



# Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: First Sunday of Advent/1st Dec. 2024

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## Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Sean Davis (Birthday Anniversaries) Mary & John McDermott, Upper Main St. & dec. McDermott & Esther Boylan, Main Street. Mary Nallen, West Ene. Adrian Glynn, Cuba Avenue.
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Babby & Marty McIntyre, Banagher Street. Malachy and Bridie Rosney, Tonelemona. Hugh McGeady and his parents Teresa & Jimmy Sadie Daly, Banagher St. and her parents John & Margaret Houlihan. Mary Skelly (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) parents Pat & Rose & brother John.
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Lena Mulligan née Bennett, Dublin & The Grove (requested by P. & P.) James & Annie Killian and deceased members of the family. Anna (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Denis Reynolds, Tulcon.
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Barney Moylan, Garbally (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Tomo Kelly, Middle Road (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) and deceased family.
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jim (James) McRedmond, Killeigh & Five Roads.
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Kieran Caulfield, Belmont (requested by J.F.) Special Intention – Teresa (Requested by P.P.) Kieran Delaney.
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jim & Chrissie Reynolds & daughter Mary Spillane, The Hill. Una Egan née Guckian, Five Alley, Birr. Ellen Gribbin, Castledawson, Co. Derry & Cushcallow.
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Andrew Gillivan (requested by B. & S.)
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Carmel Nugent née Coffey, Rath, Birr.
<b>First Friday</b>	7 p.m.	St. Mary's	Special Intention (requested by J. & B.) Catherine Fallon née Hyland, Athlone.
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Rosemary Porter, Cluain Rynagh (Month's Memory) James & Agnes Mannion, Curraghavarna. Kathleen O'Meara.
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Mark & Jim Finnegan, Clontotan. Patrick Young & dec. Young family, Banagher Street. Janina Cieslaik, Poland (requested by V.H.) Jim & Brendan Meleady, Banagher Street.
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Julia & Eugene Kiernan & son Hugh. James & Rose Colgan & deceased family.
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Finnegan Family, Clontotan.



### Advent Week 1 (HOPE)

Candle name:  
Prophet's Candle  
Remind us: Jesus is coming.  
Advent is about faith and waiting.  
What are you waiting on God for this year?

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

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of Eric Winkler, Cuba Cottages; Muriel Conlon, Dundalk, sister of Frances Cannon, Timolin. May they rest in peace.

**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €1,135. Cloghan €855. Shrine: Banagher €355.

**Donations to the Parish:** If you wish to support the Church online - Banagher Parochial Account IBAN: IE23 BOFI90165034757730. BIC: BOFIE2D Thank you.

**First Sunday of Advent** celebrated this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and also a time to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

**First Friday** celebrated on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Communion Calls:** Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Banagher/Cloghan Area. Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Cloghan Area and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Banagher Area.

**First Friday Masses:** St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m. and St. Mary's 7 p.m. Anyone who would like to be included on the First Friday Communion Calls, please contact Tracy, Parish Secretary.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** celebrated on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Masses in St. Rynagh's at 9.30 a.m. and St. Mary's at 7 p.m.

**November Dues for the Priests of the Parish:** Sincere thanks for your generosity. This collection is lodged into a central diocesan account and each priest gets a monthly allowance. Thank you.

**Banagher Christmas Lights - Switch On: Sunday 1st December** at Shannon Bank Park. Music at 4.30 p.m. Santa arrives at 5 p.m. and the Lights will be switched on at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.

This year, because of wear and tear, we need to replace all of the lights on the bridge and on the Christmas trees and we will add an additional tree at the National School. We rely on donations to fund this, and will also have donation envelopes in the Post Office, Crank House and Paul & Mary Flynn's shop. Many thanks to all who supported our recent quiz night.

**CLONONY CASTLE** is pleased and excited to announce that Santa Claus will be having his annual visit to the Castle this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. as always, a lovely Christmas event!

**Monthly Clinic:** Cllr. Audrey Hennessy Kennedy, Fianna Fáil will be holding her monthly clinic on Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. in the Crank House from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. For appointment. Phone 087 4468660: email [audreyhenney@gmail.com](mailto:audreyhenney@gmail.com).

**Banagher College Presents** its first ever Musical, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. We hope you will pencil in the date in your diary, a fabulous production not to be missed! Tickets available on the door (CASH ONLY). Wed. 11th, Thurs. 12th and Fri. 13th of Dec. starting at 7.30 p.m. Adm. €15 adults, €10 seniors/ students.



### Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

Available in Paul and Mary Flynn's shop and Cloghan Post Office €5 for a pack of 6 cards. All those who receive a card will be included in Masses during the Christmas Season.

**Lough Boora Running Group & Ferbane Athletics Club** are hosting a 5 KM Santa Dash & a 1 KM family walk on Sunday 8th Dec at 11 a.m. in Lough Boora Discovery Park. Register online at [www.myrunresults.com](http://www.myrunresults.com) with special guest Santa. Refreshments afterwards in Teach Lea. All proceeds raised for Offaly Hospice & Dochas, Offaly Cancer Support.

**Lusmagh Development Association:** \*Table Quiz on Thursday 5th Dec in Flynn's Bar, Banagher at 8.30 p.m. A table of 4 cost €40 with a raffle on the night. \*Christmas Tractor Run on Sunday 22nd Dec. starting in Lusmagh GAA carpark. Registration between 3.30-4.30 p.m. and costs €20. Prizes given and Santa will make an appearance. All proceeds go to the development of a community garden and walkway.

**Banagher Brontë Group Events:** The Banagher Brontë Group round off a memorable year with two events in early Dec. On Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Martina Devlin's new book *Charlotte* will be launched in Crank House, Banagher at 2.30 p.m. by Nigel West. Martina's book covers the period 1854-1932 telling the story of Arthur Bell Nicholls' two marriages to Charlotte Brontë and his cousin Mary Anna Bell. Much of the novel is located in Hill House, now Charlotte's Way, a well-appointed guesthouse and adds much to Banagher's association with the Brontës. Nigel West's ancestors were among the last to live in the house before it became the Church of Ireland rectory. On Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arthur and Mary Anna's grave in St. Paul's churchyard will take place after midday service at 12.45 p.m. **Sleepy Hollow, Taylor's Cross** winter/spring flowers available. Also, in Paul & Mary Flynn's shop.

**Stamps for the Missions:** Please keep the stamps from your post, leave a small margin around each stamp and post them to St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

### A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Father Henri JM Nouwen