



# Bodyke and Tuamgraney Parish News



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## MASS TIMES - March 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	Bodyke	9.30am
<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

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4th Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES & ANNIVERSARIES

### Bodyke - Church of the Assumption

Sunday 30th March 9.30am Tony Gurnett  
 Jim Hogan

Friday 4th April 10.00am Mass

### Tuamgraney - St. Joseph's Church

Wednesday 2nd April 10.00am Mass

Saturday 5th April 6.30pm Kathleen Rochford - Month's Mind

*Holy Week Ceremonies in the cluster will be advertised in next week's newsletters.*

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Tuamgraney Parish House on Wednesday April 2nd at 8.30pm.

*"If you cannot be thankful for what you receive,  
 be thankful for what you escape!  
 THINK ABOUT IT!"*

*Our Bodyke & Tuamgraney Parish Child Protection Representatives can be contacted through 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 23rd March

€724.32

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

## • Lay Ministers •

### Weekend of the 5th Sunday of Lent Tuamgraney, Saturday April 5th 6.30pm

Reader: Gerardine Campion

Eucharist: Damien Nash

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

A **Reconciliation Service** for Lent in preparation for Easter will be held in the Church of the Sacred Heart Scariff on Monday April 14th at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate God's forgiveness and mercy.

HAPPY  
**Mother's Day**



## PARISH NOTES



### Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times March 2025

#### Vigil (Saturday)

Scariff 6.30pm  
 Kilclaren 7pm

#### Sunday Morning

Bodyke 9.30am  
 Flagmount 9.30am  
 Scariff 11am  
 St Mary's Ogonnelloe 11am  
 Whitegate 11am

### Inis Cealtra Area Weekend Mass Times April 2025

#### Vigil (Saturday)

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

#### Sunday Morning

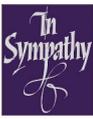
Clonusker (Scariff) 9am  
 Killanena 9.30am  
 Feakle 10am  
 Scariff 11am

### Iniscealtra Cluster News

A Cluster Co-ordination Group has been set up, including representatives from each Parish Pastoral Council across the six parishes of the pastoral area of Iniscealtra. It will also have other members from various people involved in pastoral / ministry involvement. Its purpose is to be a link group for proposed initiatives in the cluster area.

### Saints / Feast Days this week

- Tuesday 1st: St Ceallach (Celsus)
- Wednesday 2nd: St Francis of Paola
- Friday 4th: St Isadore of Seville;  
St Benedict the Moor
- Saturday 5th: St Vincent Ferrer.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Moira Joyce and family on the death of her husband John, Caher, Ogonnelloe, and formerly of Kilnoe, Bodyke and Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

There will be a **Celebration of First Reconciliation** in Tuamgraney Church on Tuesday April 1st at 7.30pm.

Raheen Day Centre at Raheen Community Nursing Unit welcomes new referrals at all times. If you would like to meet and chat to people from your area, enjoy a hot meal, avail of hairdresser, chiropodist, advocacy service, music sessions, crafts and fun then come along to our Day Centre. For further information phone Áine Lyons on 061-923215. Bus service from your door available.

The **Annual Matt Talbot Novena** will continue on Wednesday April 2nd at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Pat Malone from Clarecastle will be the celebrant on the night and will lead us in the service of healing with celebration of the sacrament of the sick. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful way to observe the season of Lent.



In keeping with the love of theatre in East Clare, there is a long tradition of drama in Tulla. This year Tulla Drama Group present J. M. Synge's **The Playboy of The Western World** at Tulla Courthouse. It will take place from Wednesday 2nd to Saturday 5th April at 8pm. Phone 087 2356124 to reserve tickets. Tickets can be purchased/collected from Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April from 10am to 12pm at Tulla Courthouse. Adults: €10. Children & Students: €5. We hope to see you there!

### ACCORD – Ennis / Nenagh Centres

Certificate in Counselling (Marriage & Relationship)  
Accord CLG is recruiting qualified and experienced Counsellors to train in the specialism of Couple Counselling / Therapy. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Level 8 Certificate programme, which will take place in Maynooth (one weekend per month) from September 2025 to April 2026. This programme will provide the clinical skills essential to safe and ethical couples' work and in-depth knowledge to manage a wide range of presenting issues. Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord CLG. For further information on application criteria and to obtain an application form e-mail: [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)  
Closing date for receipt of applications: 30/04/2025.

**Tuamgraney Harp Festival** is taking place this year from Friday 4th April to Sunday 6th April.

**Friday 4th April 9pm:** The official opening of the Festival will take place in Nuala's Bar & Restaurant followed by a music session in the bar with many talented musicians.

**Saturday 5th April:** Workshops will take place around the village, starting at 10am and finishing at 1pm. This is a great opportunity to have access to expert tuition in your instrument of choice. Registration will be at St. Cronan's Church, Tuamgraney from 9.15am to 10am or can also be done online in advance at [www.tuamgraneyharpfestival.ie](http://www.tuamgraneyharpfestival.ie). Full details of the workshops are available on the website. Killarney Harps, Callan Harps and Harrington Harps will be in attendance at St. Cronan's Church from 10am Saturday and host a Harp Makers information talk and Q&A at 2.30pm. There will be also be numerous free competitions for both solo and ensemble artist at 4pm. On Saturday night then there is a Gala concert at St. Joseph's Church Tuamgraney starting at 8pm featuring all our Workshop tutors and many other artists. Tickets are €10 on the door on the night or can be booked in advance at [www.tuamgraneyharpfestival.ie](http://www.tuamgraneyharpfestival.ie)

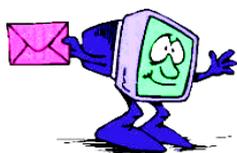
**Sunday 6th April:** There will be a Harp Ensemble workshop held at St. Cronan's Church at 11am followed by a recital performance of the ensemble piece at St. Cronan's at 1.30pm. The recital is free and will be a lovely event in lovely surroundings. It was a great success in 2024. The festival will come to a close with a music session in Nuala's Bar & Restaurant at 5pm on Sunday evening. *Posters for the various events are displayed in the church.*

**Diocese of Killaloe World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Rome** will take place from 28th July to 4th August 2025 for ages between 18 and 35 years old. The cost is €990. Anybody who is interested and would like further details can contact Fr. Donagh O'Meara on 087 2322140.

## Reflection

### Loved in our sins

*The prodigal son came home empty-handed.  
He had no trophies to show his father, no achievements  
with which to earn his praise, his welcome, and his love.  
He was a failure. Worse - he was a sinner.  
He deserved to be punished - and he knew it.  
Yet punishment was the last thing he needed.  
To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire  
What happened? When the father saw his lost son coming  
towards him, his heart went out to him, and next minute  
they were in each other's arms. It is an extraordinary  
experience to be loved in one's sinfulness.  
Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire,  
or rain falling on parched ground.  
Those who have experienced this kind of love,  
know something about the heart of God.*



**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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