



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: 2nd Sunday of Easter/ 27th April 2025

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 26 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Joan Guinan, Main Street (Month's Memory) Ben Dáithi Mahon, Cuba Avenue (Month's Memory) Bridie Mahon, Ard Abhainn (1 st Anniv.) Donal Guinan, Cushcallow (1 st Anniv.) Ned Kennedy (2 nd Anniv.) & daughter Denise (13 th Anniv.) Feighs. Billy Ryland, Cuba Avenue and deceased family. Bernard & Bridget Guinan, Main Street.
Sat. 26 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	John & Mary Keegan, Banagher Street. Michael & Kathleen Camon, Castle Street. Donie O'Connell, Park (4 th Anniv.) Michael & Eileen McLoughlin, Clontotan.
Sun. 27 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Barney & Rose Dempsey, Coolvuck. Sr. Ann Guinan and deceased family, Athy and Lemonaghan. Special Intention – Get Well (Mary) Eileen Greenan, Dublin & Leitrim.
Sun. 27 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Mannion, Cuba Avenue (requested by J. D.) Frank & Bridget Malone, Atinkee & deceased Malone family. Ailbe Doorly, Claremont. (3 rd Anniv.)
Mon. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Rose McGloin née Egan, England & Banagher (requested by M. & P.)
Tues. 29 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Maureen McLoughlin née Kelly, Mullingar & Rosemount (requested by G. & A.) Special Intention – Brigid (requested by B.D.)
Wed. 30 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Thomas Dolan, Church Street (requested by T. & E.)
Thurs. 1 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mary (May) Fiitzpatrick, Bloomhill, Mullingar (requested by O.F.) Special Intention – Kieran (requested by Cloghan Active Retirement Club)
Fri. 2 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Special Intention (J. & B.)
First Friday	7 p.m.	St. Mary's	Mary Kearns, Killimor & Stonestown (5 th Anniv.) Michael & Joe Kearns.
Sat. 3 rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Brendan & Martha McDermott, son Donie & daughter Fiona O'Connor, Cuba Avenue. Mary Finnegan, Clontotan (7 th Anniv.)
Sat. 3 rd	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Larry, Lily, Eddie & Una Byrne & dec. Byrne and Healion Families. Podge Ryan (2 nd Anniv.), brother Seamus (1 st Anniv.) & parents Jimmy & Annie & deceased Ryan, Clements & Kearns Families.
Sun. 4 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	John Joe Flynn, Park (Month's Memory) Eugene Gunning, Derrycarney (3 rd Anniv.) Teresa Lala née Mullens, England & Co. Laois.
Sun. 4 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael & Mary Ann Russell, son John & daughter Mary Bridget, Ned & Margaret Horan, Garbally. St. Rynagh's Tce. Noel Martin, Garrycastle.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pope Francis; Noel Ryan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, brother of Fr. Aidan Ryan; Patrick (Padraig) Naughton, Athlone; Nell Daly née Boylan, England & formerly Coolfin, sister of John Boylan, Main Street. May they rest in peace.

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrated this Sunday 27th April, the second Sunday of Easter. God wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we can call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others.

First Friday celebrated on Friday 2nd May. **Communion Calls:** Tues. 29th April – Cloghan/Banagher area.

Thurs. 1st May – Cloghan area. Fri. 2nd May - Banagher area. **Masses:** St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m. and St. Mary's 7 p.m.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis: Due to the death of Pope Francis, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised at a later date.

Easter Dues for the Priests of the Parish: Sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Trócaire Boxes can be left into the Church as soon as possible if not already done so. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Saturday 10th May at 10.30 a.m. – Lumcloon N.S. Saturday 17th May at 10.30 a.m. – St. Rynagh's N.S.

Saturday 17th May at 12.30 p.m. – St. Mary's N.S.



Burial of Ashes: Seamus Ryan, Chicago & Cloghan will be laid to rest on Tuesday 29th April after 3 p.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church, Cloghan. May he rest in peace.

The Relics of Saint Sharbel will be visiting St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's on Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th. The mass times are as follows May 3rd St. Rynagh's Church - 6.30 p.m. and St. Mary's - 8 p.m. May 4th St. Mary's Church - 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's – 11 a.m.

Saint Sharbel has the greatest number of miracles ever recorded in Church history through the intercession of a monk. Please come along for an opportunity to learn more about this incredible saint and receive a blessing. For more information please call +353838159492.

Lumcloon N.S. celebrating 60 years of Excellence and 20 years of New Growth. Mass of Celebration takes place on Wed. 7th May at 12.30 p.m. in Lumcloon N.S. Celebrant - Bishop Paul Connell.

Alzheimer's Tea Day on Thurs 1st May. Maria and Patrick Curley invite you to join them for a cuppa and a chat to help support families living with dementia in their house Harbour Road, Banagher, R42 V822 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Drink Tea for Motor Neurone Disease on Friday 2nd May from 10 -12 noon at the CDDA Room, Cloghan at the back of Kabana Pizza Bar. For more info. T. Slevin 087 1315193. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Offaly Local Development Company - COFFEE & CONVERSATION – Please come along to our monthly Coffee and Conversation morning in Banagher Community Centre Thursday 1st May from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. For more Info. please contact: Derbhla 087 7002521

Offaly Healthy Homes returns to Cloghan on Thursday the 1st May for our Lunch Club. Great food and music to be enjoyed for only €10 per person. We will celebrate Bealtaine this month so please feel free to bring musical instruments, poems or stories to share on the day. 12.30 p.m. in Cloghan Hall. Booking essential call 087 9799663.

The Banagher Darkness into Light Walk will take place at 4.15 a.m. on Saturday 10th May this year from Banagher College. Please join us in hope to support mental health and prevent suicide. Together, we can turn Darkness into Light for those who need it most.

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Centre, Coolfin: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Tues. at 7.30 p.m. Holy Mass & Rosary. All most welcome. For more info. contact Aodh & Carmel Horann 087 2072996.

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 **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. **BIC:** BOFIE2D Details also on website.

Offertory Collections: Banagher €1,080. Cloghan €670. Shrine: Banagher €440. Cloghan €635.

A Tribute to Pope Francis By: Greg Montecarlo

Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday.

It wasn't an accident. It was a divine whisper. As if he waited for the Alleluia-waited for the Church to rejoice one last time-before quietly stepping into the promise he had spent his life proclaiming.

He didn't just die after Easter. He died into it. That timing was his final act of love.

Because his whole life had always followed a different rhythm-Not the rhythm of power, protocol, or pride-But the rhythm of mercy.

So yes, we mourn. But we remember.

We remember the Pope who made us believe again-In a Church that kneels beside the wounded.

In a Gospel that welcomes the doubter. In a God who still walks with us, even through the darkest valleys.

We remember that sainthood is not perfection-it's presence.

That faith is not a prize-it's a light we pass on. That love-real love-leaves a trail of healing behind it.

Pope Francis didn't just lead us. He knelt with us. He wept with us.

He believed for us, when we struggled to believe at all. He waited for Easter-because he believed in the promise.

And now, that promise is his.

