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Readings:

Mass Times & Anniversaries Sat. 5th 6.30 p.m. St. Rynagh's Mary Somers, The Newtown. Tim Slevin and his wife Tina. Sat. 5th 8 p.m. St. Marv's Patrick Young, Banagher Street. Mona O'Connell née Cox, Kill. Sun. 6th 9.30 a.m. St. Mary's Pauline Coughlan, Hillcourt and Killinroan. Sun. 6th 11 a.m. St. Rynagh's Finnegan Family, Clontotan, Intentions of all Parishioners & Friends of the Parish. Mon. 7th 9.30 a.m. St. Mary's Kathleen O'Meara, Cuba Avenue. Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tues. 8th 9.30 a.m St. Marv's Julia Kiernan, husband Eugene & son Hugh. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m. Sean Claffey & deceased members of the Claffey & O'Neill Families. Wed, 9th 9.30 a.m St. Rynagh's Margaret Horan née Dolan, Ballycumber. Una Cassells & her husband Jack. Thurs. 10th 9.30 a.m St. Mary's Susan Ledwith, Carn & Donegal & deceased Ledwith & Doogan Families. Sat. 12th 6.30 p.m. St. Rynagh's Michael Hughes, Cuba. (13th Anniv.) Kelly & Molloy Families. Chrissie (1st Anniv.), Jim & Michael Reynolds & Mary Spillane, The Hill Sat. 12th 8 p.m. St. Mary's Deceased members of the Ryan & Kearns Families, Balllysheil. Kathleen Quigley, Banagher Street. Gerry Mullins & deceased members of Mullins, Daly & Dolan families. Sun. 13th 9.30 a.m. St. Mary's Sabina Slevin, Springpark. (1st Anniv.) Deceased members of the Meaney Family. Castle Street. Sun. 13th St. Rynagh's 11 a.m. Mary Fogarty, Cuba Avenue. (Month's Memory) Margaret Trodd, The Crescent. (20th Anniv.)

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Horan née Dolan, Ballycumber, sister of Esther Coffey, Martin & Brian Dolan; Patrick Corcoran, Ballacolla, Co. Laois, father of Marie Maloney, Cuba; William Tanner, England & formerly Park; Tom Murphy, Galway, brotherin-law of Sister Philomena L.S.U. Sisters. May they rest in peace

Readers (Dec.) 6.30 p.m. Cora Stronge Smith 11 a.m. Cormac Butler and Ann Hughes Eucharistic Ministers: (Dec.) 6.30 p.m. Gerry Flynn & Siobhan Regan 11 a.m. Sr. Veronica & Maria Donohoe. Counters: Team A **Readers Cloghan:** 8 p.m. Tommy Brereton 9.30 am. Thomas Daly Offertory Collections: Banagher €747. Cloghan €733 Sincere thanks to all.

Winter/Spring Violas and Pansies in a variety of colours available at Sleepy Hollow 057 9151273.

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in Paul Flynn's, The Post Office, Feeney's newsagents and Gary Daly's & The Shop, Cloghan. The cards come in a variety pack of six cards for €5. All those who receive a card will be included in Masses during the Christmas Season.

The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place this weekend in both St. Mary's and St. Rynagh's Churches. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions there cannot be a church porch collection as in previous years. This year envelopes will be left in the Church porches in both Churches and if you could please take an envelope with you and donate what you can to this special charity and return the envelope the following weekend and place it in the collection box along with your weekly parish envelope or leave into the Post Office in either Cloghan or Banagher. This is the only means of fundraising for St. Vincent de Paul in our area and all monies raised will go directly to helping people in our community coming up to Christmas and throughout the year.

Your kind generosity in past years has been greatly appreciated and we wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all God's blessings in 2021.

The committee of Banagher, Cloghan and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice, wish to acknowledge with thanks an anonymous donation of €200. The hospice foundation provides palliative care to patients who are approaching end of life, and try to make it possible for patients to remain with their families in their own homes whenever possible.

Diary 2021: To book an Anniversary Mass email: newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com or contact The Secretary Monday or Friday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m.

Banagher Trinity Gospel Choir will host an online Christmas Concert which can be viewed on Mon. 14th Dec. at 7.30 p.m. on their Facebook page. Some well-known faces will appear and they invite you to join them to celebrate Christmas through music and good company. All proceeds raised will go to groups who support the homeless. You can also donate items which will be collected on Sat. 12th Dec. from 12.30 to 3 p.m. in Banagher Square. For more info. Contact Corrinne 087 3364418.

Enrolments for Cloghan National School: Enrolment forms for St Mary's National School, Cloghan are now available from the school secretary in Cloghan.

Foot Care: Mobile Foot Health Practitioner Service, House call available, daytime and evening. Contact Maura at 086 8053671 to arrange an appointment.

The Parents Assoc. of St. Mary's N.S. are organizing a Scrap Metal Collection this weekend 4/5th Dec. Metals collected include steel, iron, scrap cars, copper, lead and old batteries (car or tractor). Please contact 087 6836375 or 087 4156045 to arrange collection.

Drive thru Santa Experience: St. Rynagh's H.C. Healthy Club are hosting a Drive thru Santa Experience in St. Rynagh's Hurling Club carpark on Sunday 20th Dec. You must book your car to guarantee entry. There is no entrance fee, but there will be a donation bucket at the venue in aid of The Banagher Christmas Lights. Contact Elaine on 087 9535305.

Building Fund Envelope: There is a monthly Building Fund Envelope in the box. The contributions towards the Building Fund is for the Renovations of the Parochial House, the installation of webcams and monthly maintenance fee and the improvements inside and outside both Churches in the Parish. Your support and generosity are very much appreciated.

New Boxes of Envelopes for 2020-2021: If anyone would like to receive a box please email: newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com or contact the Parish Secretary on Mon. or Fri. 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. Sincere thanks to all who contribute by Direct Debit or by posting their contributions. Banagher Parochial Church Account BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN IE23 BOFI90165034757730

Needed nightdresses, pyjamas or second-hand t-shirts for patients in Tullamore Hospital who may have no family member to bring in fresh ones. Any size would be appreciated. Please drop to Paul Flynn's, paper shop. Main Street, Banagher or contact Maria Curley 087 1241295.

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudette Sunday next weekend. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise Christian worship. We light the pink or rose candle on the Advent Wreath.

Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.