



# Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings:

Second Sunday of Advent

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## Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Esther Boylan, Main Street. Ned Johnson. Anna (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Denis Reynolds, Tulcon (requested by M.R.) Jim, Chrissie & Michael Reynolds & Mary Spillane, The Hill. Kathleen & Aidan Quigley, Banagher Street.
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m. 9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Mary's	Liam Egan, Oldtown, Athlone. Teresa Curran née Hayes, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Mary (Molly) Devery née Guinan, Rashina, Doon, Ballinahown. Jim O'Meara, Ballycumber (requested by M. & J.) Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue.
Sun. 4 <sup>h</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Finola Nash.
Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Sam Hayden, Kilroe, Tullamore. Special Intention.
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Jim Murphy, Athlone. Special Intention – Get Well. Mass for Faithful Departed.
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary O'Hagan. Padraig Browne.
Thurs. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Rynagh's	<b>Feast of The Immaculate Conception</b> Delia Gratton (requested by M.R.) Julia Kiernan, Moyno (26 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Jim O'Meara, Ballycumber (requested by B. & E.) Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jim O'Meara, Ballycumber (requested by B. & J.) Michael Molloy.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Patrick Young, Banagher Street. Jimmy & Madge Bennett, The Grove. Una Cassells & husband Jack.
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Jim & Brendan Meleady, Banagher Street. Julia Kiernan, husband Eugene and son Hugh. Brian Doorley, Park (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Thomas (Tommie) Dunleavy, Castlereaa, Roscommon.
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mark & Jim Finnegan, Clontotan. Kelly & Molloy Families. John Rooney, Roslea and all deceased Hogan Family. George & Teresa Kelly, Curraghavarna (requested by P.R.)

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick (Paddy) Harte, Cuba Avenue, formerly Kilcormac; Adrian Glynn, Cuba Avenue; Ann McKenna formerly Finlay née Nolan, Roscommon & Dublin; Thomas (Tommie) Dunleavy, Castlereaa, Roscommon; Bishop Martin Drennan, Bishop Emeritus of Galway and Kilmacduagh. May they rest in peace.

**Second Week of Advent:** God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.  
Just as John the Baptist answered the call to be a "voice in the wilderness" to "prepare a way for the Lord" – we pray for those in our society who are called to be the voice in the wilderness of our modern society by living their lives in service as a priest, deacon or religious.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Laura Devery, Shannon Vista, Cushcallow and Brian Glennon, Kilconnell, Co. Galway who were married recently in St. Rynagh's Church, Banagher.

**Banagher Christmas Lights** will be switched on this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Square at 5.30 p.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus, music, face painting and lots more. Come along and join in the fun.

**Cloghan Senior Citizens Christmas Party** this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Cloghan Hall at 3 p.m. If you are eligible to go and did not receive an invitation please contact any of the committee or phone Mary 087 9843152.

**Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards** are available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop and Cloghan Post Office. All those who receive a card will be included in Masses during the Christmas Season.

**The National St. Vincent De Paul Society** Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend countrywide. The Cloghan branch of S.V.P would like to thank the people of the parish most sincerely for your continued support in our annual envelope appeal. As in previous years your continued generosity is greatly appreciated by our charity and the local people that benefit from your great kindness. Envelopes are available in the Church Porches. Anyone seeking help for Christmas please ring/txt the SVP helpline on 087 9272877. All requests are dealt with in strictest confidentiality.

**Banagher College's TY's** are busily preparing for this year's musical pantomime, 'Adrian, the Alternative Pantomime'. Tickets available on the door. Performance nights are Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. starting at 7.30 p.m. Admission: €12 Adults & €7 Seniors/Students.

**Offaly Dementia Cafe** is presented by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland on the first Monday of each month in the Bridge House Hotel at 10.30 a.m. Meeting Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Speaker David Kieran. Contact Claire Dolan on 087 7151323.

**Banagher Library is hosting a Coffee Morning** for the community on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 10.15 a.m. Mince Pies and Christmas treats for all with some local young musicians to give us some festive cheer. This is a free event.

**Foróige Disco** on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Pullagh Community Hall. Bus leaves Community Centre, Banagher at 8.30 p.m. and will return at 12 midnight. For inquiries contact Ann 086 8668547 or Sinéad 087 4451171.

**Banagher Christmas Market** Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 – 5 p.m. in LOETB (Old Voc. School). Local craft & food, also raffle in aid of Banagher Christmas Lights and Banagher Senior Citizens Christmas Party. All welcome.

**Offaly West Community Employment Scheme** have vacancies. Contact Pat Kenny 086 8312636.

**The Synodal Times** fifth issue available in both Churches.

**The Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat** in Newbridge College, Newbridge 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €955. Cloghan €625. **Counters:** Team E

**Banagher Readers:** Dec. 6.30 p.m. Saoirse Coughlan 11 a.m. Mark Kenny

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dec. 6.30 p.m. Maria Donohoe, Donal Moran & Jim Nolan

11 a.m. Liam Broderick, Lisa Dolan & Siobhan Regan

**Safeguarding Message - Advent 2022:** "The Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois has recently had an audit of its safeguarding practices. I am pleased to report that the audit was very positive. I wish to thank all who assisted with the audit and all who assist in any way in ensuring that the best possible standards are met in relation to safeguarding young and vulnerable people in our parishes. If anyone wishes to raise a concern or make a complaint in the diocese, I encourage you to contact the Designated (or Deputy) Liaison Person, Tusla or the Garda. Designated Liaison Person: Sean Leydon: 087 7431649. Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Maria Beirne 087 3390927. Garda: 043 3350570 & 071 9650510. Tusla Longford, Offaly & Westmeath: 044 9353997." Fr Thomas Healy, Diocesan Administrator.

### Prayer to Saint Nicholas – Feast Day 6<sup>th</sup> December

O good Saint Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, of which the Gospel speaks, and teach me to see happiness around me.

You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man.

You, good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel.

O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors, and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you.

Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem, where true joy and peace are found. Amen.