



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.

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Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time/28th Jan. 2024

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 27 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (requested by B. & E.) Leo Mullins, Main Street.
Sat. 27 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Bill, Bridget, Margaret & Noel Coughlan. Kathy McDermott & husband Jimmy & daughter in law Mary. Shane Banks, Sligo. Johnny McLoughlin (3 rd Anniv.) and deceased family.
Sun. 28 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Breen, Tullywood (requested by S. & B.) Thomas Camon, Smithstown. James, Rose, Martin & Joseph Colgan and deceased Family.
Sun. 28 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Josephine (Jo) Graham, Cuba Avenue (Month's Memory) Vincent Nannery, Gallen (requested by B. & J.) Patty & Peter O'Rourke, Drumanny. Josie & Paddy Dooley, Harbour Road. Peter Kenny, Ard Mhuire (3 rd Anniv.) and his mother Mary.
Mon. 29 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Elizabeth & Kieran Egan, West End & Egan & Dolan Families. Martin Flanagan, Belleck, Co. Fermagh (requested by G. & A.)
Tues. 30 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Breen, Tullywood & Dublin (requested by U. & A.) Special Intention – Get Well (Patricia)
Wed. 31 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Richard Walsh, Sligo (requested by M. & E.) Margaret McInerney. Mel Flynn, Main Street & deceased Flynn Family.
Thurs. 1 st	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Peter Guinan, Ballyclare.(19 th Anniv.) Deceased members of the Donohoe & Naughton Families.
Fri. 2 nd First Friday	9.30 a.m. 7 p.m.	St. Rynagh's St. Mary's	Nuala Maloney née Windsor (requested by C. & G.) Tom Gaynor, Macken. Fr. Tadgh Kenny and his brother Peter.
Sat. 3 rd	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Philomena (Phil) Rigney, Coolfin (requested by J.L.) Maureen Mulcair nee Gormley (requested by J. & A.) Special Intention (Michael).
Sat. 3 rd	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Patricia Stone née Claffey. Kathleen Boland, The Derries, Ferbane. Mary Murphy, Cork.
Sun. 4 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Mark Cooney, wife Margaret & deceased family. Sean Flynn and son David, Clonfad. Kathleen Wall née Cogne, London & formerly Sonna, Mullingar.
Sun. 4 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Bridget & Frank Malone, Attinkee and deceased family. Bernard, Esther & Peter Higgins & James & Annie Kenny. Mick White, Australia.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2024 on July 17th for 7 nights. For more info. please contact Carmel Horan 087 2072996 or Sharon Horan Moloughney 087 9574938. Limited seats and bus from Banagher.

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 Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**. Thank you. **Offertory Collections:** Banagher €1,160. Cloghan €838.

International Day of Commemoration in memory of victims of the Holocaust celebrated on Sat. 27th January.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life celebrated on Friday 2nd February.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Céallach John Kelly, Garrycastle, who was baptised in St. Rynagh's Church last weekend.

Communion Calls for the First Friday
Friday 2nd Feb.

Banagher/Cloghan Area – Wed. 31st Jan.

Cloghan Area – Thursday 1st Feb.

Banagher Area – Friday 2nd Feb.

Masses on First Friday – St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m.

St. Mary's 7 p.m.



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple –
Candlemas Day.

Blessing of candles will take place on Friday 2nd Feb. at 9.30 a.m. Mass in St. Rynagh's and at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's. Please leave your candles at the front of the altar with a label with your name on the candles. We ask Jesus to be our light and help always.

Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland celebrated on Thursday 1st February.

Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses – Thurs. 1st Feb. at 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's. Fri. 2nd Feb. at 9.30 a.m. in St. Rynagh's & 7 p.m. in St. Mary's. If you are able to make St. Brigid's Crosses, please leave them at the front of the Altar in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's and they will be blessed at the above-mentioned Masses.

Feast of St. Blaise celebrated on Sat. 3rd Feb. **Blessing of Throats** will take place after Masses on Sat. 3rd Feb. St. Rynagh's after 6.30 p.m. and St. Mary's after 8 p.m. "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other sickness, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."

Cloghan Community Development Assoc. are holding a **Pop Up Shop with SVP** this Sunday 28th January from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will have Clothes and Tea and Coffee on the day. All welcome.

Volunteering: Katie Butler, daughter of the late Robbie Butler R.I.P., will be volunteering abroad this July for four weeks with SERVE. SERVE is an Irish development and volunteering organisation committed to providing equal opportunities for poor communities living in Southern Africa, South East Asia and South America. Katie will be going to either Mozambique, Africa or the Philippines. Katie has a fundraiser started up and will also be participating in a skydive to help raise funds. You can donate on the following <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/KatieButler6372> or if you prefer bank transfer ring 087 7693904. Katie will be posting updates on her Facebook page and other media networks. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The Midlands Simon Community will hold their Church Gate Collections on Sat. 3rd/Sun. 4th Feb. All proceeds from this collection will go towards providing services for the Homeless in Co. Offaly. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Gentlemen: Are you ready for a challenge that will test your mental and physical boundaries, break down barriers, and build your way to a brighter future! Then join us for the next **MenPower programme**, starting 7th Feb. Participation on this programme is free and social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. For more information please contact Aoife at 087 7385989 or via email akelly@offalyldc.ie

Like to Start Your Own Business but not sure how to do it? Offaly Local Development Company are meeting unemployed people NOW for places on their next Business Development Programme. Contact Des Regan on dregan@offalyldc.ie or call 057 9352467 / 087 9699998. Website: www.offalyldc.ie. Closing date 29th February 2024.

The Banagher, Cloghan and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice wish to acknowledge with thanks the sum of €300 from St Rynagh's National School. All money received goes towards the palliative and homecare services of patients in the locality. Thank you to all involved with this donation.

Offaly Volunteer Centre – if you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on 083 0154669 anytime – if we can't answer your call, just leave a message and we will contact you or look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie

St. Brigid's Credit Union Ltd – 56th AGM of St. Brigid's Credit Union Ltd will take place this Mon. 29th Jan. at 8 p.m. in the Scouts Den, Clara, Co. Offaly. There will be a **FREE DRAW** for those in attendance and refreshments provided

CROS Naomh Bhríde - St. Brigid's CROSS

St. Brigid 'Mary of the Gael'. Born in the mid-fifth century, and buried at Downpatrick beside St. Patrick and St. Colmcille. Brigid built the first Irish Convent beside a giant oak tree - this place became known as the Church of the Oak (Cill Dara) or Kildare as it is known today. The St Brigid's Cross is still made in Ireland today, and placed in homes on her feast day, February 1st, the day on which she died about 524 A.D. It is believed this emblem protects the home, and animals, from evil and wand.

Prayer to Saint Brigid

St. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen