



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: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 20 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Nallen, West End (Month's Memory) Kieran Butler, Coolfin (2 nd Anniv.) Dan Coffey, Wales. Michael Egan, Curraghavarina. Deceased members of the Curley Family (requested by P. & M.)
Sat. 20 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Tommy Curley, CLonark (requested by G. & A.) Nora Lennon and husband Joe & deceased Lennon Family.
Sun. 21 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Frank Walkey, America (requested by J. & A.) Donal Boyle (requested by M. & P.)
Sun. 21 st	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Catherine Sheehan née Reddin (Month's Memory) & her dad Tony Marie Reynolds, Cuba Avenue (2 nd Anniv.) (9 th Anniv.) Mary McNally, Queen Street (3 rd Anniv.) Patrick Kelly, Main St. (17 th Anniv.) and his daughter Teresa.
Mon. 22 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (requested by M. & B.) Special Intention – Bridie (requested by E. & M.)
Tues. 23 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Breen, Tullywood (requested by G. & A.) Special Intention – Teresa.
Wed. 24 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Keogh, Larkfield, Dring (requested by M. & B.) Roger Hughes, Tuam.
Thurs. 25 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Rena Gaffey (requested by B. & S.) Special Intention – Get Well (Peggy).
Sat. 27 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (requested by B. & E.) Leo Mullins, Main Street.
Sat. 27 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Bill, Bridget, Margaret & Noel Coughlan. Kathy McDermott & husband Jimmy & daughter in law Mary. Shane Banks, Sligo. Johnny McLoughlin (3 rd Anniv.) and deceased family.
Sun. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Breen, Tullywood (requested by S. & B.) Thomas Camon, Smithstown.
Sun. 28 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Josephine (Jo) Graham, Cuba Avenue (Month's Memory) Vincent Nannery, Gallen (requested by B. & J.) Patty & Peter O'Rourke, Drumanny. Josie & Paddy Dooley, Harbour Road. Peter Kenny, Ard Mhuire (3 rd Anniv.)

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sean Cantwell, Redcar, Yorkshire, late of Killourney, who died on 14th Jan., brother of Joe Cantwell & Mary Egan, Dublin; Joyce Curran, Manchester, wife of Malic Curran and sister in law of Martin & Avril Curran, Harbour Road; Kathleen Wall née Cooney, London and formerly Sonna, Mullingar. 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 **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. **BIC:** BOFIE2D Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**. Thank you.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €1,124. Cloghan €800. Shrine: Banagher €385.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st January celebrated as Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day devoted to the celebration of study and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers and sacred scripture, which are essential to who we are as followers of Jesus.

Catholic Schools Week 2024 takes place from Sunday 21st Jan. to Sunday 28th Jan. The theme is Catholic Schools - Communities of Service. Pupils, Teachers, Staff and Parents are invited to reflect on the following:-

Monday 22nd Jan. - Service in our community of friends. Tuesday 23rd Jan - Service in our school community.
 Wednesday 24th Jan. - Service in our family community. Thursday 25th Jan. - Service in our local community.
 Friday 26th Jan. - Service in our faith community.

On Wednesday 24th Jan. we will be remembering and praying for all grandparents. May God bless and reward them for all their faith, hope and love.

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle celebrated on Thursday 25th Jan. St. Paul's conversion shows the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. St. Paul became a great preacher and teacher.

Statistics St. Mary's & St. Rynagh's
2023

Baptisms	First Holy Communions	Confirmations	Marriages	Funerals
31	38	47	6	33

Communion Calls: If anyone would like to be included on the First Friday Calls in the Banagher and Cloghan area, please contact Tracy, Parish Secretary.

Christmas Dues for the Priests of the Parish: Sincere thanks for your generosity and support. Thank you.

Parish Calendar 2024: Please take one from the tables near the Church doors.

Diary 2024: To book an anniversary Mass please email newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com or contact Tracy, Parish Sec. on Monday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. and Friday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m.

Banagher Retirement Club: The next club meeting is on Tues. 23rd January 2-4 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Our Annual Dinner is on Friday 26th January in Birr Golf Club.

Offaly History Centre, Tullamore: Are you interested in returning to work, upskilling or re training: Admin & Accounts positions available 19.5 hours per week for details email info@offalyhistory.com or call 057 9321421.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth: Considering a Postgraduate or Mission & Ministries Programme in 2024? Studying at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, you will be encouraged to engage critically, so that you can form your own ideas and conclusions and become more skilled at expressing yourself and gain the confidence to communicate powerfully and eloquently. Explore our wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning Programmes from Certificate, Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Master's to Doctorate level in: Theology, Philosophy, Divinity and Liturgical Music. Visit spu.ie/courses for more information.

FOUND: Small brown and white female Jack Russell with bushy tale found Sunday 14th on Birr/Banagher road near Rapemills bend. Contact 087 7988370.

Offaly Volunteer Centre – if you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on 083 0154669 anytime – if we can't answer your call, just leave a message and we will contact you or look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2024: We are delighted with the huge interest in the Pilgrimage. Last year we took 70 people with 7 Priests to Medjugorje from Banagher & had a wonderful blessed pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage is offered for All Holy Souls, Priesthood & Religious & all Sick & for Peace. This Year we travel to Medjugorje on July 17th for 7 nights. For more info. please contact Most Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Centre – Carmel Horan 087 2072996 or Sharon Horan Moloughney 087 9574938. Limited seats and bus from Banagher.

St. Brigid's Credit Union Ltd – The **56th AGM** of St. Brigid's Credit Union Ltd will take place on Monday 29th of January 2024 at 8 p.m. in the Scouts Den, Clara, Co. Offaly. There will be a **FREE DRAW** for those in attendance and refreshments provided. All Members welcome.

Banagher Library: Story time every Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m. This event is suitable for 3 – 7 year olds. Adult supervision required. Lego Free Play morning on Sat. 27th Jan. at 11 a.m. Come along and use all your creativity to create with Lego. This event is suitable for 4+ Adult supervision is required. 5-week Early Music Workshop from every Friday from 12th Jan. till 9th Feb. with Music Generation! It's a fun and educational activity that promotes a love for music and reading in young children. Don't miss this opportunity to help your child develop their creativity and learning skills. This is a five-week course. Adult supervision is required. Booking is essential. Contact Banagher Library on 05791 51471 or email banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie

St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Men - Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Fri. Feb. 2nd to Mon. Feb. 5th (bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32 N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constancy 089 - 2152307 or c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com