



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh
St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher
 Patrick Kiernan P.P. 057 9151338



Parish Website: www.cloghanbanagherparish.ie

Church Radio: 106.6 FM

Email newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

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

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

Midoc 1850 302 702

Banagher Health Centre 9151247

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Readings:

Second Sunday of Advent

Birr SVP 085 8804028

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 4 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Patrick & Elizabeth Colreavy. Tom & Bridie Heslin. James Odum, Birr.	
Sat. 4 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Patrick Young, Banagher Street. Ger Kelly, Stream, Lusmagh. Meaney family, Cloghan & deceased family members.	
Sun. 5 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Julia Kiernan, husband Eugene & son Hugh.	
Sun. 5 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue. Luke Early and his parents Luke and Margaret. Pat Smyth, London & Rathcabbin.	
Mon. 6 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jack & Betty Galvin and deceased members of the family.	
Tues. 7 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Aidan Quigley, Banagher Street. (1 st Anniv.)	
Feast of The Immaculate Conception				
Wed. 8th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Rigney, Park. (requested by T. & H.)	
Wed. 8th	7 p.m.	St. Mary's	Angela & Michael Conlon, Tullamore. Julia Kiernan (25 th Anniv.)	
Thurs. 9 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	P.J. Kiernan, England (requested by G. & M) Una Cassells & her husband Jack.	
Sat. 11 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Agnes & James Mannion, Curraghavana. Chrissie, Jim & Michael Reynolds & Mary Spillane, The Hill & deceased Family.	
Sat. 11 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Tony Byrne, Lumcloon. Margaret Kiernan, Dublin.	
Sun. 12 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Sabina Slevin, Springpark (2 nd Anniv.) Winifred Morris, Gallen and Ballycumber.	
Sun. 12 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mark (25 th Anniv.) & Jim (20 th Anniv.) Finnegan, Clontotan & deceased Edward & Mary Smyth & son Pat, Rathcabbin.	Family

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Tomo Kelly, Feighs, Middle Road; Thomas (Tom) Leahy, Ballysimon, Limerick. May they rest in peace.



Banagher Readers: Dec. 6.30 p.m. Maria Donohoe 11 a.m. Liam Broderick
Eucharistic Ministers: Dec. 6.30 p.m. Paul Kelly & Maria Donohoe 11 a.m. Brendan Martin & Mary McKeon
Offertory Collection: Banagher €739. Cloghan €1,245. **Shrine:** Banagher €427. **Counters:** Team C
Donations to the Parish: We very much appreciate your continued generosity at this difficult time. If you wish to offer financial support to the Church by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows:- Banagher Parochial Account **BIC:** BOFIIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Details also on website.
Parish Weekly Envelope Collections: If you do not receive a box and wish to do so contact any of the Liturgy Committee or newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com
Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop and Cloghan and Banagher Post Office. A variety pack of six cards for €5. All who receive a card will be included in Masses in the Christmas Season.
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 a 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'.

Wednesday 8th Dec. Masses: St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m. St. Mary's 7 p.m.

Advent -Week 2 (PEACE). Candle name: Bethlehem Candle. **Reminds us:** To prepare the way of the Lord. Christ is the Prince of Peace. The world might not reflect it, but we can have peace in our hearts.

Word of Thanks: Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the following collections:- Mission Sunday €775. Trócaire Special Appeal Collection €595. Building Fund Collection - October €1,840. Thank you for your generosity.
The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection: Envelopes have been left in both Churches and if you could please take an envelope with you and donate what you can to this special charity and return the envelope and place it in the collection box along with your weekly parish envelope or leave into the Post Office in either Cloghan or Banagher. This is the only means of fundraising for St. Vincent de Paul in our area and all monies raised will go directly to helping people in our community coming up to Christmas and throughout the year. Your kind generosity in past years has been greatly appreciated and we wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all God's blessings in 2022.
Christmas at Clonony Castle - Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to Clonony Castle on this Sunday 5th December from 12 noon to 4 p.m., sweets and treats for all!

Offaly Hospice Christmas Raffle: The raffle cards are now in circulation for this annual event with a huge number of wonderful prizes on offer. Lines are €2 each, there are 20 lines on each card. If anyone would be prepared to take a card and sell it to family members and close contacts ...please phone or text Edward at 087 287 6504. Because of the present Covid situation, there will be no door to door selling this year. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Banagher Christmas Lights will be Switched On - Sun 5th Dec at 6 p.m. Festive Cheer at the bridge with family and friends. Music, treats and Santa Clause! If you wish to make a contribution towards the cost envelopes are available from Paul and Mary Flynn's, Feeney's and the Post Office also at "Go Fund Me" - Banagher Christmas Lights 2021.

Gun license holders are reminded to submit their fully completed **renewal notices** together with photos and supporting documentation at Cloghan and Banagher Garda Stations. They may be dropped in the Garda Station Letterboxes. Please submit on receipt and do not leave until last minute to renew.

Age Action's New Free Nationwide Care & Repair Service: Age Action's Care and Repair prioritises carrying out jobs in the homes of older people who are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital. If a patient is coming out of hospital, no matter where they live, we will support them to make sure their home is safe. Care and Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, remove toilet seats or move a bed downstairs to make sure the home is ready for their return. Age Action accepts referrals from any hospital, health facility/stepdown hospital etc. email careandrepair@ageaction.ie. Website www.ageaction.ie or Tel. 0818 911 109.

Lough Derg Online Shop offers Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited-edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available - Fr La Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Tel. 071 9861518 Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.

Medjugorje Irish Centre - Pilgrimages April to Oct. 2022: 7 Nights Apartment B & B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. email reservations@med-irishcentre.com or Tel. 01 4434 510.

Charlotte Brontë's Honeymoon in Banagher: Pauline Clooney's book, *Arthur & Charlotte*, is entirely dedicated to a creative re-imagining of the wedding day and honeymoon of celebrated novelist Charlotte Brontë, (1816-1855) and Arthur Bell Nicholls (1818-1906) of Banagher. Almost a hundred pages of the novel are dedicated to characterising her Banagher in-laws and their household and describing the various events organised for the newlyweds during their twelve-day visit. The book costs €15 and is available from Feeney's and Paul Flynn's shops. Also from Offaly History at www.offalyhistory.com or James Scully 085 710 7569 or jsmeelick@gmail.com

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord Jesus, Master of both light and 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!"

-Father Henri JM Nouwen



Let Us Be Light

Jesus,
 Let Advent begin; help us to be beacons of hope, patience, good deeds, love, peace and justice...
 Be our guide in this project.
 Grant us what we need to keep our lights shining, to shed light on the road that leads others to you. Amen.