



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings:

First Sunday of Advent

Birr SVP 085 8804028

Mass Times & Anniversaries

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| Sat. 27 th | 6.30 p.m. | St. Rynagh's | Liam Woods, Cuba Avenue (12 th Anniv.) Malachy Dolan, Curraghavarna. Esther Boylan, Main Street (3 rd Anniv.) Kieran Coakley, Main Street. Damien McIntyre, Carrick and deceased family. |
| Sat. 27 th | 8 p.m. | St. Mary's | Babby & Marty McIntyre. Bob Daly, America. Mick Kelly, Ferbane Street (28 th Anniv.) |
| Sun. 28 th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Frances, Daniel & Patrick Sullivan. Joe & Mary Liston, Limerick. Con & Marie Keogh, Limerick Hugh & Mary Gleeson & son Liam, Shannon Harbor & Deceased family |
| Sun. 28 th | 11 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Mary & John Windsor & deceased family members. Lilly & James Gleeson, Cushcallow. Sean Davis (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Mon. 29 th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Nell Doorley, Loughkeen, Shinrone. Special Intention (requested by M.R.) Jeremiah Delaney, Mountrath. |
| Tues. 30 th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Mary Skelly, her brother John and parents Pat & Rose. Sean Moran, Drumrahill. Special Intention (Claire Davis) |
| Wed. 1 st | 9.30 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Pat Egan, Kilkenny. Private Intention (requested by B.L.) |
| Thurs. 2 nd | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Ellen Connaughton, Clonkeen, The Pigeons. |
| First Friday | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Elaine Lyons, Ballycumber & Shannon Harbour (requested by T.M.) |
| | 7 p.m. | St. Rynagh's | P.J. Kealey, Clareen (requested by A.K.) |
| Sat. 4 th | 6.30 p.m. | St. Rynagh's | Patrick & Elizabeth Colreavy. Tom & Bridie Heslin. James Odium, Birr. |
| Sat. 4 th | 8 p.m. | St. Mary's | Patrick Young, Banagher Street. Ger Kelly, Stream, Lusmagh. Meaney family, Cloghan & deceased family members. |
| Sun. 5 th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Julia Kiernan, husband Eugene & son Hugh. |
| Sun. 5 th | 11 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue. Luke Early and his parents Luke and Margaret. Pat Smyth, London & Rathcabbin. |



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Winifred Morris, formerly Moran née Downes, Gallen and formerly, Ballycumber; James Odium, New Road, Birr, brother of Liz Kennedy, Cuba Cottages; Pat Boylan, Lusmagh; Edward (Ned) Scully, Dublin & Kinnitty, brother of Mary Coughlan, Cloghan Hill. May they rest in peace.

Banagher Readers: Dec. 6.30 p.m. Maria Donohoe 11 a.m. Liam Broderick

Eucharistic Ministers: Dec. 6.30 p.m. Paul Kelly & Maria Donohoe 11 a.m. Brendan Martin & Mary McKeon

First Sunday of Advent celebrated this Sunday 28th Nov. The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. We are to watch and to pray during the four weeks of Advent.

Advent -Week 1 (HOPE). Candle name: Prophet's Candle. Reminds us: Jesus is coming. Advent is about faith and waiting. What are you waiting on God for this year?

First Friday: Celebrated on Friday 3rd Dec. **Masses:** 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's and 7 p.m. St. Mary's.

Communion Calls: Cloghan Area – Thursday 2nd Dec. Banagher Area – Friday 3rd Dec.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Celebrated on Wednesday 8th December.

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

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.

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop and Cloghan and Banagher Post Office. A variety pack of six cards for €5. All who receive a card will be included in Masses in the Christmas Season.

Parish Weekly Envelope Collections: If you do not receive a box and wish to do so contact any of the Liturgy Committee or newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com

Congratulations to St. Rynagh's Senior Hurling Team on their recent success. Three County Titles in a row is a wonderful achievement. Well done to all.

9 Day Rosary Novena for Ireland: We are inviting you to join in a 9 Day Rosary Novena beginning Tuesday 30th November and ending on Wed. 8th December. People all over Ireland will pray the Rosary together each evening at 9 p.m. On the final evening at 9 p.m. on Radio Maria the Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final Rosary live. If you are gathering to pray in groups we encourage you to gather safely adhering to local Covid 19 regulations.

Lough Derg Online Shop offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Telephone 071 9861518 Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.

Found: Set of car keys found on Library car park on Saturday 20th November. Can be collected in Paul Flynn's shop.

Medjugorje Irish Centre – Pilgrimages April to Oct. 2022: 7 Nights Apartment B & B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. email reservations@med-irishcentre.com or Tel. 01 4434 510.

St. Rynagh's Hurling Club A.G.M. this Tues. 30th Nov. at 8 p.m. in Banagher College Coláiste na Sionna. **Please note** the date has changed.

Pupils from 6th Class in St. Rynagh's N.S. have recorded and filmed a song "From the Shannon to St. Rynagh's". The lyrics were composed by poet Jessica Traynor in cooperation with Banagher College TY Students. The song was set to music by composer Elaine Agnew. The film and the music will be aired on **Thurs. 2nd Dec. at 7 p.m.** as part of the launch of "A place of Pointed Stones": Poems and songs inspired by the history and folklore of Banagher Co. Offaly. We would like to thank Geraldine Relph and Lisa Gardiner for preparing the pupils for the recording. On the night of the launch, local historian James Scully will speak about the rich history of Banagher, Jessica Traynor will read a selection of poems from her pamphlet and we will premiere the video of St Rynagh's N.S. students performing 'From the Shannon to St Rynagh's'. The Launch takes place over zoom. To register for the launch please send an email to arts@offalycoco.ie with your full name.

Offertory Collection: Banagher €1,155. Cloghan €550. **Counters:** Team B

Advent a time of waiting. We wait for much in life for a child to say their first word or take their first step. Parents presume that the child will walk or talk; but there is relief when this happens in time. Sometimes we wait in certainty, other times in hope. Much of our waiting in life is in some tension, as we hope for the best. We wait for love in life, for faith to grow and become strong, and much happens at God's time, like a child's first word or step cannot be exactly timed. Our waiting for Jesus is something like that. God in Jesus comes into every life but his coming cannot be timed. In our waiting for God is our finding of God, our search is itself done in the presence of God. He is always near and we are always waiting. Lord Jesus, we wait for your birth in faith; we await your birth in hope and for your coming in glory. *D. Neary S.J.*

"O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me." *St. Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*