



## Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Readings: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025

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### Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Sr. Irene, L.S.U. (Month's Memory) Marie Reynolds, Cuba Avenue (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) Michael Egan, Curraghavarina. Kieran Butler, Coolfin.
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Valerie Flynn, Park (Month's Memory) Sean Cantwell, Killourney. Paddy Gallagher, London (requested by A. & M.) James & Elizabeth Daly, Banagher Street. Deceased members of the Woods, Wynne & Bentout Families. Alan Collins (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.), Drum (requested by C.G.)
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Rita Bennett, The Grove (requested by J. F.) Dáire Allen (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Rita and Billy Doyle, Dublin.
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	<b>Funeral Mass</b> – Catherine Kerins née Gibbons, Knocknacarra. Patrick Kelly (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Main Street & his daughter Teresa. Dora Duffy, Dublin. Deceased members of the Glynn Family. Mary McNally, Queen Street (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Special Intention – Get Well Sharon Ellis (requested by M.R.)
Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	John McBride and deceased members of the family. Ellen Julie McDonagh.
Tues. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Fr. Frank Gray (requested by N. & A.)
Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Ellen Greene and deceased members of the family. Phil Duffy, Dublin.
Thurs. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Sharon Crowe (requested by J. & A.)
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	William (Liam) Hernon, Church View (Month's Memory) Fergal Dolan, Cuba Avenue (Month's Memory) and his parents Martin and Kitty Dolan. Kieran McManus, Garbally (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Leo Mullins, Main Street. Phyllis, Peter & P.J. McCormack, Curraghavarina.
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Deceased members of the Donohoe & Naughton Families. Noel Clarke, Ballyclare. Pat & Mary Mahon, The Cross. Johnny McLoughlin, Castle Street (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & deceased family.
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Rita Bennett, The Grove (requested by A.K.) Frank & Celine Nally & deceased members of the family.
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Josie & Paddy Dooley, Harbour Road. Simon Dolan, England & Banagher (requested by T. & B) Valerie Flynn, Park (requested by M. O'M.) Peter Kenny (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) and his mother Mary, St. Rynagh's Terrace.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marguerite O'Keefe née McCormack, Shannon, Co. Clare and formerly Main St., Banagher; Catherine Kerins née Gibbons, Knocknacarra, Galway, formerly Main St., Banagher and Oldcastle, Co. Meath. May they rest in peace.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** celebrated from the 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**Catholic Schools Week 2025** celebrated from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. The theme is 'Alive in Christ' inviting us to explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive" Pope Francis.

**Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul** celebrated on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sunday of the Word of God** celebrated on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. This day reminds us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian Way of Life. It reminds us to read and to reflect on the Bible – the Word of God.

**Readers of the Word of God:** Anyone who would like to read at Mass in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's during the coming year, please give your name to a member of The Liturgy Group or to Tracy, Parish Secretary. Sincere thanks to all Readers of the Word of God. Your support and commitment is very much appreciated.

**First Friday – Communion Calls:** Anyone who would like to be included on the First Friday Communion Calls, please contact Tracy, Parish Secretary.

### Service of Light

The young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will celebrate the Service of Light during Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

St. Rynagh's N.S. – 6.30 p.m. Lumcloon N.S. and St. Mary's N.S. – 8 p.m.

**Parish Calendar 2025** available in St. Mary's and St. Rynagh's.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes for the Priests of the Parish:** Sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity.

**MenPower Programme** - Gents, are you interested in finding direction and expanding your horizons? Join us for the MenPower programme, starting February 5<sup>th</sup> Millennium House, Tullamore. This opportunity is completely free, and your social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are included! For more information, call Aoife on 087 738

**Johanna Martyn, Psychotherapist** has recently opened an office in Crank House. Contact details are: 087 3325453, email: [johannamartynpsychotherapy@gmail.com](mailto:johannamartynpsychotherapy@gmail.com) or [www.johannamartyn.ie](http://www.johannamartyn.ie)

**The committee of the Banagher, Cloghan and Lusmagh Branch of Offaly Hospice** wish to acknowledge with gratitude the following donations: St. Rynagh's National school €300; Liffey's Banagher €120; Deirdre Woods of Paws and Claws €1,105.(from her Santa Paws event); The committee of the recently held group Carol Service in St Mary's Church Cloghan €1,335. All these donations will be used locally for the benefit of cancer and palliative patients and their families.

**A Word of Thanks:** The church choir members of Cloghan, Banagher, Lusmagh, and Meelick would like to extend a sincere thank you to you all, who attended and supported the **Christmas Carol Service** that was held in St Mary's Church Cloghan on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December last. A remarkable total of €4,000 was collected in donations on the night in support of three very worthy local organisations, namely, The Offaly Hospice, The Alzheimer's Association of Ireland Birr day care centre, and The Birr community nursing unit. The donation was shared equally amongst the three and was gratefully received. Thank you.

**The Lusmagh Players present – 'Widows' Paradise' by Sam Cree**, directed by Liam Broderick in Lusmagh Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Booking on 087 416 2169 Monday to Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Admission: Adults €10. Students €5.

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**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €1,180. Cloghan €1,300. Shrine: Cloghan €830.

**Donations to the Parish:** If you wish to offer financial support to the Church by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows:- Banagher Parochial Account **BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. Details also on website.

**Ardagh & Clonmacnois – Jubilee Year: Pilgrimage to Rome** with a day trip to Assisi Sept. 9 – 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. Led by Most Rev. Bishop Paul Connell. €1,175 per person sharing (single supplement €210.) Direct flights Dublin to Rome. Bookings Myriam Tours at 057 9355050 or [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie) WhatsApp 085 1792364.

### A Prayer for Catholic Schools

Almighty God, You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As a Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of education. As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength. Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic Schools. Thank you for the teachers and Boards of Management who sustain our schools. Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education. Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education. Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission. May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice. In your name, we pray. Amen.

