



Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

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

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Happy Christmas & New Year: Wishing you and all families peace, hope and health this Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Word of Thanks: To all who prepared and decorated St. Mary's and St. Rynagh's inside and outside. Our thanks and appreciation to, the Choirs, Liturgy Groups, Church Care Group, Altar Society, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Collectors, those who open and close the Church and all who help out in anyway in the parish. Your kindness, support and spirit of service is very much appreciated. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless and reward you for your kindness and commitment.

Welcome Home: Céad Míle Fáilte to all who have come home to be with family and friends. Our prayers and thoughts are with those who live and work in different parts of the world. May the Infant Child Jesus bless and protect everyone.

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message can be viewed on our Parish Website www.cloghanbanagherparish.ie

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

Email newsletterstrynaghs@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Tracy Dolan - Monday or Friday

Notices to be in before **6 p.m.** on Thursdays.

10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent/22nd Dec. 2024

Cloghan SVP 087 9272877

Mass Times & Anniversaries

Sat. 21 st	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 th Anniv.)
Sat. 21 st	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Breda James, Lumcloon (2 nd 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 nd	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Florrie Keating, Castle Street (3 rd Anniv.) Niall Mitchell, Gallen. Kathleen Neary (2 nd Anniv.) Meaney Family, Castle Street.
Sun. 22 nd	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Nessa Corcoran, St. Rynagh's Road (21 st Anniv.) Teresa Mann, Shannon Harbour (requested by M.R.)
Mon. 23 rd	9.30 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Martin Doyle (26 th Birthday Remembrance) Joseph (Joe) Quinn (requested by G. & A.)
Christmas Eve	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Pat Dunne née Carroll. Paddy Gavin and deceased members of the family. Special Intention – Get Well (Deirdre)
	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. David & Ellen O'Keefe, Paddy & Monica Kelleher & Pat O'Keefe.
Christmas Day	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Deceased members of the Cooney, Coady, Belton & Farrell Families.
	9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.	St. Mary's St. Rynagh's	Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish. Deceased members of the Wynne Families.
Thurs. 26 th			No Mass
Sat. 28 th	6.30 p.m.	St. Rynagh's	Phil & Hubert Rigney & deceased members of the Family, Coolfin. Sr. Irene Keane L.S.U. (requested by G. and S.)
Sat. 28 th	8 p.m.	St. Mary's	Margaret Claffey, Noggus. Stephen & Kate Creeve.
Sun. 29 th	9.30 a.m.	St. Mary's	Denis & Anna Reynolds, Tulcon. Jean Conlon Kessler, Limerick & Athlone. (requested by J. & A.) Matthew (Sonny) Farrell & wife Kathy.
Sun. 29 th	11 a.m.	St. Rynagh's	Anne Marie Doorley, Cuba Avenue (25 th Anniv.) Josephine Graham, Cuba Avenue (1 st Anniv.)

Feast of the Holy Family

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Valerie Flynn née Connolly, Park formerly Clonony, Ferbane; Emmet Grogan, Tullamore nephew of Pat Troy, Stonestown and Tess Egan, Shannon Harbour; Fr. Eamonn Corkery, Aughnaccliffe, Co. Longford, Parish Priest Emeritus of Dromod and former curate in Mohill and Ferbane; John Cawley brother of Margaret Tierney, Birr Road. May they rest in peace.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24th December: St. Mary's Church at 9.30

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Christmas Day 25th December: St. Mary's Church at 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Day 25th December: St. Rynagh's Church at 11 a.m.



Feast of the Holy Family Masses

Saturday 28th Dec. St. Rynagh's 6.30 p.m. St. Mary's 8 p.m.

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

Communion Calls for Christmas

Mon. 23rd Dec. – Banagher/Cloghan Area.

Confessions for Christmas

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

Sun. 22nd 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.

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.

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/ ahackett@familycarers.ie

The Martello Tower Bookshop makes a seasonal return to Birr this weekend until Monday 23rd December. The shop will be in Paul Barber's old shop on Main Street and opening hours are from 12 midday to 5.30 p.m. As well as an extensive range of old local heritage titles the shop will carry copies of a wide range of new books on County Offaly topics. Pictures, coins and photographs of local interest will also be on sale. The bookshop as always is presented by James Scully & Sons Limited and works on a cash only basis. Enquiries to 085 7107569 or jsmeeleick@gmail.com
Lusmagh Development Association - Christmas Tractor Run this 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: A word of **sincere thanks** to all the wonderful families that visited Santa Claus during the recent Christmas events, creating lovely childhood Christmas memories for the children. Wishing all a very happy Christmas.

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

Banagher Active Retirement Group would like to wish all its members a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



A Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen. *St. John XXIII (Pope 1958-1963)*

The Annual Carol Service in St. Mary's Church, Cloghan will take place this Sunday 22nd 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.

