

# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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MASS TIMES		
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
<b>Sunday Morning</b>	Bodyke	9.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tuamgraney	10.00am
<b>Friday</b>	Bodyke	10.00am
<b>Saturday</b>	Raheen Hospital	2.15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

4th Sunday of Advent

18th December 2022

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 17th December 6.30pm Mary Naughton  
 Margaret Dillon  
 Jack Walsh

Wednesday 21st December 10.00am Mass

Sunday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Mass

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 18th December 9.30am Padraic Burke

Friday 23rd December 10.00am Mass

Saturday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

*"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".*

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 11th December

€556.47

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

**Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives  
 can be contacted through Fr. Dariusz or the Parish Office**

## • Lay Ministers •

**24th/25th December 2022  
 (Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)**

### Bodyke

*Reader:* Teresa Kennedy

*Eucharist:* Brid Hogan

### Tuamgraney

*Reader:* Gerardine Campion

*Eucharist:* Damian Heaney



**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in  
 Tuamgraney Church on Wednesdays from  
 just after 10am. You are welcome to visit the  
 Adoration Blessed Sacrament during these hours. If you  
 would like to volunteer one hour of adoration a week  
 each Wednesday please contact 087 4129805.

**Bodyke/Tuamgraney Pastoral Council** in partnership  
 with **Tuamgraney Development Association** will be  
 submitting a planning application in the near future for  
 the upgrade and extension of the parish house in  
 Tuamgraney for pastoral and community use. The  
 preliminary drawings are available to view in the parish  
 house on 17th December 7pm - 8pm. All welcome.

**Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets at €5** each are  
 available in the parish office.



## PARISH NOTES



**Confession** will be available after all masses in  
 both churches during the season of Advent for  
 anyone who wishes to receive it.

A **Reconciliation Service** for the Cluster will be  
 held on Tuesday 20th December in the Sacred  
 Heart Church Scariff at 7pm. All are welcome.

### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve

- 6.30pm in the Church of the Assumption Bodyke;
- 8pm in St. Molua's Church Ogonnelloe.

#### Christmas Day

- 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church Tuamgraney;
- 11am in St. Mary's Church Ogonnelloe.



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

### Welcome to God's Family



The Christian Community welcomes with joy  
 Frankie Jean Ford who was baptised this  
 weekend. We pray for her and her family as  
 she begins her journey of faith.

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Tuesday 20th: St. Fachanan.
- Wednesday 21st: St. Peter Canisius.
- Friday 23rd: St. John of Kanty.
- Saturday 24th: Christmas Eve.

### Seeking old photographs of Bodyke Church

To help someone working on a history of our parish we are seeking photographs showing the exterior or interior of Bodyke Church taken prior to the renovation in 1989. Any photographs that you can email to [dmoloney@wellesley.ie](mailto:dmoloney@wellesley.ie) will be greatly appreciated and any originals that can be loaned and given to Noreen in the office or to Peggy McNamara in Bodyke will be carefully minded and returned when copied.

**Help needed:** St. Joseph's Church Tuamgraney needs to be cleaned in preparation for Christmas so volunteers are urgently required. If you have some free time in the coming weeks please contact Mary Lee on 087 4129805. Straw and greenery, e.g. Holly, is also needed for the Crib so any donations of same would be greatly appreciated.

**Tuamgraney National School Parents' Association** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the carol singing at the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Memorial Park last Saturday evening. The sum of €200 will be donated to the local branch of **St. Vincent de Paul**.

### Dates for Sacraments 2023

**Confirmation** - 25th March

**First Holy Communion** - 20th May.

**Enrolment Mass for Confirmation** will take place on Saturday January 7th at 6.30pm in Tuamgraney Church.

**Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion** will take place on Sunday January 8th at 9.30am in Bodyke Church.

**Raheen Hospital Support Group** invites you to "Climb Moylussa". Meet at Two Mile Gate at 10.30am on Saturday January 14th 2023 to help provide funding for a New Mini Bus for Raheen Hospital & Day Centre. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



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 December 12th draw. €25 winners were Alex O'Brien, Gavin Moroney, Niamh Moloney and Michael Slattery Jnr. The next draw is on Tuesday December 27th at 8pm. Please note the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 9pm on Monday December 26th. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw. Thank you for your support.

International school feeding charity, **Mary's Meals**, are inviting you to join their **Big Family Christmas celebrations**. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available - from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250 and everything in between! Gift cards to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the **St. Vincent de Paul** basket collection at Masses last weekend. The total raised was €1,003.

**TFI Local Link Bus Route C1** to Ennis has pick up points at Niland's Shop Tuamgraney and at Bodyke Church. Copies of timetable are available locally.

**Irish Red Cross** have a community support vehicle available for patient transport, as mobile first aid station and other humanitarian services. Contact Irish Red Cross Clare on 086 8323456 for more information or [support.clare@irishredcross.com](mailto:support.clare@irishredcross.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](mailto:ennis@mabs.ie)

### Getting married in 2023?

Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis on 20th January 2023 and 17th February 2023. Bookings on [www.courses.accord.ie](http://www.courses.accord.ie)

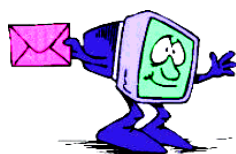
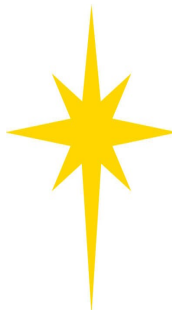
### Reflection

#### 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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