



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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## MASS TIMES - December 2024

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Tuamgraney	6.30pm
<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

1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2024

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 30th November 6.30pm Tom & Peggy Minogue  
 Esther McGrath  
 Matthew McNamara

Wednesday 4th December 10.00am Mass

Saturday 7th December 6.30pm Edna O'Brien - Month's Mind

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Friday 6th December 10.00am 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".*

**Please note:** There may be a change to parish opening hours next week.  
 If so, details will be on the website and on the parish house door.

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 24th November  
 €394.34

*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 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Tuamgraney, Saturday December 7th 6.30pm**

*Reader:* Family of Edna O'Brien  
*Eucharist:* Helena Walsh



**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

### 2025 Parish Calendars

The 2025 Parish Calendars are now available in  
 both churches. They are FREE. You can take as  
 many as you need for yourself, your family and  
 your friends.



## PARISH NOTES



**Current Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times**  
**December 2024**

### Vigil (Saturday)

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

### Sunday Morning

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

### Mass changes

From this Sunday, December 1st (First Sunday of  
 Advent), the Mass schedule in the Parish will change.  
 Changes will turn over on a monthly basis. Details of the  
 January schedule will replace the above and will be  
 published in the January newsletters.

*"Caring about others,  
 acknowledging our deep feelings,  
 leaving an impact on people,  
 all these bring happiness."  
 THINK ABOUT IT!*

The **Senior's Christmas Party** will take place on  
 Sunday December 15th at 2pm in the Cobbler's Rest  
 Bodyke. Music will be provided by Larry McEvoy and  
 food will be catered by Ray Hogan. **To book a place  
 please call the parish office on 087 1498763.**

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 2nd: UN Day for Abolition of Slavery
- Tuesday 3rd: St Francis Xavier, Patron of the Missions
- Wednesday 4th: St John Damascene
- Friday 6th: St Nicholas of Myra
- Saturday 7th: St Ambrose.

### Welcome to God's Family



The Christian Community welcomes with joy Oisín Hughes who was baptised last weekend. We pray for him and his family as he begins his journey of faith.

New Rotas for **Readers & Eucharistic Ministers** for Tuamgraney and Bodyke (*December 7th 2024 to May 25th 2025*) are now available in both churches and on the parish website under groups.



Tuamgraney National School are holding their Christmas Concert on Thursday 12th December in the GAA Clubhouse at 7pm. This is also a fundraiser for our school and your support would be very much appreciated. Admission is €5 and there will be a Raffle on the night also.

**Tuamgraney Development Association are holding their Christmas Bingo and Raffle** on Sunday December 8th at 3pm in the Evicted G.A.A. Hall, Bodyke Road, Tuamgraney. All are welcome. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Please note:** The next meeting of the TDA will be on Monday December 2nd at 8pm in the Parish House Tuamgraney.

**East Clare SVP Church Gate Collection** will take place on Saturday December 7th. Your support would be greatly. To contact SVP in confidence please call 086 392 1492 or email [stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie](mailto:stcaimins.eastclare@svp.ie)

**Scariff Bay Community Radio** will be having our annual Monster Raffle with a fantastic selection of prizes to be won again this year including a 55 inch Smart TV. Tickets are on sale for just €5 each, and are available from the volunteers and in many of the local businesses. The draw will take place on Saturday 14th December live on SBCR. We would appreciate your support.

East Clare Women's Shed wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for the support and generosity of everyone who helped them raise €6,550 for Raheen Community Hospital at their Christmas Market on December 10th. To the businesses and individuals who donated to and sponsored their raffle; to all who attended on the day; to those who advertised and promoted the event and to all the East Clare Women's Shed members. Thank you!

**TFI Local Link Bus Route 342** to Ennis has pick up points at the Brian Boru Service Station Tuamgraney, Woollen Mills and opposite the Cobbler's Rest Bodyke.

### Helplines

- Pieta House (24 hours) 1800 247 247
- Childline 1800 66 66
- Grow Mental Health 0818 474 474
- ALONE (for older people) 0818 222 024
- Samaritans 116 123
- St. Vincent de Paul 086 392 1492
- AA 089 2109824 12 pm -10pm daily
- WomensAid Helpline 1800 341900.
- Clare Haven 065 6822435

Christmas Spirit - Annual Christmas Concert featuring Regina Nathan, Soprano and Michael Hennessy, Piano will take place in St Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon St, Ennis on Saturday December 7th at 8pm. Tickets are €30. Booking: [www.reginanathan.com](http://www.reginanathan.com) or call 087 9188222.

### Request for accommodation

*"My name is Sara Spigarelli and I am an English Teacher near Lake Garda in Italy. Between February 26th and March 1st 2025 I will visit Tuamgraney with a group of students and another teacher. We are a group of 8. The kids are 14-15 years old. We come from a Steiner School and we are going to visit Raheen Steiner School. We are in contact with some teachers over there. The kids are enthusiastic about collecting funds for covering a part of the travel. At the moment, we are looking for accommodation in Tuamgraney that could suit our budget, but we are struggling to find a good solution for us. I am therefore inquiring if anyone in the parish would be in a position to host us. We could offer €25 per night for each person (€200 per night in total). Many thanks and I hope to meet the community in Tuamgraney when we visit".*

My email address is: [sara.spigarelli@gmail.com](mailto:sara.spigarelli@gmail.com)

**Supporting Foreign Missions:** There is a box at the back of the churches in both Tuamgraney and Bodyke for the collection of old spectacles, old rosary beads and old stamps. Unwanted brown coin would be a great help.

### Reflection

#### Advent: A time of Hope

*It is said that while there is life there is hope.*

*This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life.*

*Hope is strength.*

*Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.*

*It inspires the will to live.*

*It is the doctor's most powerful ally.*

*It is a shield against defeat and failure.*

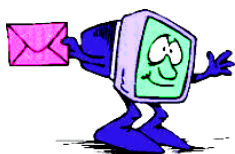
*It revives ideals and renews dreams.*

*As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.*

*Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope*

*for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*In the final analysis, he is our hope.*



**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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