



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher

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Feast of the Epiphany: Wed. 6th Jan. Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas with the visit of the wise men to the stable in Bethlehem where they present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Word of Thanks: To everyone who helped out, prepared and arranged for the celebration of the birthday of Christ our Saviour in St. Mary's Church and St. Rynagh's Church. Your support and help is very much appreciated.

Email newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com

Notices to be in before 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

Parish Secretary: Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

Midoc 1850 302 702

Banagher Health Centre 9151247

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Readings:

Feast of The Holy Family

Birr SVP 085 8804028

Due to the new government restrictions Mass will only be available online or on the radio.

St. Rynagh's Church: Monday & Wednesday 9.30 a.m. and Saturday 6.30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m. and Sunday 9.30 a.m.

Banagher Library: In accordance with Government restrictions, Offaly Libraries will be providing an online service until further notice. Stay safe and enjoy our extensive collection of online services including: eAudiobooks, eBooks, eMagazines, Movies, Music & more www.offaly/libraries.

Stamps for the Missions: Keep the stamps from your post, leave a small margin around each stamp and post them to St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow or you can drop them into the Convent in Ferbane.

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 2 nd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Maureen Whyte. Michelle Cahalan Horan & Nora Horan. Maureen Farrell & her husband Jimmy, Cartrous. Josie Molloy, Tonelemone (1 st Anniv.) & dec. Coughlan & Molloy Emmet Maher, Gallen. Families.
Sun. 3 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Susan Ledwith. (Requested by J. and A.)
Mon. 4 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Deceased members of the Woods and Bentout Families.
Tues. 5 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Bridie Bennett. Special Intention.
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Bridget Kelly, Coolfin. Sinon & Bridget Ryan, Kilkee. Danny Byrne, Killyon, Birr.
Thurs. 7 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Aidan Quigley, Banagher Street (Month's Memory).
Sat. 9 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Eileen Dolan, Cushcallow. Tom Madden, Cuba Avenue. Frank & Celine Nally & deceased members of the family. Delia Camon, Cloghan Hill. Joe & Daisy Carroll & daughter Olive Hodges, Killeenbooy. Michael Cantwell, Killourney.
Sun. 10 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Margaret & John Houlihan & deceased members of the Lynn family, Don O'Callaghan, Wales and Cork. Ballysheil.



Jesus Said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Doorley née Cannon, Park; Danny Byrne, Killyon, Birr, father of Aengus Byrne, Cushcallow; Don O'Callaghan, Wales and formerly Cork. May they rest in peace.

Readers (Jan.) 6.30 p.m. Maria Donohoe

Readers Cloghan: 3rd Jan. 9.30 am. Anne Dillon Daly

Sunday Offertory & Christmas Day Collections: Banagher €1,107. Cloghan €1,357.

Sincere Thanks to all who contribute to the collections and to the Post Office in Cloghan and Banagher.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People. ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., by calling 0818 222 024.

Chiropody clinic 10 mins from Banagher House calls and evening appointment available. Contact Geraldine Heenan 086 3532672.

New Year

God of all time, help us enter the new year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.
Creator of all life, help us enter the new year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.
Lover of all souls, help us enter the new year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast of the small, vindictive god our fears have made.
May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and in the days ahead.

When the Song of the Angels is Stilled

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the night is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

The first two stanzas of a poem written by Minnie Haskins in 1918 became famous when they were included by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast message at the beginning of World War II.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknow.'

And he replied,

'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!'

Wishing you and your families health, happiness and safety in 2021.
May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ Child be yours. Amen.