



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh
St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher
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Happy Christmas & Happy 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 are also with those unable to travel home this year.

Word of Thanks: Sincere thanks to all who prepared and decorated St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's both inside and outside for Christmas. Your help and support is very much valued and appreciated.

Thanks to everyone in the Parish for their help and constant support.

The committee of the Banagher, Cloghan, Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice Foundation acknowledges with grateful appreciation the recently received generous donation of €100. Sincere thanks to all concerned.

Christmas at Clonony Castle: A word of sincere thanks to all who visited Santa Claus during his recent visit. Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas!

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards: The Intentions of all will be remembered at all Masses celebrated in the Parish from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day.

Repair & Restoration of the Stained-Glass Windows in St. Mary's & St. Rynagh's Churches: St. Rynagh's - The Rose window, Banagher was storm glazed which included fitting 6mm thick plate glass outside the stained-glass window, sealing with waterproof silicone and when set, finishing off with a coating of putty while leaving adequate ventilation cut outs at the base and apex of each individual glass segment, to allow for movement of air. Also, various weak joints in the stone framing were sealed with a "Tec 7" compound where the cement pointing had fallen out. The window has also been sealed around the perimeter of the stonework framing and obvious gaps in the outer wall in that area, all in the hope this will help prevent any leaks in the future. Total Cost €6,537. St. Mary's - The Gallery Window, Cloghan, the old storm glazing was removed and the opening temporary glazed. The stained glass was taken to Abbey Stained Glass Studios for conservation and restoration. When the glass was removed a big presence of woodworm in around the apex and dampness and decay were found in the wood frame. At the higher level the softwood glazing slip was like a sponge and even reduced to a white powder. The woodwork frame has been replaced with a hardwood frame and treated and painted. Abbey Studios returned to the site and fit the restored stained glass. Total Cost €13,936.90. We received a grant of €5,000 from Offaly Co. Council – Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 towards the window in St. Mary's. It is hoped to continue the restoration works in 2022. Thank you for your support and generosity. Pictures can be found on the website in the Gallery section of www.cloghanbanagherparish.ie

World Day of Prayer for Peace: Sat. 1st Jan. 2022 is the 55th World Day of Peace. Theme: Education, work and dialogue between generations.

Life is never without a need, never without a problem, never without a hurtful moment... but never forget that we have a Loving God who is protecting, guiding and helping us to attain a meaningful life.

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)*

A Christmas and New year Prayer

May God's peace be upon you and those you love. May His incarnate love touch your life in a special way this Christmas and bring you hope and joy. May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted. May you go often to Bethlehem in your heart and visit the One who offers you inner peace. May you, your families and friends be blessed with happiness, hope and health.

Email newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com

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

Midoc 1850 302 702

Banagher Health Centre 9151247

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Readings:

The Feast of the Holy Family

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Christmas Day Sun. 26 th	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Rynagh's St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Denis & Anna Reynolds & deceased members of the family. Philomena Duffy, Dún Laoighaire, Dublin. Hubert Rigney, Coolfin and deceased family. David, Ellen & John O'Keeffe. Jimmy Duffy, Aughaga & his parents Tom & Margaret. Mary Gilmore, Cuba Avenue.
Sun. 26 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Pat Smyth, London & Rathcabbin (requested by B. & J.) Willie Wynne & deceased family members.
Mon. 27 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Anne Doorley (1 st Anniv.) and husband Brian, Park. Mass in Thanksgiving (requested by M. O'B.)
Tues. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Tomo Kelly, Middle Road, Feighs (requested by B. & J.) Special Intention (Get Well) (requested by T. & K.)
Wed. 29 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	David Murtagh Special Intention (Elaine)
Thurs. 30 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	
Sat. 1 st	6.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Lynch & deceased members of the family, Main Street. Michelle Horan Cahalan & Nora Horan.
Sat. 1 st	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Margaret Claffey, Noggus. Myra Dolan.
Sun. 2 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Maureen Farrell and husband Jimmy, Cartrons.
Sun. 2 nd	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen & Jean Gallagher, Curraghavarna. Mary Murray, Esker.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Horan, Main Street; Florence Keating, Castle Street; Sheila Kavanagh, Rhode; Mary O'Donnell née Dolan, Yorkshire and formerly Banagher, sister of Esther Coffey, Brian and Martin Dolan. May they rest in peace.

Banagher Readers: Jan. 6.30 p.m. Sheila Flynn 11 a.m. Claire Donohoe

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan. 6.30 p.m. Ann Gallagher & Pat McKeon 11 a.m. Elizabeth Madden & Carmel O'Sullivan

Offertory Collection: Banagher €1,600. Cloghan €715. **Counters:** Team A

Donations to the Parish: We very much appreciate your continued generosity at this difficult time. 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. Details also on website.

The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection: Envelopes have been left in both Churches. This is the only means of fundraising for St. Vincent de Paul in our area and all monies raised will go directly to helping people in our community coming up to Christmas and throughout the year.

Parish Calendar 2022: Please take one on the tables near the Church doors.

Diary 2022: To book an Anniversary Mass email: newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com or contact The Secretary Monday or Friday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m.