



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 23 rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Denis Reynolds and wife Anna. Aurelia Makara, Poland. Phyllis Cullen née Dolan, London. Martin Doyle (25 th Birthday Remembrance) Paddy, Jo & Tommy Kenny, Main Street. John Rooney, Roslea & Hogan Families, Feighs & Curraghavarna. Margaret Odlum, Curraghavarna.
Sat. 23 rd	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Jim Furlong, Bunclody. Deceased Meaney Family, Castle Street. Sally Clarke and deceased Clarke Family.
Sun. 24 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Cecilia Corcoran née Devery, Gallen. Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions.
Sun. 24 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Vincent Nannery, Gallen. John & Margaret Dolan, Gurtagown. Special Intention (Thanksgiving)
Christmas Eve 	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	David, Ellen & John O'Keeffe. Nuala Maloney née Windsor, England & Birr. Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sun. 24 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions. Deceased members of the Hunt, Dolan, Kiernan, Ward & Wynne Families.
Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Tues. 26 th Wed. 27 th Thurs. 28 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. No Mass No Mass No Mass
Sat. 30 th Sat. 30 th	6.30 p.m. 8 p.m.	St. Rynagh's St. Mary's	Phil (Month's Memory) & Hubert Rigney & dec. Family, Coolfin. Margaret Claffey, Noggus. Special Birthday Intention - J.C. (90 years). Brian & Anne Doorley, Park.
Feast of the Holy Family			
Sun. 31 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Maureen & Jimmy Farrell, Cartrons. Marie & P.J. Ward and deceased members of the family, Derrybrack.
Sun. 31 st	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (Month's Memory). Marie Rigney (14 th Anniv.), Cushcallow & Johnny O' Brien, Ard Abhainn.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Nallen, née Carty, West End; Deirdre Dalton Molloy, Lusmagh; Richard Walsh, Curry, Sligo, brother of Bridie Corcoran, Harbour Road.

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 Acc. **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Thank you.

Offertory: Banagher €1,100. Cloghan €1,465. Shrine: Banagher €360.

Happy Christmas & New Year: Wishing you and your families peace, hope and health this Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Welcome Home: Cead Mile Failte to all who have come home to be with family and friends. Our prayers and thoughts are with those who live and work in different parts of the world. May the infant child Jesus bless and protect them.

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.

Confessions for Christmas

Sat. 23rd Dec. after 6.30 p.m. Mass in St.

Rynagh's Church and after 8 p.m. Mass in St.

Mary's Church.

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this coming week Tues. & Wed. 26th/27th Dec.



Word of Thanks to all who prepared and decorated St. Mary's and St. Rynagh's inside and outside. Our thanks and appreciation to the Choirs, Liturgy Groups, Church Care Group, Altar Society, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Collectors, those who open and close the Church and all who helped out in anyway in the parish. Your service and time are greatly appreciated. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless and reward you for your kindness and support.

Carol Service: Sincere thanks to St. Mary's Church Choir for the beautiful Carol Service on Sun. 17th Dec. A word of thanks to all who attended and supported the Irish Red Cross Fund. Thank you.

Christmas Dues Envelopes for the Priests of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.

New Boxes of Envelopes, Christmas Cards and Calendars 2024: To all in Cloghan/Banagher who delivered them thank you. Your support and help are very much appreciated. Anyone who would like a box of envelopes please call to the Sacristy.

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.

The Annual St. Vincent De Paul - Blue Envelope Collection, St Mary's Church. If you could take a blue envelope with you and drop it back when you are next in the Church in the offertory collection. The parish has always been so generous to our annual collections and we thank you for your continued generosity and support. Anyone needing help from SVDP please ring 087 9272877 or place your written request in the box beside St. Anthony in St. Mary's.

Fundraiser: We are fundraising for Michael Denny, a brave young boy from Kinnitty, who recently lost his leg in a tragic accident. Michael was a member of the Kinnitty Lusmagh U13 team that won the championship in 2022. He also played with this year's Kinnitty Lusmagh U15 team until his tragic accident. But despite this, he hasn't let this setback define his spirit or determination. He remains full of hope and dreams and wants to continue partaking in his love of sports. He is determined to regain his full independence. With the kindness of Kinnitty GAA all proceeds from the sale of Kinnitty GAA lotto tickets sold between 19th Dec. and 1st Jan. will go directly to the Michael Denny Fund. We appreciate any support you can give for this worthy cause. Thank you for your kindness.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We speak a great deal in Advent about the coming of the light. – as Isaiah puts it – for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has come upon you. What light? The light that has made itself visible in the flesh, in this tiny infant in the crib. We are attracted by the same light that enveloped the shepherds and was the guide for the Magi on their journey. This is the light that was in the world from the beginning and by which the world was made. The message of Christmas as St John puts it – the true light which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. And elsewhere in St John - I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. The feast of Christmas is full of Christian hope, the light will overcome the darkness in our lives. **Bishop Paul Connell**



Advent

Week 4 (LOVE)

Candle name: Angel's Candle

Remind 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.

Candle name: Christ Candle

Life of Christ that came into the world
(Light on Christmas Eve)



A Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen. **St. John XXIII (Pope 1958-1963)**