



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 18 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Hughes, Cuba. (14 th Anniv.) James, Rose & Martin Colgan, Cornamona & deceased family. Pat Smyth, London & Rathcabbin (requested by J.D.) Peter & Nancy Donohoe.
Sat. 18 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Jimmy Barry and wife Kathleen, Castle Street. Stephen & Kate Haney & deceased members of the family. Deceased members of the Ryan & Kearns Families, Ballysheil. Gerry Mullins & deceased Mullins & Dolan Families.
Sun. 19 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Emer Quinn & husband Tony, Athlone (requested by M.A.) Thomas (Tom) Leahy, Ballysimon, Limerick.
Sun. 19 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kelly & Molloy Families. Margaret Trodd, The Crescent. (21 st Anniv.)
Mon. 20 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Pat Smyth, London & Rathcabbin (requested by J & D) Special Intention (requested by C. Mc.)
Tues. 21 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	John Connell and deceased family members.
Wed. 22 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Doyle (Birthday Mass) Deceased members of the Walshe & Corcoran Families. Jo, Paddy & Tommy Kenny, Main Street, Banagher.
Thurs. 23 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Jim Egan, Cork and formerly Clonmacnois.
Fri. 24 th Christmas Eve	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Edel Duignan, Cuba Ave. & deceased O'Meara & Duignan Families. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sun. 26 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Denis & Anna Reynolds & deceased members of the family. Philomena Duffy, Dún Laoighaire, Dublin.
Sun. 26 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Hubert Rigney, Coolfin and deceased family. Dave, Ellen & John O'Keeffe. Jimmy Duffy, Auhaga & his parents Tom & Margaret.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Holy Christmas



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Keith Lyons, Church Street, Banagher; Jim Egan, Cork and formerly Clonmacnois; Philomena Duffy, Dún Laoighaire, Dublin; George Coyle, Dysart, Co. Roscommon; May Healy, Rooskey, mother of Fr. Tom Healy, Longford; Peter Kenny, Kiltoom. 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 €1,125 Cloghan €1,056. **Shrine:** Banagher €418 **Counters:** Team E
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: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Details also on website.

Carols by Candlelight streamed live from Knock Basilica on Sun. 19th Dec. at 8 p.m. www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards: The Intentions of all will be remembered at all Masses celebrated in the Parish from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day.

Welcome Home: Céad míle fáilte to all who have come home to be with family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who are unable to travel home this year.

Advent -Week 4 (LOVE). Candle name: Angel's Candle. Reminds us: God loves us enough to send His only Son. God is love. We've heard the phrase so much, but stop this week and really think about it. God is Love.

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.

Communion Calls for Christmas



Banagher Area: Monday 20th Dec. and Wednesday 22nd Dec.

Cloghan Area: Tues 21st Dec.

Feast of the Holy Family Masses

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

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Jacob Clancy, Cluain Rynagh, who was baptised in St. Rynagh's Church last weekend.

Word of Thanks: Sincere thanks to all who prepared and decorated St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's both inside and outside for Christmas. Your help and support is very much valued and appreciated. Thanks to everyone in the Parish for their help and constant support.

Congratulations to St. Rynagh's Camogie Team, trainers and selectors on their recent success in the Leinster Final. Best of luck in the All-Ireland Semi-Final on Sun. 19th Dec. which takes place in Cavan.

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.

Offaly Hospice Christmas Raffle: Sincere thanks to everyone who sponsored prizes, bought tickets and kindly sold tickets, in the recent annual Christmas Raffle. Your help and support is very much appreciated, especially in these difficult and uncertain times.

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.

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 jmsmeelick@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.

Christmas at Clonony Castle: Due to popular demand **Santa Claus** will be making one final visit to Clonony Castle this Sunday 19th December from 12 noon to 4 p.m., more sweets and treats for all!

St. Mary's N.S Cloghan Parents Association Christmas raffle is taking place this **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.

Christmas Carols from St. Patrick's Cathedral, newly restored in time for its 800th anniversary, takes place on Christmas Eve at 8.15 p.m. on RTE one television.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, Forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the wise men, and the peace of the Child Jesus this Christmas and in the New Year.

Le gach dea-ghuí i gcomhair na Nollag agus na hAthbhliana.