



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	2.15pm
Wednesday	Raheen Hospital	10.45am

The Nativity of the Lord

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Sunday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Mass
 Saturday 31st December 6.30pm Ann Patterson

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Saturday 24th December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
 Sunday 1st January 9.30am Mass

Please note: There will be no 10am Mass in Tuamgraney on Wednesday 28th December or in Bodyke on Friday 30th December

*"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".*

Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives can be contacted through Fr. Dariusz or 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 18th December
 €625.45

Thank you for your continued kind and generous support.

• Lay Ministers •

31st December 2022/1st January 2023
(Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

Tuamgraney

Reader: Rosetta Whyte
Eucharist: Helena Walsh

Bodyke

Reader: Marese Tuohy
Eucharist: Biddy Hogan



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.

 The **Priest's Christmas Collection** will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

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.



PARISH NOTES



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.

At the Christmas Masses there will be a Candle Prayer for the Christmas meal and a Parish Calendar available for every family.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret O'Shaughnessy whose funeral took place during the week. We extend our sincere sympathy to her daughters Jackie and Valerie, her son Ken and to her extended family and friends. We also extend our sympathy to Angela McNamara and family on the death this week of her mother Aine Murphy, Drewsborough, and to Graham and Ann Patterson and family on the recent death in Dublin of Graham's mother Ann. May they rest in peace.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 26th: St. Stephen's Day.
- Tuesday 27th: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist.
- Wednesday 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.
- Thursday 29th: St. Thomas à Becket.
- Friday 30th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.
- Saturday 31st: St. Sylvester 1, Pope.

ALHomecare is in business for 9 years. We work with hundreds of families and we have nearly 300 carers working nationwide. It is a safe and affordable alternative to nursing homes and private visiting carers which we are aware are in serious short supply especially at this time of the year in your area as cold and wintry weather approaches. 6,000 people who have been approved for funded home care from the HSE have had to be put on a waiting list because of a shortage of carers. ALHomecare is an option as we know that choosing the right care for your relative is a very important decision. You naturally want the best quality care at an affordable price. We understand that homecare can be very expensive and can put a lot of stress and worry on individuals and their families. We aim to provide you with the highest quality live-in homecare at an affordable price. Contact Tom 087 7440729 or Eileen 087 9916791 who will be happy to chat anytime.

Bodyke National School Parents' Association wish to thank everybody who supported their recent **cake sale and coffee morning**. As usual it was a great success.

The **Bodyke National School children had their nativity play** in the church on Thursday 15th December. Well done to the children and their teachers.

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

There was no Jackpot winner of the December 12th draw. 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.

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.

Bereaved by Suicide

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality.
086 0565373. 087 3698315.
www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

St. Stephen's Day Céilí at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis, with The Star of Munster Céilí Band from 3pm to 6pm. Admission €10. More info 065 68 24276.

Helplines

- East Clare Community Response 085 8659889
- Clare Community 1800 203600
- ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024
- WomensAid Helpline 1800 341900.
- Clare Haven 065 6822435

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

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

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

Reflection

The greatness of our humanity

Sometimes people expect something extraordinary, or even miraculous to happen at Christmas.

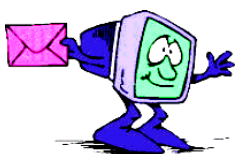
But when Christ came on earth, he came clothed, not in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary.

He came dressed in the cloak of our weak, fragile, mortal humanity.

'They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger'.

Like an acorn that falls to earth, silently and unheralded, in a remote corner of the forest,

and which grows into a great oak tree, so from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatness of our humanity.



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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