



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Parish Secretary: Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

Readings: First Sunday of Lent

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 25 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Regan, The Crescent (1 st Anniv.) Mary & Sean Hughes, Harbour Road. Tom & Agnes Lucas, Cuba Avenue. Michael Reynolds, Kylebeg.
Sat. 25 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Jhoanna Kilcommons, Cloghan. Matthew & Ellen Kilcommons, Cloghan. Pat Mulligan, Moyne. Helen Sheerin and deceased members of the Family.
Sun. 26 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Patrick (Pat) Farrell, Co. Leitrim. Tony Dalton (2 nd Anniv.)
Sun. 26 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Christy Egan, Harbour Road. Bridget Duff & her son Manus, Dublin (requested by M.R.) Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Mon. 27 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Billy Dalton, Mullingar. Ger Kelly. Special Intention – Get Well (requested by B.M.)
Tues. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	P. J. Kealey. Special Intention – Get Well Bobby.
Wed. 1 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Catherine & William Dunne & their daughter Lily Dowling, The Crescent. Special Intention – Get Well (requested by J.L.)
Thurs. 2 nd First Friday 3 rd March	9.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Rynagh's	Bridie Conlon and husband John. Cialín Earls. Special Intention – Get Well (requested by Banagher Retirement Club)
Sat. 4 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Peg & Mick Corrigan, Main Street.
Sat. 4 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Mary Flynn, Castle Street. Paddy & Peggy Grogan, Killourney.
Sun. 5 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Kathleen Judge.
Sun. 5 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Greaney née Sexton, Castlemahon, Co. Limerick. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jimmy Parker, Nahad. May he 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 **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOF190165034757730. Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**, as Bank of Ireland will not accept any cheques otherwise. Thank you.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €850. Cloghan €845. **Counters:** Team C

Trócaire Boxes available in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's Church. Please take one home for Lent.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023 - Fully escorted trip. Direct flights from Dublin 9th – 16th Aug. €725. Only €100 to secure a place. For more info. contact Aodh 087 2072982 & Carmel Horan 087 2072996. Bus will leave from Banagher.

Afternoon of Prayer each Sunday at 2.30 p.m. at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Centre (Aodh & Carmel Horan's, Coolfin). All most welcome. Info. 087 2072996.

For Sale Primroses and Polyanthus plants available at Sleepy Hollow and Paul & Mary Flynn's Shop.

First Friday celebrated on Friday 3rd March. **Communion Calls:** Thurs. 2nd March – Cloghan Area.

Friday 3rd March – Banagher Area.

First Friday Masses: St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m. and St. Mary's 7 p.m.



Baptisms: We welcome into the Christian Community Shay Patrick Slevin, Hill Road, who was baptised in St. Mary's and Makatendeka Magaya, Cuba Avenue and Ethan Sibanda, Main Street, who were baptised in St. Rynagh's Church.

Sacrament of First Confession: St. Rynagh's N.S. – Tuesday 7th March.

St. Mary's Cloghan – Tuesday 14th March. Lumcloon N.S. – Wednesday 15th March.

Table Quiz Fundraiser for The Irish Association of Lourdes Volunteers in Corrigan's Bar on Fri. 3rd March at 9 p.m. Table of four €40. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Adult Art Classes, Lusmagh for beginners and advanced. Tues. 7th March 10 – 1 p.m. and 8 – 10 p.m. Wed. 14th March 10 – 1 p.m. €100 for 5 weeks. All materials supplied following a step-by-step painting. Contact 087 3217089 or email lisaglynn50@gmail.com Eircode R42 YK61.

Presentation of Intermediate Medals to St Rynagh's & Men's football teams on Friday 3rd March at 9 p.m. in Cloghan Hall. Finger food will be served. Music by Rock on Paddy. BYOB. Tickets €10 will be on sale this week.

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information.

Start Your Own Business - Have a business idea? Need free expert support and guidance? Offaly Local Development Company are meeting unemployed people NOW for places on their Business Development Programme, starting 3rd April. Learn how to start your own business, gain 3 business qualifications. Contact Des Regan, BDP Coordinator, Email: dregan@offalyldc.ie or call 057 9352467/087 9699998. Website: www.offalyldc.ie under Enterprise Supports.

Trócaire 2023 Lenten Campaign: This year, the focus is on Somalia in East Africa and highlights how climate change, drought and conflict are severely affecting families and communities there. An unprecedented humanitarian crisis is unfolding, and almost 8.3 million people are facing unbearable hunger. Trócaire has been working with our partners in Somalia for 30 years and so is in a unique position to offer support to those affected. 2023 has continued to present challenges to our world. The continuing war in Eastern Europe and the humanitarian crisis in Türkiye and Syria following the earthquake have created uncertainty and fear. In the face of all that is happening at home and abroad, we are continually humbled by and grateful for the generosity shown by you and your parishioners. Now more than ever, the people we work with in countries like Somalia need our compassion and our support as they continue to carry their immense burdens with dignity.

Annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Tues. 28th Feb. at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Church, Delvin Road, Mullingar, in memory of people buried in St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970 and to remember deceased patients and staff. Mass will also be livestreamed on www.mullingarparish.ie

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Athlone, this Sun. 26th Feb. at 2.30 p.m. to mark the occasion of the departure of the **Marist Brothers from Champagnat House**, Athlone. All are welcome to join us as we express our gratitude to the Marist Brothers who served in the parish for over 138 years.

Would you like to Pursue a Career as a Trainer, have you a desire to help other people develop new skills and improve their own lives? If so, this is the job for you. **West Offaly Training** is a social enterprise, community training not-for-profit company based in Banagher, involved in Training and Education of Soft Skills, IT and Health and Safety, and is part funded body by Pobal. If you would like to find out more email info@westoffalytraining.com or call 057 9152003.

Fast From, Feast On

During Lent, let us...

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ within them.
Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on the unity of life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from worry; feast on trust in God's Care.
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on truth that uplifts.

Trócaire 50th Anniversary Prayer

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire. We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights. We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world. We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen