

## Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher Patrick Kiernan P.P. 057 9151338



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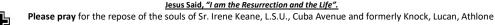
^^^^^ Parish Secretary: Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801 Notices to be in before 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

Readings: Third Sunday of Advent/15th Dec. 2024

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		IV	lass 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 (1st Anniv.)		
Sat. 14th	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 & Do	olan 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. (reques	ted by J.L.)	
			Margaret Trodd, The Crescent (24th Anniv.)	¥ .	
			Pauline and Jimmy Horan, The Square.	•	
			Teresa Mann, Shannon Harbour (Month's Memory)	Œ.	
Mon. 16th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Maura Fox (requested by B. & S.)	1	
			Special Intention – Get Well Joachim (requested by T. & H.)		
Tues. 17th	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. 18th	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Paddy & Rose Flynn and deceased family, Park.	"Advent is a	
			Deceased members of the King Family.	journey	
Thurs. 19th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Sean Hyland, Tipperary (requested by J. L.)	towards	
			Deceased members of the Claffey and O'Neill Families.	BETHLEHEM.	
Sat. 21st	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Donal O'Riordan (requested by G. & A.)	May we LET ourselves be DRAWN by	
			Eric Winkler, Cuba Cottages (Month's Memory)		
			Christy Flannery, Oregon, America.		
			Paddy & Josephine McCormack.	the LIGHT	
			Danny Byrne, Killyon (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)	of GOD	
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Breda James, Lumcloon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)	made MAN."	
			Cora O'Donohoe née Gleeson, Walderstown.	Pope Francis	
			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 Mitchel		
	1		Meaney Family, Castle Street. Kathleen Near	y (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)	
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Nessa Corcoran, St. Rynagh's Road (21st Anniv.)		
Teresa Mann, Shannon Harbour (requested by M.R.)					



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.

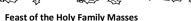
Baptism: We welcome into the Christian Community Róisín Karen Doolan, Cluain na Spideoga, Cloghan, who was baptised last weekend in St. Mary's Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2025: The young people preparing for Confirmation will celebrate the Commitment Ceremony this Saturday 14th 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 16th Dec. at 3 p.m.

## **Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve 24th December: St. Mary's Church at 9.30 Christmas Eve 24th 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 25th December: St. Rynagh's Church at 11 a.m.



Sunday 29th Dec. St. Mary's 9.30 a.m. St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.

## **Communion Calls for Christmas**

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

## Confessions for Christmas

Sat. 21st Dec. after 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. after 9.30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass.

Mon. 23rd Dec. after 9.30 am. Mass. Tues. 24th 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 22nd 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. Runners Vriders, 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 24th Dec. <a href="https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Riders25">https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Riders25</a> 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.

