



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh
St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher
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Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/4th Feb. 2024

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 3 rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Philomena (Phil) Rigney, Coolfin (requested by J.L.) Maureen Mulcair nee Gormley (requested by J. & A.) Special Intention (Michael).
Sat. 3 rd	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Patricia Stone née Claffey. Kathleen Boland, The Derries, Ferbane. Mary Murphy, Cork.
Sun. 4 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mark Cooney, wife Margaret & deceased family. Sean Flynn and son David, Clonfad.
Sun. 4 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen Wall née Cooney, London & formerly Sonna, Mullingar. Bridget & Frank Malone, Attinkee and deceased family. Bernard, Esther & Peter Higgins & James & Annie Kenny. Mick White, Australia. Sean Corrigan and Son Finian, Cuba Ave.
Mon. 5 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Ailbe Doorly, Claremont.
Tues. 6 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	John Brazil, Derrica, Ferbane (requested by J. F.) Special Intention – Olive (requested by P.R.)
Wed. 7 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Molly & Billy Burke, Claremont. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Special Intention – Bridie (requested by P.R.)
Thurs. 8 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	George Clinton, Athlone, Dublin & Belfast (requested by J. & A.) Special Intention (T.K.)
Sat. 10 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin & Kitty Dolan, Cuba Avenue. Stephen & Kate Hanevy, Creeve (requested by S. & B.) Intentions of all who are sick and all in the caring professions.
Sat. 10 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Philip (Phil) McGauran, Cornadrung. Patricia Keating, Cork. Jimmy Parker, Nahad.
Sun. 11 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Syil & Annie Donlon, Gallen & deceased Claffey and Donlon Families. John Brazil, Derrica, Ferbane (requested by P. & P.) Margaret, Paul & Brigid Walsh, Ballingown. Enda & Peg Cadden.
Sun. 11 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Nuala Maloney née Windsor (requested by K.C.) Tony White, Feighs. Special Intention – Angie (requested by P.R.) Intentions of all who are sick and all in the caring professions.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kieran McManus, Garbally; Catherine Gordon née O'Neill, Spiddal, Galway and formerly Brandon, Co. Kerry; Marlyn Tracey née Finan, Sligo. 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 Account **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. **BIC:** BOFIE2D Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church.** Thank you.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €990. Cloghan €915. Shrine: Banagher €395. Cloghan €995.

Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr: Blessing of Throats - after Masses this Saturday 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and also after Masses on Sunday 9.30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick – The Sacrament of the Anointing will be available after 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Masses on Saturday 10th Feb. and after 9.30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday 11th Feb.

Commitment Ceremony & Pledge Commitment: The young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will make their commitments. St. Rynagh's N.S. during 6.30 p.m. Mass on Sat. 10th Feb. in St. Rynagh's Church. St. Mary's N.S. and Lumclon N.S. during the 8 p.m. Mass on Sat. 10th Feb. in St. Mary's Church.

Sr. Annette will speak at all Masses on the weekend of 17/18th Feb. about her missionary work in Tanzania.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated on Sunday 11th Feb.

Temperance Sunday celebrated on Sun. 11th Feb. – Day of Prayer for Temperance.

Ash Wednesday celebrated on Wed. 14th Feb. marks the season on Lent. Day of Fast and Abstinence.



Wedding: Congratulations to Ellen Bridget McDonagh, Cuba Avenue and John Ward, Dublin, who were married in St. Rynagh's Church last weekend.

Donations Online: We wish to thank all who make donations online from the parish and outside the parish. In 2023 the parish received over €10,000. from outside donations. Thank you.

Boxes of Envelopes: Thank you to all who contribute to the Church with the offertory envelopes. In Cloghan 400 boxes are distributed and approx. 168 are returned. In Banagher 300 boxes are distributed and approx. 200 are returned. Our finances for the upkeep of our Churches for 2023 will be published in March.

The Midlands Simon Community will hold their Church Gate Collections this Sat. 3rd/Sun. 4th Feb. All proceeds from this collection go towards providing services for the Homeless in Offaly. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Banagher Active Retirement Group: The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th February 2 - 4 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Gentlemen: Are you ready for a challenge that will test your mental and physical boundaries, break down barriers, and build your way to a brighter future! Then join us for the next **MenPower programme**, starting 7th Feb. Participation on this programme is free and social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. For more information please contact Aoife at 087 7385989 or via email akelly@offalyldc.ie

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2024 on July 17th for 7 nights. For more info. please contact Carmel Horan 087 2072996 or Sharon Horan Moloughney 087 9574938. Limited seats and bus from Banagher.

ALONE: Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested contact Fiona on 086 1366539 or fiona.boyle@alone.ie or for more info. <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>

Life in the Spirit Seminars - St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Clara, commencing 8th Feb. for 7 nights starting at 8 p.m. Guest speaker each night. Come and be renewed. Enquires to Kay 085 7114205.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2024. 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or visit our website www.med-irishcentre.com

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 17th to 24th April 2024 Spiritual Director - Fr Oliver Devine, Group Leader - Amy Guinan. €795 Amy 087 6552453.

Cloghan Community Development Association would like to thank all those who supported our Popup Shop for St Vincent de Paul, raising a total of €400. Our next event is a Local Craft and Food Market, which is on Sun. 25th Feb. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all are welcome. It will take place in the COOP Centre.

Like to Start Your Own Business but not sure how to do it? Offaly Local Development Company are meeting unemployed people NOW for places on their next Business Development Programme. Contact Des Regan on dregan@offalyldc.ie or call 057 9352467 / 087 9699998. Website: www.offalyldc.ie. Closing date 29th February 2024.

Volunteering: Katie Butler, daughter of the late Robbie Butler R.I.P., will be volunteering abroad this July for four weeks with SERVE. SERVE is an Irish development and volunteering organisation committed to providing equal opportunities for poor communities living in Southern Africa, South East Asia and South America. Katie will be going to either Mozambique, Africa or the Philippines. Katie has a fundraiser started up and will also be participating in a skydive to help raise funds. You can donate on the following <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/KatieButler6372> or if you prefer bank transfer ring 087 7693904. Katie will be posting updates on her Facebook page and other media networks.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O Holy Virgin, in the midst of your days of glory, do not forget the sorrows of this earth. Cast a merciful glance upon those who are suffering, struggling against difficulties, with their lips constantly pressed against life's bitter cup. Have pity on those who love each other and are separated. Have pity on our rebellious hearts. Have pity on our weak faith. Have pity on those who weep, on those who pray, on those who fear. Grant hope and peace to all. Amen.