



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 2 nd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Saran Clancy, Guernal (Month's Memory) James & Agnes Mannion, Curraghavarina. Nora Egan, Ballivor and deceased members of the family. Jason Hoban, Middle Road. Esther Boylan, Main Street (5 th Anniv.)
Sat. 2 nd	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Sadie Daly, Banagher St. and her parents John & Margaret Houlihan. Mary Skelly, brother John and parents Pat & Rose.
Sun. 3 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Frances, Daniel & Patrick Sullivan (requested by M.S.) Máire Gately née Kehoe, Wexford.
Sun. 3 rd	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mark & Jim Finnegan and deceased members of the family. Tony White, Feighs (requested by M.R.) Intentions of all Parishioners & Friends of the Parish.
Mon. 4 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Pownall née Geraghty, Ballina (requested by J. & B.) Special Intention – Get Well (Bridie)
Tues. 5 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Timmy Mulhare, The Cross. Deceased members of the Hennessy & Feighery Families.
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Catherine Sheehan, Cuba Ave. & England (requested by M. & F.) Special Intention – June (Get Well)
Thurs. 7 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mary Bennett, The Grove (requested by P. & P.) Deceased members of the Cooney & Wall Families, Sonna and London.
Fri. 8 th	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Rynagh's	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Julia Kiernan (27 th Anniv.), husband Eugene and son Hugh. Mary Pownall, Ballina (requested by Banagher Retirement Group) Patricia (Pat) Ivory née Bryan, Thurles and Portarlington.
Sat. 9 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Lyons, West End (Month's Memory) Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue. Chrissie & Jim Reynolds, The Hill & daughter Mary Spillane. Catherine Sheehan, Cuba Ave. & England (requested by B. & E.) Sheila Mulvihill, Monkstown.
Sat. 9 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Kathleen & Aidan Quigley, Banagher Street. Patrick Young, Banagher Street.
Sun. 10 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Saran Clancy, Guernal (requested by M. & B.)
Sun. 10 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Tony White, Feighs (Month's Memory) Kelly & Molloy Families. Noel Duff, Dublin (requested by M.R.) Ellen Stephens, Kilkerrin.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barney Moylan, Garbally; Philomena (Phil) Rigney née Gohery, Coolfin; Cecilia Corcoran née Devery, Gallen, Ferbane; Phyllis Cullen née Dolan, London, sister of Carmel Briscoe, Coolfin; Vincent Nannery, Gallen, Ferbane, father of Jackie Mahon, Birr Road and Antoinette Flannery, Esker. May they rest in peace.

Donations to the Parish: If you wish to offer financial support to the Church by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows:- Banagher Parochial Acc. **BCI:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Thank you.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was "by singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin".

Masses Friday 8th Dec. St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – takes place for one hour as follows:-

St. Mary's – after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Tues. until 11 a.m. **St. Rynagh's** – after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Wed. until 11 a.m.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Annie May Keenaghan, Lumcloon, who was baptised in St. Mary's Church last weekend.

First Sunday of Advent celebrated on Sun. 3rd Dec. Blessing of the Advent Wreath and lighting of the first candle.

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope. Waiting: Memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in Bethlehem and reflecting on His second coming. Conversion: "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand".

Matthew 3:2 Joyful Hope: "We shall become like him for we shall see Him as he really is". John 3:2

The Way of Gentleness: A personal enrichment journey for Advent on Mondays 8 p.m. from 4th, 11th and 18th Dec. in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill. Online attendance also at churchservices – stpatrickstrandhill.

St. Hildas, Ferbane Support Services – are holding a Christmas coffee morning on Friday the 8th of December from 10.30 – 12.30 p.m. in the Mary Ward Heritage Centre. Come join us for a cuppa and chat.

Thank You to all the kind and caring people who came to Vincent Kilmartin's assistance in the Church grounds on Mon. 27th Nov. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

The Annual St. Vincent De Paul Blue Envelope Collection takes place in St Marys Church during the next few weeks.

There are many in our local community in need of our help especially at this time of year leading up to Christmas. If you could take a blue envelope with you and drop it back when you are next in the Church in the offertory collection. The parish has always been so generous to our annual collections and we thank you for your continued generosity and support. Anyone needing help from SVDP please ring the 087 9272877 or by placing your written request in the box beside St. Anthony in St. Mary's Church Cloghan.

Banagher Library will be hosting a Story Time every Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m. This event is suitable for 3 – 7 year olds. Adult supervision required.

We will be celebrating **Library Ireland Week** from 3rd - 9th December in Offaly Libraries. This years theme is "Libraries are for Everyone" with that Banagher Library will holding an **Open Day** on Wed. 6th Dec. for the community to come in and join up or ask questions about our in-house or digital services.

We will be hosting "**The Mad Professor**" on Fri. 8th Dec. at 2.30 p.m. Join us for some fun learning with balloon making, puppetry and science fun. This event is suitable for 0-5 years. Booking is essential. Adult supervision required. Contact Banagher library on 057 9151471 or email Banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie

Banagher Christmas Lights Switch on this Sun. 3rd Dec. at 5.30 p.m. Shannon Bank Park. Music by DJ Anto 5 – 6

Come and see Santa on his magic tractor. To donate to the Christmas lights, go to <https://qrco.de/bee7YX>

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

are available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop and Cloghan Post Office €5 for a pack of 6 cards. All those who receive a card will be included in Masses during the Christmas Season.



The TY's of Banagher College musical pantomime, '**Robin Hood and his Musical Merry Men**'. Tickets available on the door (CASH ONLY) Wed. 13th & Thurs. 14th Dec. at 7.30 p.m. Admission €12 adults, €7 seniors/students.



Christmas Market High Street Hall this Sunday 3rd Dec. 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All local crafts, jams, flowers and gifts.

Banagher Christmas Market on Sat. 9th Dec. 12 – 5 p.m. in LOETB College.

FOR SALE – primroses, polyanthus, wallflowers, pansies, violas, bellis and arabis plants at "Sleepy Hollow", Taylor's Cross 057 9151273 and also at Paul & Mary Flynn's Shop. **Offertory Collections:** Banagher €1,500. Cloghan €808.

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Advent

Week 1 - (HOPE)

Candle name: Prophet's Candle

Remind us: Jesus is coming

Advent is about faith and

waiting.

What are you waiting on God

for this year?