



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. 16 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Hughes, Cuba (16 th Anniv.) Dan Coffey, Wales. Martin Lyons, West End (requested by J.D.) Tony Byrne, Lumcloon. Johnny Walsh, Clara. Jim & Brendan Meleady, Banagher Street. Ryan & Kearns Family, Ballysheil. Breda James, Lumcloon (1 st Anniv.) Jim, Ita & Sean Guinan and all the Guinan Family, The Island.
Sat. 16 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Florrie Keating, Castle Street (2 nd Anniv.) Michael Wynne, Hill View (1 st Anniv.) Kathleen Neary, Lissaquil (1 st Anniv.) Pauline & Jimmy Horan, Main Street. Margaret Trodd, The Crescent (23 rd Anniv.) Cecilia Corcoran, Gallen (requested by P. & C.) John Connell, Glynwood (requested by G. & M.) Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Timmy Mulhare, The Cross (requested by M. L.) Gerry Mullins (10 th Anniv) & deceased members of the family.
Sun. 17 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	
Sun. 17 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	
Mon. 18 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	
Tues. 19 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	
Wed. 20 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	
Thurs. 21 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	
Sat. 23 rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Denis Reynolds and wife Anna. Aurelia Makara, Poland. Phyllis Cullen née Dolan, London. Martin Doyle (25 th Birthday Remembrance) Paddy, Jo & Tommy Kenny, Main Street. Jim Furlong, Bunclody. Deceased Meaney Family, Castle Street. Sally Clarke and deceased Clarke Family. Cecilia Corcoran née Devery, Gallen. Vincent Nannery, Gallen. David, Ellen & John O'Keeffe. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions.
Sat. 23 rd	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	
Sun. 24 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	
Sun. 24 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	
Christmas Eve	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	
	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Breda Kennedy, Birr Road and formerly Clonaslee, Co. Laois; John Harte, Birr, brother of Noel Harte, Ballysheil. 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 & Holy Day: Banagher €1,440. Cloghan €1,546.

The Way of Gentleness: A personal enrichment journey for Advent on Monday 8 p.m. 18th Dec. in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill. Online attendance also at churchservices - stpatrickstrandhill.

Synodal Times available in St. Mary's & St. Rynagh's Churches. Cost €2.50.

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday. We celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise these days of Advent.

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 31st Dec. St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Jamie John Wynne, Attinkee, who was baptised last weekend in St. Rynagh's Church.

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.

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.

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 €1,000. 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.

Banagher Retirement Club: Wishing all our members a very happy Christmas. The club resumes Tuesday 9th January. Looking forward to seeing you all then. The Annual Dinner is on Friday 26th January.

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. suitable for 3 – 7 year olds. Adult supervision 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

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.

The Martello Tower Bookshop makes a seasonal return to Birr this 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

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.

Our Bishop Paul Connell will attend the service.



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.



Advent

Week 3 (JOY)

Candle name: Shepherd's Candle.

Remind us: The Joy at the coming birth of Jesus.

Joy is more substantial than happiness.

It is deeper and, in many ways, more subtle.

Prayer to the Infant Jesus

Infant Jesus meek and mild look on me a little child. Pity mine and pity me, suffer me to come to Thee.

Heart of Jesus I adore You, Heart of Mary I implore you, Heart of Joseph pure and just, in these three hearts I place my trust.