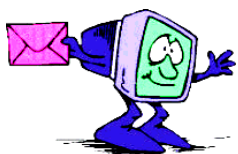
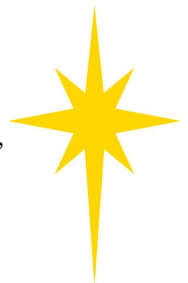
Reflection

A Christmas Star

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.

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.

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)



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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