

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th July 2020

A reward is promised to those who welcome the holy man, i.e. the bearer of God's word. Encourage people to prepare a welcome for the word. Instead of criticizing the poor preacher why not pray for him? Thirst for the word with the humility of knowing our need for God's light. Cherish the word which reveals God's presence in the story of the past, enabling us to see how God is present in the story of today. Mary of Bethany sat at the feet of the Lord and chose the better part

KILLINA

Sunday 5th 10.30am: -----

Tuesday 7th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 9th 7.30pm: -----

Sunday 12th 10.30am: -----

THE ISLAND

Saturday 4th 6.00pm: -----

Wednesday 8th 7.30pm: -----

Friday 10th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 11th 6.00pm: -----

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 4th 7.30pm: Mass for John, Margaret & Denis Conroy & deceased family members, Ballindrennan and Jim O' Boyle, Kilcormac

Sunday 5th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 5th 12noon: -----

Wednesday 8th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 9th 9.00am: -----

Friday 10th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 11th 7.30pm: Mass for Dan & Elizabeth McKeon, Glaskill & Joseph (Snr), Elizabeth, Mary Teresa, Paddy & Joseph (Jnr) Galvin, Cloonagh

Parish of Rahan

Development Fund From May 24th – June 14th 2020: €1,910.00

Donations: €340.00

Trocaire: €2,336.00

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 soul of **Very Revd. Patrick Keary P.E.**, Clara and Kilcormac, Co. Offaly who died on the 28th June. His funeral took place on the 30th June in St. Brigid's Church, Clara followed by burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kilcormac. May he rest in peace

Adoration: Mucklagh: Will resume again on Thursday 9th July. All are very welcome and more adorers would be very much appreciated

Masses Begin Once More: From the 29th June, 2020, Masses have resumed in the Churches of the Parish. A Timetable of Masses is now in place to help people to attend Mass. The Sunday Obligation is now lifted and this obligation is extended to the week day Masses as well. There is a limited number of 50 people at all Masses at this present time. Many thanks to everyone for your huge ongoing support as we all adjust to this new phase.

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.

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

Reopening of the Churches in the Parish of Rahan from 29th June 2020: The three churches have reopened from last Monday 29th June, 2020. There are new guidelines in relation to Covid-19 and in relation to the safety of one and all. **At this time there is a limited number of 50 people allowed at each Mass and we ask you to:**

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 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. A ticket system is now in place to book all Masses at weekends and during the week
7. In Mucklagh Church Masses are on Saturday at 7.30pm, Sunday 9.00am and 12noon and 7.30pm on Wednesday's and Friday's
8. In Killina Church Masses are on Sunday at 10.30am and 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday's and Thursday's
9. In The Island Church Masses are on Saturday at 6.00pm and 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday's and Friday's
10. There will be one weekday morning Mass at 9.00am on Thursday's in Mucklagh Church.
11. 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
12. Hand sanitisers will be available at the church entrances
13. 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
14. All Masses can be booked with Suzanne at the Parish Office on 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30am-5.30pm and also Fr. Martin on 087 9774828. 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

Mucklagh Community Development Notes: Mucklagh Community Centre is opening the centre on Monday July 6th. Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 9-5pm and Friday 9-4pm. Expression of interest for Bookings for Mucklagh Community Centre from September to Christmas are now open. For more information and bookings please email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or Phone, 057 93 56886.

LOTTO: The lotto took place in Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesday June 30th. Numbers drawn were 4, 20, 22 & 26. No Jackpot winner. No 3 match 3 Winners. Next Draw Tuesday July 7th, Jackpot is €12,000. Match 3 numbers is €300. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Mucklagh Community Centre, Day Break, The Fingerboard, Kelly's Off licence or any of our promoters. For €2 you could win or share our jackpot for €12,000 or play 5 weeks for €10. 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 or match 3 numbers and be in with a chance to win or share €300.

Meals on Wheels: Anyone who is interested in Meals on Wheels or if someone in your area is interested, for over 70's 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 is formed in every county. GAA Clubs and other community groups and organizations are involved in this initiative. Rahan : Gerry Buckley, Community coordinator, 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