



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: Third Sunday of Advent Birr SVP 085 8804028

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 10 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jim O'Meara, Ballycumber (requested by B. & J.) Michael Molloy (requested by B. & S.)
Sat. 10 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Patrick Young, Banagher Street. Jimmy & Madge Bennett, The Grove. Una Cassells & husband Jack. Jim & Brendan Meleady, Banagher Street.
Sun. 11 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Julia Kiernan, husband Eugene and son Hugh. Brian Doorley, Park (1 st Anniv.) Thomas (Tommy) Dunleavy, Castlereagh, Roscommon.
Sun. 11 th	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.)
Mon. 12 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jim Murphy, Athlone (requested by B. & S.) Brian Corcoran, Harbour Road (requested by J. & A.)
Tues. 13 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Deceased Claffey, O'Hara and O'Neill Families. Ellen Greene, Donegal. Denis Lyons, Kilcummin, Belmont.
Wed. 14 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jim O'Meara, Ballycumber (requested by A. & B.)
Thurs. 15 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Gerard Craughwell, Galway (requested by B. & S.) Joe & Mary Liston, Limerick. Con & Marie Keogh, Limerick.
Sat. 17 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Hughes, Cuba (15 th Anniv.) Agnes & James Mannion, Curraghavarna. Tom White, Cuba Avenue (Month's Memory) Brian Corcoran, Harbour Road (Month's Memory)
Sat. 17 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Deceased members of the Gannon & McIntyre Families. Jim, Ita & Sean Guinan & all deceased Family, The Island, Lumcloon. Anthony Gannon. Tony Byrne, Lumcloon. Michael & Sean Bergin, America. Deceased members of the Meaney Family, Castle Street. Deceased Ryan and Kearns Families, Ballysheil.
Sun. 18 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Florry Keating, Castle Street (1 st Anniv.) John Gunning, Derrycarney (Month's Memory)
Sun. 18 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	James & Pauline (1 st Anniv.) Horan, Main Street. Margaret Trodd, The Crescent (22 nd Anniv.) Kathleen Mitchell, Portumna.



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls Sadie Daly née Houllihan, Banagher Street; Frances Delahunt née Dagg, Stream Lodge, Lusmagh. May they rest in peace.

Third Week of Advent - Gaudette Sunday celebrated on Sun. 11th Dec. The joy of the kingdom is anticipated as we light the pink or rose candle. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterize the way we live. In our second reading, St James writing to the early converts to Christianity to give them encouragement says: "You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon". We pray for all who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, that they will not lose heart and that they will be blessed with grace by the Lord's coming.

Feast of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church: He was born in 1542 in Spain and died on 14th Dec. 1591. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet, priest and spiritual writer. He once said "In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved."



Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Wayne John Raphael Heraghty Hodgins, Harbour Road, who was baptised last weekend in St. Rynagh's Church.

Prayer Booklet: Please take one from the table in front of the Advent Wreath. Jesus invites us to pray constantly and never lose heart.

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 Annual Hospice Raffle is taking place 20th December. Lines are now in circulation at €2 each. Anyone wishing to take a card (20 lines), please contact Edward at 087 2260814. There are also Offaly Hospice calendars on sale in Paul Flynn's shop at €5 each. All money raised will be used within the locality for the benefit of cancer and palliative patients.

St. Mary's Church Choir Annual Nativity Service with Children from the Local Primary Schools takes place in St. Mary's Church, Cloghan, presenting a selection of Festive Readings & Christmas Carols Wed. 21st Dec. at 7 p.m. All parishioners welcome. Adm. is free but donations towards Ukrainian Relief Aid greatly appreciated.

Christmas Social Dance in Cloghan Hall on Fri. 16th Dec. from 9.30 to 1.30 a.m. Music by Shane Moore & Blue Ridge Country. Finger Food/BYOB. Adm. €15. All welcome.

Banagher Christmas Lights: If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the Banagher Christmas Lights envelopes are available in The Post Office, Paul & Mary Flynn's Shop and The Tourist Office. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Stamps for the Missions: Please keep the stamps from your post, leave a small margin around each stamp and post them to St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

Cloghan conference of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to advise that anyone needing help or if you know of anyone needing assistance this Christmas in the area to please ring/txt the SVP helpline on 0879272877 or alternatively put their request in writing in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of S.V.D.P and drop into box by St. Anthony's statue in St. Mary's Church Cloghan by **Friday 16th December.**

All requests are dealt with in the strictest confidence. We would like to wish the people of the parish a very happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you all for your continued generosity and support.

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

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 please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more info. contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or 086 1366539."

Adult Art Classes, Lusmagh, R42 YK61 for Beginners and Advanced on Tues. 10th Jan. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 8 - 10 p.m. Wed. 11th Jan. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 8 - 10 p.m. €100 for 5 weeks. All materials supplied having a choice to follow a step-by-step painting. Contact 0873217089 or email lisaglynn50@gmail.com

Carols by Candlelight: Spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones with Carols by Candlelight at Knock Basilica on Sun. 18th Dec. at 8 p.m. Featuring Schola Cantorum Basilicae, together with ConTempo String Quartet and Organist Mark Keane. The evening will include a collective of classic Christmas Carols such as 'O Holy Night', 'Joy to the World', 'In the Bleak mid-Winter', 'Christmas Lullaby' and many more well-known festive favourites. This event is free of charge. Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €1,142. Cloghan €948. Banagher Shrine & Catholic Papers €400. **Counters:** Team A

