



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 of Easter

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 20 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Marian Kirwan (1 st Anniv.) & her parents Jack & Mary, Keeraun Hill. Alan Quirke, Upper Main Street. William Lyons, Main Street. Mary (8 th Anniv.) & Richard (30 th Anniv.) White, Cuba Avenue. Regina Duggan Fitzgerald, Claregalway.
Sat. 20 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Tommy & Thomas Foley & Veronica Guinan. Frank Conlon, Creeve. Albert Doyle, Glynwood.
Sun. 21 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Jack Fagan, Gaulstown. Ray McCarrick (requested by M. & M.)
Sun. 21 st	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Teresa Kelly (7 th Anniv.) & her son Patrick, Main Street. Peter Ellis, late husband of Bernadette Russell. Noel Martin. Pam Regan, Ballyeighter. Kathleen & Mick Healy, Main Street.
Mon. 22 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Fr. Frank O'Shaughnessy OSA, Dublin (requested by M.R.) Special Intention – Catherine (requested by C.M.)
Tues. 23 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Connaughton, Elfeet (requested by J.L.) Special Intention – Get well (requested by Annmarie)
Wed. 24 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Rita Darcy nee Clavin, Birr. Mass in Thanksgiving (Bernadette)
Thurs. 25 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Tommy & Rita Martin & Gerry McLoughlin & deceased Family.
Sat. 27 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Ned Kennedy, Feighs (Month's Memory) Willie Gavin, St. Rynagh's Terrace. Thomas & Frances Moylan, Rapemills.
Sat. 27 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Michael & Annie Camon, Ferbane Street. Faithful Departed in Killourney Old & New Cemetery.
Sun. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Dominic Carrol & his parents Margaret & James, Ballysheil.
Sun. 28 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Ned Kennedy, Feighs (requested by B. & A.)

QUIZ!

Offertory Collections: Banagher €1,025. Cloghan €865 Shrine: Banagher €447. Counters: Team D

Building Fund: Sincere thanks for your generosity and support of this collection. February €1,680. March €1,515. April €1,825. It is hoped to restore and update the Church Bells in St. Rynagh's and the above funds will facilitate this work. Thank you.

The Synodal Times issue 10 available in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's Churches

Offaly Healthy Homes Lunch Clubs: Offaly Healthy Homes in conjunction with community partners across South and West Offaly are hosting **Lunch Clubs** in many areas during the months of **May and June**. These clubs provide you with a safe place for some good food where you can enjoy the company of your neighbours and friends. We are booked for a lunch club in Banagher on Tues. 30th May 2023 at 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Banagher Community Centre. Cost is just €10 per person for dinner, dessert and entertainment! Booking is ESSENTIAL - 087 9799663 or 087 2175998 for more info. or to book your place.

Feast of the Ascension – World Communications Day celebrated this Sunday 21st May is also World Day of Social Communications. Theme: "Speak with the heart". May the Holy Spirit help us to communicate honestly and effectively.

A Blessing for World Day of Communications

May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt. May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides us. May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another. *Pope Francis*

Cemetery Sunday: Killourney Cemetery – The faithful departed will be remembered at the 8 p.m. Mass on Sat. 27th May. **St. Rynagh's New and Old Cemetery** – The faithful departed will be remembered at the 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 3rd June and Sunday 4th June at 11 a.m. Mass.

Divine Word Missionaries will speak at all Masses in the parish on the weekend 10th/11th June.

Leinster U20 Hurling Final: Congratulations and well done to the Offaly U20 hurling team on their great win on Wed. last. Well done to Ciaran, Shane and Ruairi and to everyone involved. Best of luck in the All-Ireland Final.

St. Rynagh's N.S. Congratulations to the boys and girls on the hurling and camogie teams for reaching the finals which took place in Birr on Thurs. 18th May. Hard luck to the boys who put up a great fight but lost by 2 pts. Well done to the girls for their great win.

Remembering Exam Students: Those who are preparing for important examinations will be remembered at Masses in St. Rynagh's 6.30 p.m. on the 27th May and 11 a.m. on the 28th May. St. Mary's 8 p.m. on the 3rd June and 9.30 a.m. on the 4th June. We remember in our prayers all students who are at exams and all who are preparing for important examinations. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them.

Banagher Craft Group - celebrating Bealtaine, would like to invite you all to our exhibition of our craft work, knitting and crochet, that has been done for the last year this Thurs. 25th May 7 – 9 p.m. in the long room in the Crank House.

Banagher Community Development - Fundraiser Table Quiz in Flynn's Bar on Friday 26th May at 9 p.m. Table of 4 €40. Proceeds go towards a Mural on Harbour Road of a Guinness Barge on the River Shannon approaching the bridge in Banagher. On the night the artist Lisa Glynn will have a painting on display of the mural. All support welcome.

Offaly Hospice Fundraiser: Please support **Anne Marie Rigney's cycle** from Mizen Head to Malin Head 19th May to 21st May, all donations greatly appreciated. Link to donate can be found on Offaly Hospice Facebook page <http://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/AnneMarieRigneysMizentoMalin>.

Summer Bridge resumes in Crank House Banagher at 8 p.m. Wednesday June 7th. All visitors welcome.

ALONE: Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> Info. contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539.

MenPower: Are you interested in expanding your horizons? Do you want to challenge your mental & physical fitness, set goals and develop a life plan? Then join us for the new MenPower Programme starting in Tullamore on Wed. 31st May for two half days per week for a duration of 12 weeks. The programme is delivered face to face and includes a mix of group work, individual work, physical fitness, social space and signposting to external supports and services. Participation on this programme is free and social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. For more information please contact Aoife on 087 7385989 or via email akelly@offalyldc.ie

Offaly West Community Employment scheme has a position for Office Administrator based in Crank House, Banagher. Contact 086 8312636 if you are interested in the position.

Sleepy Hollow wide variety of summer bedding plants available now. Taking orders for filling hanging baskets and pots 057 9151273. Stock also available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop.

Banagher Active Retirement Club next club meeting will be held on Tues. 23rd May from 2-4 p.m. Our day trip to Kilkenny is organised for Thurs. 22nd June. Names and a deposit of €20 will be taken at Tuesday's meeting.... Looking forward to seeing you all there.