



**Parish of Gallen and Rynagh**  
**St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher**  
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**Parish Secretary:** Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

**Readings:** Third Sunday of Advent/15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024

**Cloghan SVP** 087 9272877

**Mass Times & Anniversaries**

Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Michael Behan, Co. Laois. Michael Hughes, Cuba (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Mary Nallen, West End (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Michael Wynne, Hill Road (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Tony Byrne, Lumcloon. Ryan & Kearns Families, Ballysheil. Brian & Anne Doorley, Park. Aidan & Kathleen Quigley, Banagher Street.
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Marie & P.J. Ward & deceased Ward, Wynne, Hunt & Dolan Families Jim, Ita & Sean Guinan, The Island & deceased Guinan Family. Intentions of the Hyland & Beirne Families deceased & living
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Kelly & Molloy Families. (requested by J.L.) Margaret Trodd, The Crescent (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Pauline and Jimmy Horan, The Square. Teresa Mann, Shannon Harbour (Month's Memory)
Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Maura Fox (requested by B. & S.) Special Intention – Get Well Joachim (requested by T. & H.)
Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Deceased members of the Delaney Family. Letitia McDaid (requested by B. & S.) Special Intention – Get Well (requested by G. & M.)
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Paddy & Rose Flynn and deceased family, Park. Deceased members of the King Family.
Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Sean Hyland, Tipperary (requested by J. L.) Deceased members of the Claffey and O'Neill Families.
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Donal O'Riordan (requested by G. & A.) Eric Winkler, Cuba Cottages (Month's Memory) Christy Flannery, Oregon, America. Paddy & Josephine McCormack. Danny Byrne, Killyon (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Breda James, Lumcloon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Cora O'Donohoe née Gleeson, Walderstown. Sally Clarke and deceased Clarke Family. Noel Walsh, Ballyclare. Eamonn Holloway and his parents Mary and John.
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Florrie Keating, Castle Street (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) Niall Mitchell, Gallen. Meaney Family, Castle Street. Kathleen Neary (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Nessa Corcoran, St. Rynagh's Road (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Teresa Mann, Shannon Harbour (requested by M.R.)

"Advent is a journey towards BETHLEHEM. May we LET ourselves be DRAWN by the LIGHT of GOD made MAN." *Pope Francis*

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

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of Sr. Irene Keane, L.S.U., Cuba Avenue and formerly Knock, Lucan, Athlone and Geesala, Co. Mayo; Michael (George) Downey, Tanvey, Ballydangan, father of Angela Harrington, Moystown; Fionn McLoughlin, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. May they rest in peace.

**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €890. Cloghan €885.

**Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday.** We celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise these days of Advent.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Christian Community Róisín Karen Doolan, Cluain na Spideoga, Cloghan, who was baptised last weekend in St. Mary's Church.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2025:** The young people preparing for Confirmation will celebrate the Commitment Ceremony this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Rynagh's N.S. at 6.30 p.m. and St. Mary's N.S. & Lumcloon N.S. at 8 p.m. **Mass** will take place in **Eliza Lodge** on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 3 p.m.

**Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December: St. Mary's Church at 9.30  
 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.



**Feast of the Holy Family Masses**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

**Communion Calls for Christmas**

Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Banagher/Cloghan Area.  
 Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. – Banagher/ Cloghan Area.

**Confessions for Christmas**

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. after 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Mass.  
 Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. after 9.30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass.  
 Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. after 9.30 am. Mass.  
 Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. after 9.30 a.m. Mass.

**Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards** are 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.

**New Boxes of Offertory Collection Envelopes for 2025:** Sincere thanks to those who arranged the distribution of the New Boxes of Envelopes for 2025. Your help is very much appreciated. N.B. If anyone would like to receive a box, please contact the Parish Secretary or call to the Sacristy in St. Mary's or St. Rynagh's.

**The Annual Carol Service** in St. Mary's Church, Cloghan will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the service will be donated to Birr Alzheimer's Day care, The Community Nursing Unit, Birr and Offaly Hospice. Your support & generosity will be greatly appreciated. All welcome.



**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.

**Lusmagh Development Association - Christmas Tractor Run** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. starting in Lusmagh G.A.A. carpark. Registration between 3.30-4.30 p.m. costs €20. Prizes given and Santa will come at 4.30 p.m. for a special visit. All proceeds go to the development of a community garden and walkway.

**Clonony Castle** is pleased and delighted to announce that Santa Claus will be making a final visit to the castle this Sunday afternoon **15<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 12 noon to 4 p.m.** with sweets, treats and Christmas cheer.

**Saint Vincent De Paul - Annual Appeal:** Envelopes are left in the Church. Please return your envelopes in the collection basket the following week or you can drop them in to the parish office. Our SVP Conference offers help to the people of the following areas, Ferbane, Belmont, Doon, Cloghan, Shannon Harbour, Pullough, Lumcloon, Lusmagh, Banagher and Ballinahown. All requests must go through our helpline. Please phone 087 9272877.

**The committee of the Banagher, Cloghan and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice** wish to acknowledge with thanks the generous donation received from Banagher Precast. This money will be used for the provision of Palliative care services in the locality.

**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 Delahunt, 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 Christmas and New Year.

**Santa Dash 2024:** Thanks to Lough Boora Running Group, Ferbane A.C. RunnersVriders, Lough Boora Discovery Park, Midlands 103 & Myrunresults.com. A huge thank you to everyone who turned up on the day to walk, run, sponsor, support & cheer. And not forgetting those who helped over the last few weeks behind the scenes! All money raised goes to two local charities Offaly Hospice and Dochas Offaly Cancer Support. The link to donate remains open until 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Riders25> Merry Christmas.

**Advent:** Week 3 (JOY) Candle name: Shepherd's Candle.  
 Reminds us: The Joy at the coming birth of Jesus. Joy is more substantial than happiness. It is deeper and, in many ways, more subtle.

