



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh
St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher
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10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 18 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kieran Flynn, Clonlilyon, Belmont (requested by C.E.) Elizabeth & Kieran Egan, West End & deceased Egan & Dolan Families. Liam Kelly, Kiltoom.
Sat. 18 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Liam Coughlan, Hill View. Paddy Doyle, The Grove (3 rd Anniv.) Liam Higgins, Kilbeggan & Stonestown. Patrick, Teresa & Alo Cannon, Attinkee. Special Intention 50 th Wedding Anniv. (requested by P.H.) Patrick Behan, The Square, Cloghan.
Sun. 19 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Anthony (Tony) Browne. Margaret & Paul Walsh, Ballingowan.
Sun. 19 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	John Kelly, Coolfin and deceased family. Frank Cantwell, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.
Mon. 20 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Thomas (Tom) Ivory, Main Street, Thurles. (2 nd Anniv.) Mary Coyne (requested by M. & P.) Special Intention for A. & A. (requested by G. & A.)
Tues. 21 st (Ash Wed.)	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Detty O'Dwyer (requested by M. & P.)
Wed. 22 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Marie Sheridan (requested by M. & P.)
Thurs. 23 rd	7 p.m.	St. Mary's	Mary Egan née Feeney, Ferbane and formerly, Galross.
	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Jimmy Lennon & deceased members of the Family, Athlone.
Sat. 25 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Regan, The Crescent (1 st Anniv.) Mary & Sean Hughes, Harbour Road. Tom & Agnes Lucas, Cuba Avenue. Michael Reynolds, Kylebeg.
Sat. 25 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Jhoanna Kilcommons, Cloghan. Matthew & Ellen Kilcommons, Cloghan. Pat Mulligan, Moyne.
Sun. 26 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Helen Sheerin and deceased members of the Family. Patrick (Pat) Farrell, Co. Leitrim.
Sun. 26 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Tony Dalton (2 nd Anniv.) Christy Egan, Harbour Road. Bridget Duff & her son Manus, Dublin (requested by M.R.) Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Josephine McCormack née Nixon, Helen's Court, Banagher and formerly Omagh, Co. Tyrone; Mary Anne Greaney née Sexton, Castlemahon, Co. Limerick, grandmother of Sarah Jane & Kieran Butler, Coolfin; Liam Scanlon, Athlone, brother of Fr. Michael Scanlon. May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €995. Cloghan €995. **Shrine & Papers:** Banagher €450. **Counters:** Team A
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.

Confirmation 2023: The young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will celebrate the Commitment Ceremony and Pledge Commitment this Sat. 18th Feb. at 6.30 p.m. Mass – St. Rynagh's N.S. Sat. 18th Feb. at 8 p.m. Mass – St. Mary's N.S. and Lumcloon N.S.

Day of Prayer for Temperance celebrated this Sun. 19th Feb. We remember the work of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc. in promoting temperance and moderation. R.T.E. will broadcast Mass on Sun. 19th Feb. at 11 a.m.

Ash Wednesday celebrated **Wed. 22nd Feb.** It is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wed. Lent invites us to renew our lives and to turn back to God. Lent puts before us the remedy of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. "Fasting is the soul of Prayer, Mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together we have nothing." *St. Peter Chrysologus.*

Ashes will be distributed at the **9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Rynagh's and 7 p.m. in St. Mary's.**

Plastic bags will be available with the blessed ashes for parishioners to bring home. There will also be a Prayer Leaflet to be used at home on Ash Wed.

Trócaire Boxes available in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's Church. Please take one home for the season of Lent.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Brendan Spellman, Shannon Harbour, who was baptized in St. Rynagh's Church last weekend.

The committee of the Banagher, Cloghan, and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice, wish to acknowledge with gratitude, the sum of €250. from the Banagher Active Retirement Group. All money raised in the locality stays within the locality for the benefit of cancer and palliative care patients and their families.

Banagher Active Retirement Club meeting on Tues. 21st Feb. 2 – 4 p.m. in LOETB Centre. All welcome.

Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group – Fundraiser Glamorous Buttons and Bows – Sunday 5th March 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. in Mucklagh Community Centre. €5 entry for shoppers on the day with all proceeds to Dochas.

Foot Care: Mobile Foot Health Practitioner Service. House Calls Available - Daytime and Evening contact Maura at 086 8053671 to arrange an appointment.

Table Quiz Fundraiser for **The Irish Association of Lourdes Volunteers** in Corrigan's Bar on Fri. 3rd March at 9 p.m. Table of four €40. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

For Sale Primroses and Polyanthus plants available at Sleepy Hollow and Paul & Mary Flynn's Shop.

The Synodol Times available in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's Church.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Athlone, on Sun. 26th Feb. at 2.30 p.m. to mark the occasion of the departure of the **Marist Brothers from Champagnat House**, Athlone. All are welcome to join us as we express our gratitude to the Marist Brothers who served over 138 years.

Would you like to Pursue a Career as a Trainer, have you a desire to help other people develop new skills and improve their own lives? If so, this is the job for you. **West Offaly Training** is a social enterprise, community training not-for-profit company based in Banagher, involved in Training and Education of Soft Skills, IT and Health and Safety, and is part funded body by Pobal. If you would like to find out more email info@westoffalytraining.com or call 057 9152003.

A Lenten Program for Men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual Reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at 8.30 p.m. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. Email desertfathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the program.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023 - Fully escorted trip. Direct flights from Dublin 9th – 16th Aug. €725. Only €100 to secure a place. For more info. contact Aodh 087 2072982 & Carmel Horan 087 2072996. Bus will leave from Banagher. Price Includes - Return flights from Dublin.

A Reflection for Lent

"Sometimes you are unsatisfied with your life,
 while many people in this world are dreaming of living your life...
 A child on a farm sees a plane fly overhead and dreams of flying.
 But, a pilot on the plane sees the farmhouse & dreams of returning home.
 That's life! Enjoy yours... If wealth is the secret to happiness,
 then the rich should be dancing on the streets. But only poor kids do that.
 If power ensures security, then officials should walk unguarded.
 But those who live simply, sleep soundly.
 If beauty and fame bring ideal relationships,
 then celebrities should have the best marriages.
 Live simply, walk humbly and Love genuinely...
 All good will come back to you..."

A Prayer for Temperance

Dear Lord. Let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you. In your sacred name, I pray. Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you. Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul. Free me from all that harms or enslaves me and turn my heart towards eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.