



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 11 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Agnes & James Mannion, Curraghavarna. Chrissie, Jim & Michael Reynolds & Mary Spillane, The Hill & Tony Byrne, Lumcloon. deceased Family. Margaret Kiernan, Dublin.
Sat. 11 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Sabina Slevin, Springpark (2 nd Anniv.) Winifred Morris, Gallen and Ballycumber.
Sun. 12 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mark (25 th Anniv.) & Jim (20 th Anniv.) Finnegan, Clontotan & deceased Edward & Mary Smyth & son Pat, Rathcabbin. Family
Sun. 12 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Ellen Greene and deceased members of the Family. John McBride.
Mon. 13 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Peggy & Vincent Hannon, Athlone (requested by M.A.) Special Intention (requested by A. Mc.)
Tues. 14 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Deceased members of the Claffey, O'Hara & O'Neill Families. Special Intention (John) (requested by N. & A.)
Wed. 15 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen Quigley, Banagher Street.
Thurs. 16 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Michael Hughes, Cuba. (14 th Anniv.) James, Rose & Martin Colgan, Cornamona & deceased family. Pat Smyth, London & Rathcabbin (requested by J.D.)
Sat. 18 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jimmy Barry and wife Kathleen, Castle Street. Stephen & Kate Hanevy & deceased members of the family. Deceased members of the Ryan & Kearns Families, Ballysheil.
Sun. 19 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Emer Quinn & husband Tony, Athlone (requested by M.A.) Thomas (Tom) Leahy, Ballysimon, Limerick.
Sun. 19 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Kelly & Molloy Families. Margaret Trodd, The Crescent. (21 st Anniv.)
Sun. 19 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Inez Connolly, wife of Aidan Kerin, formerly Cloghan & Brooklands, Clane, Co. Kildare; Brian Doorley, Park; Patricia (Patsy) Gibson née Malone, Athlone, formerly of Attinkee, Sister of Tony Malone, Frances Dolan, Rosie Tinney and Phil Feeney; 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 €1,285. Cloghan €1,025 **Shrine: Cloghan €335. Counters:** Team D
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 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.
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.

Advent -Week 3 (JOY). Candle name: Shepherd's Candle. Reminds us: The joy at the coming of the birth of Jesus. Joy is more substantial than happiness. It is deeper and, in many ways, more subtle.

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth: The Carol Service from St. Patrick's. College will be live-streamed on Wed. 15th Dec. at 7.30 p.m. www.maynoothcollege.ie

Sincere Thanks to the parishioners who distributed the New Box of Envelopes, The Calendars and the Parish Christmas cards in recent weeks. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24th December: St. Rynagh's Church at 6.30 p.m.
Christmas Eve 24th December: St. Mary's Church at 8 p.m.
Christmas Day 25th December: St. Mary's Church at 9.30 a.m.
Christmas Day 25th December: St. Rynagh's Church at 11 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family Masses

Sunday 26th Dec. St. Mary's 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 26th Dec. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection: Envelopes have been left in both Churches. 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.

Thank you: Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to my fundraiser for Cancer Care on Thurs. 25th Nov. It raised €3,200. €1,500 went to East Galway and Midland Cancer Support. €1,700 to Cancer Care West, Galway. Thanks for your generosity and thanks to all the ladies who helped on the day. Bridie Mahon

Christmas at Clonony Castle: Due to popular demand Santa Claus will be making a return visit to Clonony Castle on this Sunday 12th December from 12 noon to 4 p.m., more 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: If you wish to contribute 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.

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. The book costs €15 and is available from Feeney's and Paul Flynn's, Banagher. Also, from Offaly History at www.offalyhistory.com or James Scully 085 710 7569 or jsmeeick@gmail.com Last remaining copies of James Scully's book, *Forgotten Souls*, on the old graveyard in Banagher, published in 2020, are also available at the same outlets €20.

Healy Family Meats Christmas Charity Raffle in aid of Midland Regional Hospice (Hooves4Hospice): The raffle tickets are available through the following link: <https://hooves4hospice.crd.co/> Tickets start from €25. Lines close on 18th December. *We have three amazing prizes up for grabs to raffle off to three different people:* 1. 100% Grass fed Hereford Heifer Quality Side of Beef, Value €740 2. Mixed Quality Meat Bundle, Value €160 3. Free Range Turkey and Home Cured Ham, Value €120. Your support and help would be very greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's N.S Cloghan Parents Association Christmas raffle is taking place Tues. 21st Dec. Over 40 prizes including vouchers, gifts for the home, bottles, chocolates and much, much more. Tickets available from Hugo Loonam Motors, Garry Daly Butchers, Spar and any members of our Parents Association. We greatly appreciate your support.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.