



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings:

First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 26 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Malachy Dolan, Curraghavarna (3 rd Anniv.) Liam Woods, Cuba Avenue (13 th Anniv.) Kieran Coakley, Main Street. Sr. Catherine Kelly L.S.U. (Month's Memory) Ned McCormack and deceased family members.
Sat. 26 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Jeremiah Delaney, Clonard, Mountrath & deceased family members. Michael, Lil & Michael Naughton Jnr., Ballivor. Bobby & Marty McIntyre, Banagher Street.
Sun. 27 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Joe & Mary Liston, Limerick. Con & Marie Keogh, Limerick.
Sun. 27 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Tomo Kelly, Feighs, Middle Road (1 st Anniv.) James & Lily Gleeson, Cushcallow. Sean Davis – Birthday Remembrance (requested by L. D.) Paddy Tully & Family, St. Rynagh's Terrace (requested by M.R.)
Mon. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Frances, Daniel & Patrick Sullivan. Special Intention – Holy Souls (requested by G. & M.)
Tues. 29 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mary & Walter Keady and daughter Kitty. Joe Carroll (3 rd Anniv.) and deceased members of the Family.
Wed. 30 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Skelly, brother John and parents Pat & Rose. Sean Moran, Drumrahill.
Thurs. 1 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	J.J. & Annie Reilly and deceased members of the Family.
Fri. 2 nd	9.30 a.m. 7 p.m.	St. Rynagh's St. Mary's	First Friday Frances Glynn, Lusmagh (requested by P.G.) Tommy McIntyre, Dublin and Cloghan. May McIntyre, Ballyclare.
Sat. 3 rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Esther Boylan, Main Street. Ned Johnson. Anna (4 th Anniv.) & Denis Reynolds, Tulcon (requested by M.R.) Jim, Chrissie & Michael Reynolds & Mary Spillane, The Hill.
Sat. 3 rd Sun. 4 th	8 p.m. 9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Mary's	Kathleen & Aidan Quigley, Banagher Street. Liam Egan, Oldtown, Athlone. Teresa Curran née Hayes, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.
Sun. 4 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary (Molly) Devery née Guinan, Ballinasloe. Jim O'Meara, Ballycumber (requested by M. & J.) Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue.

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Corcoran, Harbour Road; Pat (Patrick) Corcoran, Arden Lane, Tullamore; Sam Hayden, Kilroe, Tullamore; May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection: Banagher €995. Cloghan €473. Shrine & Catholic Papers €415. Counters: Team D

Afternoon of Prayer each Sunday at 2.30 p.m. at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Centre (Aodh & Carmel Horan's)

The Season of Advent begins this Sunday. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. Advent also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. In our Gospel Jesus warns his followers to be attentive – to "stay awake" to "stand ready". We pray that those who the Lord is calling to follow him as priest, deacon or religious, will be "awake" to the call of the Lord in their hearts.

The Candles on the Advent Wreath symbolise hope, love, joy and peace. Purple is the primary colour of Advent. It represents repentance and conversion and turning towards Jesus our light and our help.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on Thursday 8th December.

Masses: St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

First Friday celebrated on Friday 2nd Dec. **Communion Calls:** Thurs. 1st Dec. – Cloghan Area.

Friday 2nd Dec. – Banagher Area.

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

Christmas Social Dance in Cloghan Hall on Friday 2nd Dec. Music by Dave Lawlor 9.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Everyone welcome.

Banagher Christmas Lights will be switched on on Sunday 4th Dec in the Square at 5.30. p.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus, music, face painting and lots more. Come along and join in the fun.

Cloghan Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Sunday 4th Dec. in Cloghan Hall at 3 p.m. If you are eligible to go and did not receive an invitation please contact any of the committee or phone Mary 087 9843152.

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop and Cloghan Post Office. All those who receive a card will be included in Masses during the Christmas Season.

St. Rynagh's HC Healthy Club are delighted to announce we are once again doing our **Christmas Food Appeal**. We will be accepting food donations in our clubhouse on Friday 2nd Dec from 5 - 8 p.m. The donations will be going to Ken Smollen Food Appeal & Offaly Domestic Violence Support Services.

Parish Weekly Envelope Collections: Thank you to all those who so generously contribute to the upkeep of the parish in the weekly envelope collections and all who contribute with online contributions. Boxes have been distributed. If you did not receive a box and wish to do so contact any of the Liturgy Committee or email www.newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com or ring Tracy, Parish Secretary.

Banagher College's TY's are busily preparing for this year's musical pantomime, '**Adrian, the Alternative Pantomime**'. We hope you will pencil in the date in your diary, this is not to be missed! Tickets available on the door. Performance nights are Wednesday 7th December and Thursday 8th December starting at 7.30 p.m. Admission: €12 Adults & €7 Seniors/Students.

Banagher Foróige Club next meeting 2nd Dec. at 8 p.m. in Community Centre. New members welcome.

Foróige Disco on the 9th Dec. in Pullagh Community Hall. Bus leaves Community Centre, Banagher at 8.30 p.m. and will return at 12 midnight. For inquiries contact Ann 086 8668547 or Sinéad 087 4451171.

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

Please Support the Homeless: Waterproof jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, hoodies, leggings, t-shirts, etc. (Do not necessarily need to be new but in good condition). Toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste & shaving gear. All greatly appreciated. Contact Edel, Ferbane 086 3710166 who will arrange collection.

The Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Advent Prayers

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan,
you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts
for the coming of your Son.
Help me to hear his words and repent
of my sins so that I may clearly see the way to walk,
the truth to speak, and the life to live for him,
Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

All-powerful God,
increase our strength of will for doing good
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his
coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of
heaven, where he lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.
Amen.