



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: Second Sunday of Advent

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 9 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Lyons, West End (Month's Memory) Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue. Christie & 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.) John McBride, Scotland (11 th Anniv.) Ellen Greene, Scotland (27 th Anniv.)
Sun. 10 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Tony White, Feighs (Month's Memory) Kelly & Molloy Families. Ellen Stephens, Kilkerrin. Noel Duff, Dublin (requested by M.R.)
Mon. 11 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Lyons, West End (requested by M.R.) Sr. Simeon Anna Pilkington, Cork (requested by M. & B.) Barney Moylan, Garbally (requested by C. McM.)
Tues. 12 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Kieran Delaney, Gallen. Maggie Lowry née Dempsey, Walderstown (requested by J. & A.) Margaret Kiernan, Dublin (22 nd Anniv.)
Wed. 13 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Deceased members of the Claffey, O'Hara & O'Neill Families. Martin Lyons, West End (requested by M. L.)
Thurs. 14 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Timmy Mulhare, The Cross. Bridget & Michael Clements, The Grove.
Sat. 16 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Hughes, Cuba (16 th Anniv.) Dan Coffey, Wales.
Sat. 16 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Martin Lyons, West End (requested by J.D.) Tony Byrne, Lumcloon. Johnny Walsh, Clara. Jim & Brendan Meleady, Banagher Street. Ryan & Kearns Family, Ballysheil.
Sun. 17 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Breda James, Lumcloon (1 st Anniv.) Jim, Ita & Sean Guinan and all the Guinan Family, The Island. Florrie Keating, Castle Street (2 nd Anniv.) Michael Wynne, Hill View (1 st Anniv.)
Sun. 17 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen Neary, Lissaquil (1 st Anniv.) Pauline & Jimmy Horan, Main Street. Margaret Trodd, The Crescent (23 rd Anniv.)



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nuala Maloney née Windsor, late of England & Birr, sister of Assumpta Windsor McGlynn, Cushcallow; Fr. Peter Brady, Legan, Co. Longford (former President of St. Mel's College); John Brazil, Derrica, Ferbane, brother of Josie Foley, Cloghan Hill. 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. **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Thank you.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €1,500. Cloghan €808. **Shrine:** Banagher €428. Cloghan €538.

Confessions for Christmas

Sat. 16th Dec. after 6.30 p.m. Mass in St. Rynagh's Church.
Sat. 16th Dec. after 8 p.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church.
Sat. 23rd Dec. after 6.30 p.m. Mass in St. Rynagh's Church.
Sat. 23rd Dec. after 8 p.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Communion Calls for Christmas

Tuesday 19th Dec. – Banagher/Cloghan Area.
Wednesday 20th Dec. – Banagher Area.
Thursday 21st Dec. – Cloghan Area.



Bambinelli Blessing takes place at all Masses 16th/17th Dec. Parishioners are invited to bring the baby Jesus figurines from their cribs to be blessed, then taken home, wrapped in a safe place. Perhaps, the youngest member of the family could place the baby Jesus in the crib on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day. If a person lives alone the baby Jesus can be placed in the crib to keep them company and to protect them. For people who join on line or radio they can also share in the blessing of the Baby Jesus Blessing from their home. Thank you.

Feast of St. Lucy, virgin and martyr celebrated on Wed. 13th Dec. She desired to remain consecrated to Christ alone and was martyred in 304 in Sicily during the persecution of Diocletian

Feast of St. John of the Cross 1542-1591 celebrated on Thurs. 14th Dec. He was a Carmelite who despite opposition and imprisonment, worked for spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding priest, a spiritual writer and was declared a Doctor of the Church.

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.

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

St. Mary's Church Choir Annual Christmas Carol Service will take place in St. Mary's Church, Cloghan on Sun. 17th Dec. at 8 p.m. All donations from the service will be donated to the Irish Red Cross. Wishing you & your family a very Happy Christmas.

Hospice Christmas Raffle Cards are now in circulation in many shops and businesses in the locality. Line's cost €2 each, there are twenty lines on each card and the first prize is €1000, with 24 prizes in all. Anyone wishing to take a card to sell or buy some lines can contact Edward 087 2260814, or alternatively the hospice office in Tullamore. The draw takes place on Tuesday 19th so don't delay, for your chance to win some of these marvelous prizes. All proceeds go to the homecare and palliative care services in the county.

The Annual St. Vincent De Paul - Blue Envelope Collection, St Mary's Church. 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 087 9272877 or place your written request in the box beside St. Anthony in St. Mary's.

Banagher Library - Story Time every Sat. morning 10.30 a.m. This event is suitable for 3 – 7 year olds. Adult supervision required. **Storygate for a Baby Book Club Puppet Show** on Fri. 15th Dec. at 10.45 a.m. This will have your little one asking for puppets by the end of the show. This event is suitable for 0-5 years. Booking is essential. Adult supervision required. **Lego Free Play morning** on Sat. 16th Dec. at 11 a.m. This event is suitable for 4+ Adult supervision is required. Join us for some festive **craft making** here in Banagher Library on Wed. 20th Dec. at 6 p.m. This event is suitable for 6-9 years. Booking is essential. Adult supervision required. Contact 057 91 51471 or email Banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie

The Martello Tower Bookshop makes a seasonal return to Birr next weekend 15-17 Dec. and all the following week up to and including Sat. 23rd Dec. The shop will be in Paul Barber's old shop on Main Street and opening hours are from 12 midday to 5.30 p.m. Pictures and photographs of local interest will also be on sale. The bookshop works on a cash only basis. Enquiries to 085 7107569 or jsmeelick@gmail.com

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.



St. John of the Cross Prayer

O God, by whose grace Your servant John of the Cross, kindled with the flame of Your love, became a burning and shining light in Your Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before You as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.