



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh
St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher
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Readings: Second Sunday of Christmas/5th Dec. 2025

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Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 4 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michelle Horan Cahalan & Kieran and Mary Horan, Curraghavarina. Teresa Mann, Shannon Harbour (requested by J. D.) Carmel Nugent née Coffey, Rath (requested by C. E.) Frank & Angela Kenny, The Crescent.
Sat. 4 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Mary, Pat, Desie & Gabriel Maguire (requested by N. & A.) Rita Bennett, The Grove (Month's Memory) Emmet Maher, Gallen.
Sun. 5 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	George Downey, Ballydangan (requested by J.H.) Emmet Grogan, Tullamore. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Sun. 5 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Jo (Josephine) (1 st Anniv.) & Brian Graham, Cuba Avenue. Marie Rigney, Cushcallow (15 th Anniv.) Eileen Dolan, Cushcallow (10 th Anniv.) Kathleen & Jean Gallagher, Curraghavarina. Bridie Kelly, Coolfin & deceased Kelly & Ryan Families.
Feast of the Epiphany			
Mon. 6th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Margaret Barton, Lusmagh (requested by S. R.) Kieran Delaney, Gallen. Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
	7 p.m.	St. Mary's	Peter Skelly, Athlone (requested by J. & A.) Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish.
Tues. 7 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Eamonn Tynan, Ardagh (requested by J. & A.)
Wed. 8 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Noel Jones, Portavolla (requested by S.R.) Special Intention – Kelleher Family (requested by M.M.)
Thurs. 9 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Michael, Seamus & Kieran Feighery, Shannon Harbour.
Sat. 11 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	John Heraghty, Harbour Road. Thomas & Josephine Quirke, The Hill. Jo Butler, Cuba Avenue (9 th Anniv.) Fr. Tommy Kenny, Lusmagh (requested by S.R.) Patrick & Sally Kenny, Ferbane. Tom Madden, St. Rynagh's Terrace and deceased family.
Sat. 11 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Joe & Daisy Carroll, Killeenboy & their daughter Olive Hodges & Michael Cantwell, Killourney. husband David. Peter O'Reilly (requested by D.R.)
Sun. 12 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Sean Hyland, Tipperary (requested by J. & A.) Rita Bennett, The Grove (requested by P. & P.)
Sun. 12 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Helen Maloney (requested by S. R.) Nellie Roche & deceased family (requested by D.R.)



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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Hodges, England, brother-in-law of Michael Carroll, Killeenboy; William (Liam) Herson, Church View; Noel Clarke, Ballyclare, Ferbane; Lar Tierney, Pullough; Tony Fleming, Church Street; Jim Egan, Hill Street. May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collections: Christmas Day & 29th Dec. Banagher €3,065. Cloghan €3,019.

Donations to the Parish: Banagher Parochial Account **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730.



Mon. 6th 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 6th January: St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m. St. Mary's 7 p.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated on Sun. 12th Jan. At the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus is anointed with the spirit. He is proclaimed Messiah. Jesus begins his public ministry of preaching and teaching the Good News.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Christian Community Isabella Ann Marie Flynn, New York; Shauna Rose Connolly, Cluain na Spideoga and Luke Michael McCormack, New York who were baptised in St. Mary's Church last weekend.

St. Mary's Church, Cloghan: Sacred Space entitled 'The Path of Faith' was officially blessed during Christmas Eve Mass. Our sincere thanks to Nora Higgins, for designing the Sacred Space and to Mervyn Clarke for creating and building it. This Sacred Space is connected to an old Mass Path that marked the beginning and end of their walk to and from St. Mary's Church. This Sacred Space celebrates the faith of our ancestors and our pilgrimage of faith as we begin this Jubilee Year as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

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.

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 **2025**.

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message can be viewed on our Parish Website www.cloghanbanagherparish.ie
Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards: The intentions of all will be remembered at all Masses in the Parish from Christmas Eve to Sunday – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas Dues Envelope for the Priests of the Parish: Sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity.
Offaly Hospice Calendars: The beautifully produced 2025 Offaly Hospice Calendars are now available at a cost of €5 each. They can be obtained locally at Paul & Mary Flynn's, Banagher, the Post Office in Cloghan or Edward Delahunty, Lusmagh 087 2260814. They are also available from the hospice office in Tullamore. Offaly Hospice wish to thank everyone for their support during the past year and wish all a happy and healthy New Year.

CE Vacancy: Caring in Offaly CE scheme - Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2371087, Banagher area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086 0213711 or ahackett@familycarers.ie

Footcare clinic in Crank House this Mon. 6th Jan. For appointment please contact Ger Heenan Dip.FH 086 3532672. For over 65 subsidised by Social services.

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.

Would You like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10 a.m. -10 p.m. Freephone 1800 80 45 91. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary.

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.

A Prayer for the New Year

Do everything calmly and peacefully. Do as much as you can as well as you can. Strive to see God in all things without exception. Consent to His will joyously. in word and deed. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to Him Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord. Be at peace with yourself. St. Francis de Sales.

We wish all in St. Mary's & St. Rynagh's Parish a Peaceful, Prosperous and Holy 2025

