



## 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: Christmas Day

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

### Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Edel Duignan & deceased Duignan & O'Meara Families. David, Ellen and John O'Keeffe. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
		<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Sally Clarke & deceased Clarke Family. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
		<b>Christmas Day</b>	
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Denis (34 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Anna (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Reynolds, Tulcon. Special Intentions – Thanksgiving.
Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Kathleen Neary née Connaughton, Lissaquil, Tang.
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Liam Coolahan, Clonlony, Belmont. Special Intention – Speedy Recovery, Colwyn Kelly, Canada.
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Hubert Rigney, Coolfin & all deceased family. Tom White, Cuba Avenue (requested by M. & B.) Michael Lynch, Main Street and deceased Lynch Family.
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Margaret Claffey, Noggus. Mai Morgan and daughter in law Catherine, Galway. Ann Doorley, Park. Emmett Maher, Gallen, Ferbane.
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Marie Ward, Derrybrack. Maureen & Jimmy Farrell, Cartrons & deceased family members.
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen & Jean Gallagher, Curraghavarina. Peter, Phyllis & son P.J. McCormack. Jimmy Duffy, Aughaga, Moyne (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Marie Rigney, Cushcallow will be celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 11 a.m. Mass.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget (Breda) James, Lumcloon; Eithne (Dolly) Rafferty née Barnes, The Hill, Banagher; Sean Guilfoyle, Athlone, brother of Peggy Moran, Harbour Road; Marion Doyle née Kenny, St. Cormac's Park, Kilcormac and late of The Island, Lumcloon, sister of Peter Kenny, Lumcloon; Marie Ward née Wynne, Derrybrack; Beatie Goonan née Keane, Scotland and Mayo; Kathleen Neary née Connaughton, Lissaquil, Tang; Private Séan Rooney, Dundalk & Donegal. May they rest in peace.

**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €20. Cloghan €1,488 **Shrine & Catholic Papers** €300. **Counters:** Team C

**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 BOFI90165034757730. Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**, as Bank of Ireland will not accept any cheques otherwise. Thank you.

**Diary 2023:** To book an anniversary Mass please email [newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com) or contact Tracy, Parish Secretary Mon. 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. and Friday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m.

**Parish Calendar 2023:** Please take one from the tables near the Church doors.

**Stamps for the Missions:** Please keep the stamps from your post, leave a small margin around each stamp and post them to St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

**Happy Christmas & New Year:** Wishing you and your family peace, hope and health this Christmas and in the New Year.

**Welcome Home:** Céad Mile Fáilte to all who have come home to be with family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers and good wishes are with those unable to travel home this year.

**Christmas -- December 25:** In Luke's Gospel, we hear that Mary treasured all the things that the shepherds told her that had been revealed to them by the Angels and that she pondered them in her heart. We pray that parents find it in their hearts to support their son or daughter who is trying to discern a vocation.

**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 Groups, Altar Society, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers and all who help out in anyway in the parish. To all who attend Mass, join online or on radio, thank you for your constant support and generosity. May the Holy Family bless and reward you for your faith, hope and love.

**Sincere Thanks** to all who volunteered in Cloghan and Banagher to deliver the boxes of envelopes and the calendars and Christmas cards. Your support is very much appreciated.



**Baptism:** We welcome into the Christian Community Áine Mary Flynn, Bedfordshire, England, who was baptised in St. Mary's Church, Cloghan recently.

**Thank You** to St. Mary's Church Choir and the children from St. Mary's N.S. & Lumcloon N.S. for the beautiful Carol Service on Wed. last. Our thanks to the people from Ukraine who attended and to all who contributed to the Ukrainian Relief Fund.

**The Catholic Church in the European Union** have released a 'Christmas message for Peace in Ukraine and Beyond'. The message and prayer can be viewed on the parish website – [www.cloghanbanagherparish.ie](http://www.cloghanbanagherparish.ie)

**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards:** The intentions of all will be remembered at all Masses in the Parish from Christmas Eve to 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Feast of the Epiphany.

**Copies of Historic Banagher, Conservation, Interpretation & Management Plan** (Revised December 2022) by Howley Hayes Architects are now available in Feeney's shop and Paul Flynn's shop.

**West Offaly Training:** Have you ever wanted to become a professional Trainer? Now is the time - We are running a 5-day Training Delivery and Evaluation Course QQI Level 6 (formerly known as Train the Trainer FETAC 6) in West Offaly Training starting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 call 057 9152003 to find out more.- Training Support Grant for jobseekers available.

**ALHomecare** is in business for 9 years, we work with hundreds of families and we have nearly 300 carers working nationwide. It is a safe and affordable alternative to nursing homes. We aim to provide you with the highest quality live-in homecare at an affordable price. Contact Tom 087 7440729 or Eileen 087 9916791 who will be happy to chat anytime.

**Mary's Meals:** International school feeding charity. A range of gift cards are available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

**Are You or is Someone You Know, Living with a Long-term Health Condition?** If so, then you may be interested in the '[Living Well Programme](#)' in Jan. to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell)

**Offaly West Community Employment Scheme** have vacancies. Contact Pat Kenny 086 8312636.

### 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)*

