

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st June 2020

Parish of Rahan

Development Fund From March – April 26th 2020: €1,630.00

Development Fund From May 3rd – May 17th 2020: €1,230.00

Donations From March – April 26th 2020: €1,480.00

A huge word of thanks to one and all for your great and huge generosity.

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Joe Craven, Agall who died on the 12th April. His funeral took place on the 14th April in Mucklagh Church followed by burial in Mucklagh Cemetery, **Molly Carroll**, Screggan who died on the 17th April. Her funeral took place on the 19th April in Mucklagh Church followed by burial in Mucklagh Cemetery, **Alo Healion**, Killurin who died on the 14th May. His funeral took place on the 16th May in Mucklagh Church followed by burial in Mucklagh Cemetery, **Linda Heffernan (nee Quinn)**, Ballyfarrell, Blueball who died on the 13th June. Her funeral took place on the 15th June in Mountbolus Church followed by burial in Lowertown Cemetery, **Seamus Murphy**, Kinnitty who died on the 14th June. His funeral took place on the 16th June in Kinnitty Church followed by burial in Mucklagh Cemetery, **Nora Wall**, Charleville Road who died on the 16th June. Private funeral will take place, **Tom Mahon**, Screggan and late of Lugamarlow and Mount Pleasant, Mountbolus who died on the 16th June. Private funeral will take place. May they rest in peace

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Reopening of the Churches in the Parish of Rahan from 29th June 2020: It is hoped that the three churches will open after Monday 29th June, 2020. There are new guidelines in relation to Covid-19 and in relation to the safety of one and all.

1. Please keep a 2 metre social distance between people
2. People are advised to wear face masks
3. Ministers of the Eucharist and the Priest will wear a face mask and plastic gloves for the distribution of Holy Communion which can only be received in the hand due to the new safety measures
4. Seats will be allocated in the three churches of the Parish for families, couples and single people
5. The Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is now lifted and the weekday Masses will fulfil the obligation
6. Due to the smaller amount of people that can attend mass in the churches there will be a time for distribution of tickets for the weekend Masses and this will take place in the parish office at the parochial house, Mucklagh through phoning or calling into the office from 10.00am-12noon and from 2.30pm-4.00pm each Wednesday
7. Depending on the demand for the weekend Masses this ticket system can be extended to weekday Masses as well
8. In Mucklagh Church there will be Mass on Saturday at 7.30pm, Sunday 9.00am and 12noon and 7.30pm on Wednesday's and Friday's
9. In Killina Church there will be Mass on Sunday at 10.30am and 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday's and Thursday's
10. In The Island Church there will be Mass on Saturday at 6.00pm and 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday's and Friday's
11. There will be one weekday morning Mass at 9.00am on Thursday's in Mucklagh Church and all are very welcome
12. It is proposed that a group of volunteers would be available for the cleaning and disinfecting of the Churches before and after all Masses. Volunteers are also needed for helping with the stewarding and helping people to their seat location in the churches
13. Hand sanitisers will be available at the church entrances
14. Baskets will be available at the church doors for the parish envelopes and for the plate collections which can be dropped into the baskets at the beginning and end of Masses
15. Masses Can be booked at the Parish Office on 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30am-5.30pm. Due to the lack of Masses since March it is very possible that a number of intentions may be shared for Masses until we recover from this pandemic

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd June in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm to organise volunteers to help with stewarding and church cleaning

A meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th June in Killina Church at 7.30pm to organise volunteers to help with stewarding and church cleaning

A meeting will take place on Thursday 25th June in The Island Church at 7.30pm to organise volunteers to help with stewarding and church cleaning

A huge word of thanks to each and every person for your wonderful support during this very difficult time of the Coronavirus. Your great support is deeply appreciated by Fr. Martin and Fr. Frank

Rahan Parish Mass on Sunday 21st June:

<https://site2.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/lawless-tullamore.html>

Radio Maria: We encourage all to listen to Radio Maria and join in saying the family rosary every day. The rosary is recited daily on Radio Maria at 12noon and 5.30pm and 9.00pm. Let's get back to praying and praying especially for victims of the pandemic and for many many intentions all over the world

Mucklagh Community Development Notes: LOTTO: The Community of Mucklagh and surrounding areas have worked tirelessly since 2009 to build a much needed Community Centre in Mucklagh. In 2016 they finally opened their doors. As Covid -19 landed at our doors, and mindful of the Health & Safety of our customers and promoters, we postponed our LOTTO. However, the stark reality is with bookings and our LOTTO suspended we have no income stream coming in. The LOTTO is an essential, on-going, revenue source as it part pays our monthly Mortgage and recurring utility bills. We are kick starting our Lotto again with the first draw taking place on Tuesday June 23rd with a **jackpot of €12,000**. Covid-19 has taught us the importance of supporting local. We are asking if you would pay your €2 per week. We have several different arrangements that Lotto can be purchased through. Annually, ticket for a year for €100 (52 Draws), 6-month Ticket for €50 (25 draws), Multi draw Ticket for 13 Weeks €25, Multi draw ticket for 5 weeks €10, There is also the option to sign up to Lotto online. You can do this by clicking on the following link: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=725&_ga=2.157451514.1527231149.1589367388-740152065.1564049439#Anchor The Clubforce App is also available for download to your phone. Just register and you are good to go! You also can purchase from Flynn's Centra the Fingerboard, Day Break Mucklagh, Kelly's Off Licence, or buy from individual promoters and mucklagh Community Centre itself. Enquiries for purchasing tickets and promoters contact details can be made by contacting the centre via email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone. 057 93 56886 & 086 836 4523. Why not give a Birthday Present or a Thank-you gift of Local Lotto? For €20 you can entre someone special into 10 weekly draws and be in with a chance to win or share in our jackpot of €12,000 euros or match 3 numbers and be in with a chance to win or share €150

Meals on Wheels: Anyone who is interested in Meals on Wheels or if someone in your area is interested, for over 70 or people who may be cocooning. Please contact Mucklagh Community Centre 086 836 4523 or 05793 56886

LOCAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: We hope that everyone is keeping safe and well during these difficult times. As part of the response to COVID-19, a Community Response Team has been formed in every county. GAA Clubs and other community groups and organizations are involved in this initiative. Rahan : Gerry Buckley, [Community coordinator](mailto:Community%20coordinator@rahan.ie), 087 929 0722, Mucklagh: Caroline Bryant, 086 836 4523, Ballina, The Island: Brendan Minnock, 087 764 1711. Feel free to ring them in confidence at any time if you have a difficulty. They will pass your details on to the relevant contact in your area. Alternatively, you can contact the official Offaly FREEPHONE number at 1800 81 81 81 or email covidsupport@offalycoco.ie