



## Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: The Feast of the Holy Family

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### Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Phil (Month's Memory) & Hubert Rigney & deceased Family, Coolfin.
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Margaret Claffey, Noggus.
<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>			
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Special Birthday Intention – J.C. (90 years).
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Brian & Anne Doorley, Park.
<b>New Year's Day</b>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Maureen & Jimmy Farrell, Cartrons.
	11a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Marie & P.J. Ward and deceased members of the family, Derrybrack.
Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (Month's Memory).
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jimmy Duffy and deceased members of the family.
Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	John Brazil, Derrica, Ferbane.
<b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Nuala Maloney, England & Birr (requested by J. & D.)
	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Cecilia Corcoran, Gallen (requested by J.F.)
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Special Intention – Ann & Hugh (requested by M. G.)
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Lyons, West End (requested by K.C.)
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	John Harte, Birr.
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Special Intention – Get Well.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Breen, Tullywood & Dublin.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (requested by K.C.)
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	John Heraghty, Harbour Road and deceased Heraghty & Butler Families.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Nessa Corcoran, St. Rynagh's Road (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michelle Cahalan née Horan and Nora Horan, Cuba Avenue.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Bridie Kelly, Coolfin & deceased Kelly & Ryan Families.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Tom Madden, St. Rynagh's Terrace.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jimmy Whelan, Wexford (requested by P.D.)
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Emmett Maher, Gallen.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Lisa McKenna née Cuniffe, Athlone (requested by G. & A.)
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Tom Flanagan and deceased members of the family.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Eileen Dolan, Cushcallow.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kathleen Gallagher and daughter Jean, Curraghavarra.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Marie Rigney, Cushcallow (14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Johnny O' Brien, Ard Abhainn.
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Brian Graham, Cuba Avenue.



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Rodgers, Longford and Dublin; Patricia Stone née Claffey, Moate; Bernadette McLoughlin née McCabe, Longford and Leitrim. May they rest in peace.

**Offertory Collections Sunday & Christmas Day:** Banagher €2,977. Cloghan €2790.

**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 **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Please make cheques payable to **Banagher Parochial Church**. Thank you.

**Parish Calendar 2024:** Please take one from the tables near the Church doors.

**Happy New Year:** Wishing you and your family health, hope and happiness in the New Year. May the Holy Family guide and protect you in all you do in **2024**.

**New Year's Day – Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan:** Solemnity – Mary – The Holy Mother of God and World Day of Peace.

**Masses on New Year's Day:** St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.



**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. - Feast of the Epiphany.** We remember the visit of the wise men to the stable in Bethlehem and the presentation of their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**Masses for 6<sup>th</sup> January:** St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** celebrated on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. We celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. **Masses:** Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. – St. Rynagh's 6.30 p.m. and St. Mary's 8 p.m. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. and St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

**Word of Thanks:** Sincere thanks to all who helped or volunteered in anyway during the celebration of Christmas in St. Mary's and St. Rynagh's and all who helped out during the year. Thank you.

**Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards:** The intentions of all will be remembered at all Masses in the Parish from Christmas Eve to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**Carol Service:** Sincere thanks to St. Mary's Church Choir for the beautiful Carol Service on Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. A word of thanks to all who attended and supported the Irish Red Cross Fund €1,282.36. was donated. Thank you.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** for the Priests of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**New Boxes of Envelopes, Christmas Cards and Calendars 2024:** To all in Cloghan/Banagher who delivered them thank you. Anyone who would like a box of envelopes please call to the Sacristy.

**Diary 2024:** To book an anniversary Mass please email [newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com) or contact Tracy, Parish Sec. on Monday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. and Friday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we ponder on the message of Christmas time we are all too conscious of how at times we feel surrounded by darkness. There is so much war and destruction in our world, in Ukraine, in Yemen, in Sudan, in Burma and especially in Gaza, the very heart of the Holy Land. Truly we are witnessing yet again the slaughter of the innocents. So much evil. And then there is the darkness in our own lives, the darkness of addiction of various kinds, the threat to human life at its beginning and now mooted for the end of life, the misery of loneliness and the hatred that comes from racism, misunderstanding and ignorance. So much darkness that we can feel overwhelmed. But the message of Christmas is a beacon of hope, the light will always overcome the darkness. Evil will not prevail. The Lord is near, have no fear. This Christmas we are invited yet again to welcome Jesus, the light of truth, hope and love into our lives. Let us make him this Christmas the Lord of our life and let us commit ourselves once again to walking the journey of life with Him.

**Bishop Paul Connell**

### A Prayer of Thanks at the End of the Year

As this year draws to its end,  
We give thanks for the gifts it brought  
And how they became inlaid within  
Where neither time nor tide can touch them...  
Days when beloved faces shone brighter  
With light from beyond themselves;  
And from the granite of some secret sorrow  
A stream of buried tears loosened.  
We bless this year for all we learned,  
For all we loved and lost  
And for the quiet way it brought us  
Nearer to our invisible destination.  
Amen. *John O'Donohue*

### New Year - New Beginnings

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew - God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

**We wish all in St. Mary's & St. Rynagh's Parish a Peaceful, Prosperous and Holy 2024**