



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: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 18 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin, Teresa & John Dolan, Bridget Clarke, Margaret Horan & Mary O'Donnell, formerly, Cuba Avenue. Kevin Dolan, London. Peadar Duignan, Cuba Avenue (3 rd Anniv.)
Sat. 18 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Paddy Keenaghan, Lumcloon (1 st Anniv.) John Keegan, The Square (3 rd Anniv.)
Sun. 19 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Jimmy Lowry, Ferbane.
Sun. 19 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Patrick Mann, Main Street.
Mon. 20 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary O'Brien née Foley, Athlone & Shannonbridge (requested by J. & A.)
Tues. 21 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Alice McManus, Garbally (requested by B. & K.)
Wed. 22 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	James Dempsey, Garbally & Mountmellick. Special Intention – Get Well Patty (requested by M.K.)
Thurs. 23 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Martin Doyle (20 th Anniv.) Albert Olivier (6 th Anniv.) Special Intention – Get Well (requested by J. O'C.) Special Intention
Sat. 25 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Peggy Daly, Coolfin (2 nd Anniv.) John & Bridget Ellen Daly, Coolfin. Liam Hughes, Cuba (12 th Anniv.) Marion Cox, Shannon Grove.
Sat. 25 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Johnny Coughlan & Breda Dolan, Cloghan. Bernard Camon, Ferbane Street.
Sun. 26 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mai Nugent, husband James & deceased Nugent & Conlon Families. Patrick Heffernan, Tullamore.
Sun. 26 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Eileen Ivory (Month's Memory) & husband John, Harbour Road. Paddy O'Meara, Cuba Avenue.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth (Babby) Camon née Daly, Ballysheil, Cloghan; Liam Kearns, Limerick, Clare & Co. Kerry. 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 Account **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOF190165034757730. Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**, as Bank of Ireland will not accept any cheques otherwise. Thank you.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €895. Cloghan €445. **Shrine & Papers:** Banagher €317. **Counters:** Team E

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

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.

RTE Mass this Sunday 19th March at 11 a.m. will be said by Bishop Crea to mark **Trócaire's 50th** year and to reflect on the work of Trócaire over the past five decades.

Daffodil Day takes place next Friday 24th March. This is the Irish Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser, taking place each year in March and raising millions of euro to support cancer patients and their loved ones by providing free advice and support, as well as by funding life-saving cancer research. To donate go to www.cancer.ie/daffodilday



Mother's Day: We remember with gratitude all mothers, grandmothers and all mother figures both living and deceased. May God bless and reward them.

Feast of St. Joseph – spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on Monday 20th March. We ask St. Joseph to be our protector and to lead us to a deeper faith and trust in God. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrated on Sat. 25th March. We celebrate Mary's 'Yes' to the Angel Gabriel to become the mother of Jesus. The First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary – The Annunciation.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Jamie Lee Ryan, Birr, who was baptised at the weekend in St. Rynagh's Church.

Congratulations to the boys and girls in St. Mary's N.S. and Lumcloon N.S. who celebrated their First Confession on Tues. 14th and 15th March. Sincere thanks to their teachers Ms. O'Rourke and Ms. Minnock in St. Mary's N.S. and Ms. Egan and Ms. Loonam in Lumcloon N.S. and to all who helped and supported the children in anyway.



Wedding: Congratulations to Linda Sullivan, Cuba Cottages and Garry Conneely, Cuba Avenue, who were married in St. Rynagh's Church last weekend.

Confirmation: Monday 20th March – St. Rynagh's N.S. Tuesday 21st March – St. Mary's N.S.
Wednesday 22nd March – Lumcloon N.S. *We remember the young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming week.*



Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims Fund Collection – Ardagh & Clonmacnois Diocese will take place this weekend 18/19th March in both Churches. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Cloghan Community Development Assoc. are hosting a **free Coffee Morning in Cloghan Hall** on Sat. 25th March from 10 – 1 p.m. Come along and have a chat and find out what were planning for the coming year. We would love to hear your ideas and opinions. Everyone welcome. Any inquiries to Ann 086 1706473 or Josephine 086 3710939 or email ccda2023@gmail.com

Financial Statement Year Ending 2022: Published on the St. Patrick's Day Newsletter. Sincere thanks for your generous support to all Church collections. Thanks to the Finance Committee for their help and support.

The Prolife Campaign wish to thank and acknowledge the sun of €300 to all who contributed generously.

The Banagher, Cloghan and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice acknowledge with thanks the sum of €100 in memory of the late Paddy Byrne Kilmahonna, Lusmagh. All money collected in the area is used for cancer patients and palliative care in the area.

Coffee Morning: ESB Fisheries is hosting a Coffee Morning - fundraising for **Offaly Hospice**, Tullamore on Friday 24th March 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ESB Fisheries Conservation, Belmont, Birr, Co. Offaly R42 YA37. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Banagher Library will be having a **Story Time** on Wednesday 5th April at 11 a.m. to celebrate Easter and the start of Spring into Storytime. Booking is essential. To book call into Banagher library or alternatively call 057 9151471 or email banagherlib1@offalycoco.ie This is a free event.

West Offaly Training: 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, Co. Offaly, 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 please email info@westoffalytraining.com or call 057 9152003.

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

Mother's Day Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for Your special gift of mothers; for the example of Your unconditional love they share with their children.

Thank You for the mother who lets her child know he or she is loved, and for the child who returns that love.

Lord, today we pray You will protect and guide mothers everywhere; that You will grant them Your wisdom in loving and teaching their children. Amen

Sleeping St. Joseph

I would also like to tell you something very personal. I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength.

On my table, I have a statue of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church.

Yes, we know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty. I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph so that he can dream about it. In other words, I tell him: pray for this problem. **Pope Francis**