



# Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

Third Sunday of Advent

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## Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Hughes, Cuba. (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Kelly & Molloy Families. Christie (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Jim & Michael Reynolds & Mary Spillane, The Hill.
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Deceased members of the Ryan & Kearns Families, Ballysheil. Kathleen Quigley & her husband Aidan, Banagher Street. Gerry Mullins & deceased members of Mullins, Daly & Dolan families.
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Sabina Slevin, Springpark. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Deceased members of the Meaney Family, Castle Street.
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Mary Fogarty, Cuba Avenue. (Month's Memory) Margaret Trodd, The Crescent. (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Ellen Greene & deceased members of the family. Margaret Kiernan. Peg Shanahan.
Tues. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Johnny Rushe & his parents Paul and Mary. Francis Gaffey. Laurence & Margaret Halton.
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Breda Gleeson, Rathcabbin. Intentions of all Parishioners & Friends of the Parish.
Thurs. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	John Connell, Glynwood & his uncle Johnny Connell, Fardrum.
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jo, Paddy & Tommy Kenny, Main Street. Ann, Frank, Bridget & Dick Malone & Mai Hunt, Attinkee.
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Chris Reams, Hill View. Jimmy Barry, Castle Street. Tony Byrne, Lumcloon.
Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Paddy Doyle, Cloghan Hill. Ray Dullea, Ballygurteen.
Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Johnny Creegan, Crott. Intentions of all Parishioners & Friends of the Parish.



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Aidan Quigley, Banagher Street and formerly of Kilkerry, Dundalk; Johnny Connell, Fardrum; Johnny Creegan, Crott; Mary Murphy, Kilmaine, Clareen, Birr; Breda Gleeson, sister-in-law of Kathleen Gleeson (Chaplain of Coláiste na Sionna). 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 B

Readers Cloghan: 8 p.m. Niamh McIntosh 9.30 am. Greg Gilligan

Offertory Collections: Banagher €1.050. Shrine Banagher €401. Cloghan €1,010. Cloghan Shrine €245.

Sincere thanks to all who contribute. Thanks to the Post Office in Banagher and Cloghan, for their help.



## A message from the Irish bishops: "Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas"

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. (Christmas is about more than just one day.)
- Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the **twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany.**
- Christmas Masses will also be widely available over **webcam** and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.
- Our homes can become "little churches" where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year.
- We also invite families or "household bubbles" to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic.

**The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection:** This year envelopes have been 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 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. Thank you.

## Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December: St. Rynagh's Church at 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December: St. Mary's Church at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December: St. Mary's Church at 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December: St. Rynagh's Church at 11 a.m.



**Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards:** 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.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the Christian Community Jacob Kapil Brazil Pandithager, Feighs, who was baptised in St. Rynagh's & Michael Jack Piper, Canal Line, Gallen, who was baptised in St. Mary's recently.  
**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Banagher Library has re-opened:** For your safety, a maximum of 13 browsers are allowed entry at any one time. Click and collect is available too, please phone or email your requests and we will arrange a collection time. We have just received hundreds of new books for children, young adults and adults.  
December Opening Hours (we have additional opening hours on Thursday mornings for December)  
Tues. 10 – 1p.m. & 2 – 5 p.m., Thurs. 10 – 1 p.m., 2 – 5 p.m. & 6 – 8 p.m., Sat. 10 – 1 p.m.

**The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat** will take place from the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Registration is now free on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**Banagher Trinity Gospel Choir** will host an **online Christmas Concert** which can be viewed this Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 p.m. on their Facebook page. For more info. Contact Corrinne 087 3364418.

## God's Love

God's love is ever boundless.

It spans a world-wide chart;

Yet reaches down to you and me

And dwells within our heart.

God's love is ever faithful,

steadfast through every day.

A love that never will forsake –

He'll be with us always.