



**Parish of Gallen and Rynagh**  
**St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher**  
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Notices to be in before **6 p.m.** on Thursdays.

**Parish Secretary:** Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

**Readings:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Cloghan SVP** 087 9272877

**Mass Times & Anniversaries**

Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Hughes, Cuba (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Agnes & James Mannion, Curraghavarna. Tom White, Cuba Avenue (Month's Memory) Brian Corcoran, Harbour Road (Month's Memory)
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Florrie Keating, Castle Street (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) John Gunning, Derrycarney (Month's Memory)
Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	James & Rose Colgan & sons Martin & Joseph, Cornamona & deceased Family. James & Pauline (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Horan, Main Street. Margaret Trodd, The Crescent (22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Kathleen Mitchell, Portumna.
Mon. 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	John McBride and deceased members of the Family. Mary Kelly, Ballydangan. Special Intention (Thanksgiving) Paddy Gavin & deceased members of the Family. John Doyle, Renmore, Galway. John & Mary Butler, Coolfin.
Tues. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	John Connell. Florrie Keating, Castle St. (requested by Cloghan Ladies Boccia)
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Doyle, Shannon Glen (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Brian Corcoran, Harbour Road (requested by N. & M.) Bridget Young, Ballivor (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)
Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Nessa Corcoran, St. Rynagh's Road (19 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Ann McKenna, Roscommon.
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Edel Duignan & deceased Duignan & O'Meara Families. David, Ellen and John O'Keeffe. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Sally Clarke & deceased Clarke Family. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.

Sometimes, you just have to bow your head, say a prayer, and weather the storm.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent:** In our Gospel we hear how Joseph discerned the guidance of the Angel of the Lord through a dream and found the courage to be counter cultural and take Mary into his home. To make the decision today to be a priest, deacon or religious is counter-cultural and takes courage. We pray for all who are discerning, that they may have the trust to answer the Lord's call.

**Altar Servers:** A word of thanks to the Altar Servers who have volunteered to serve Mass. Thanks to the teachers and staff, parents and sacristans for arranging everything to safeguard the children in their role as Altar Servers.

**Communion Calls for Christmas**

**Banagher Area** - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**Cloghan Area** - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.



**Prayer Booklet**

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

**Sacrament of Confession**

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available after all Masses at the weekend and also after Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.



**Baptism:** We welcome into the Christian Community Elizabeth Sheila Hough, Main Street, who was baptised last weekend in St. Rynagh's Church.

**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.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** for the Priests of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**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 this Wed. 21st Dec. at 7 p.m. All parishioners welcome. Adm. is free but donations towards Ukrainian Relief Aid greatly appreciated.

**Shannon Harbour Community Association Annual Carol Singing** is taking place Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6.30 p.m.

**Santa** is stopping for a visit to the Christmas Tree in Shannon Harbour Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4.30 – 5 p.m. approx.

**The committee of the Banagher, Cloghan, and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice** wish to acknowledge with gratitude the sum of €150 in memory of the late Paddy Burns, Kilmahonna, Lusmagh, and €230 in memory of the late Mary Dolan, Lava, Lusmagh. All money raised locally will be used for the benefit of cancer and palliative patients in the area. A sincere thank you to everyone who has donated money during the year.

**Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas:** International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

**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.

**Are You or is Someone You Know, Living with a Long-term Health Condition?** If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6-week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our January Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell)

**Adult Art Classes,** Lusmagh, R42 YK61 for Beginners and Advanced on Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 8 – 10 p.m. Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 8 – 10 p.m. €100 for 5 weeks. All materials supplied. Contact 0873217089.

**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €1,097. Cloghan €890. **Counters:** Team B  
**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 Account **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**, as Bank of Ireland will not accept any cheques otherwise. Thank you.

Every time a hand reaches out to help another... That is Christmas.  
 Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding.. That is Christmas.  
 Every time people forget their differences and realise their love for each other... That is Christmas.  
 May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding and closer to the blessing of peace!



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Wynne, Hill View; Liam Coolahan, Clonllyn, Belmont, formerly, Boher, Ballycumber, father of Ann Hughes, Harbour Road; Virginia Duffy née McGee, Birr, sister of Tom McGee and aunt of Kevin McGee; Mai Morgan, née Leonard, Ahascragh, Co. Galway. May they rest in peace.

