



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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2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

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

Wednesday 11th December 10.00am Mass

Saturday 14th December 6.30pm Micheál Hill - Month's Mind

Stephen McGuire

Margaret Dillon / Jack Walsh

Deceased members of Hogan family

Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Friday 13th December 10.00am Mass

* *Month's Mind Mass for Fr Joe McMahon will be on Wednesday December 11th at 7pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart Scariff*

* **Please note:** *There will be a change to Parish Office opening hours next week - see box on the right for details*

The Parish Office is located in the
TUAMGRANEY PARISH HOUSE

Opening hours this week:

- Tuesday 10th 9am to 12.30pm
- Wednesday 11th 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 1st December

€701.58

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 3rd Sunday of Advent

Tuamgraney, Saturday December 14th 6.30pm

Reader: Damian Heaney / Caoimhe O'Donnell

Eucharist: Bernie Malone

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

*"Stand up to your obstacles
 and do something about them.
 You may find that they haven't half the strength
 you thought they had.
 THINK ABOUT IT!"*

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


In Sympathy Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Noreen O'Brien, Tuamgraney, whose funeral took place during the week. We extend our sympathy to her sons Michael, Niall and Barry and their families, to her sister Teresa Browne, and to all her extended family, neighbours and friends. May she rest in peace.

Advent Penitential Service for the Inis Cealtra Cluster in Scariff Church on Thursday December 19th at 7pm.

Message from Bishop Fintan

“Following the short illness and untimely death of our esteemed colleague Fr. Joe McMahon R.I.P, who was based in Scariff, Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area, the clergy appointment board met in recent days. As a result of that, I have appointed Fr. David Carroll, Abbey Pastoral Area, to assist with the pastoral care of Inis Cealtra (pro-tem, until the Summer appointments of 2025). To accommodate that, Fr. David will have to greatly reduce his involvement in the Abbey Pastoral Area. He will work along with the team in the Inis Cealtra Pastoral Area. During that time he will remain resident in Ennis and continue his post-graduate course of study. Fr. David will be available to cover weekend Masses, when his course schedule permits, along with funerals, weddings, sick calls, First Friday calls, chaplaincy to the schools and whatever pastoral needs might arise, whenever he can. This appointment takes effect from Friday December 6th 2024”.

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. **Booking your place is essential so please call the parish office on 087 1498763 to guarantee a place!**

 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.

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.

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.

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

Glór na Nollag will take place at 8pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart Scariff on Friday 13th December. Four choirs from East Clare, with some solo guests, will perform a selection of seasonal choral pieces and Christmas classics. This will be a fantastic evening and you will be sure to hear some of your favourite pieces in beautiful harmony. This is an unmissable event. Tickets cost €15 and are available from Bane’s Shop Scariff and at the door on the night.

Saints / Feast Days this week

- Monday 9th: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday 10th: Our Lady of Loreto
- Wednesday 11th: St Damasus I, Pope
- Thursday 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe; St Finnian of Clonard
- Friday 13th: St Lucy
- Saturday 14th: St John of the Cross.



TDA Lotto Draw: Congratulations to our November lotto winners: Main Lotto; Mary & Noreen Rouine with number 45. Lotto+1; Marie Quigley with number 16. Lotto+2; Mary & Noreen Rouine with number 45. Next draw will be on December 28th. A huge thank you again to everyone for your continued support.

This November has seen the highest ever demand for blood products from Irish Hospitals. This increased demand challenges the Irish Blood Transfusion Service to increase attendance at our blood donation clinics. There will be a **Blood Donation Clinic** in Scariff GAA Clubhouse on Monday December 9th from 4.50pm to 8.10pm. New Donors are always welcome. Please phone 1800 222 111 for an appointment.



Carol Singing in aid of SVP East Clare will take place on Saturday 21st December. East Clare Community Choir will be singing Carols & Christmas songs outside Centra from 11am until 1pm. This is always an enjoyable event and you are welcome to join us. Please support this very worthy cause - funds raised locally are used locally.

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available in the parish office.



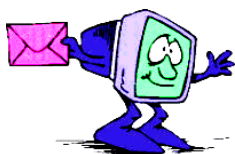
There will be a **Tractor Run in Aid of Raheen Hospital** on Friday the 27th of December starting at the Cobbler’s Rest Bodyke. Registration from 11am. All are welcome. More information from Ger on 087 2776390.

Reflection

The bird of hope

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.
And sweetest in the gale heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.
've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.*

(Emily Dickinson)



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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website: www.bodyketuamgraneyparish.ie