

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th July 2014.

The parable of the dandelion in the midst of the wheat is a reflection of profound wisdom. It can be applied as much to personal life as to the church. We are mysterious mixtures of divine and human, of grace and free will, of divine seed and human soil. Nobody has the right to expect a perfect crop, nor a perfect church. The church would no longer be a home for us if it were perfect. God is mild in judgement and governs with great lenience.

KILLINA

Sunday 20th 10.30am: Mass for Annie Minnock, Tully.

Tuesday 22nd 7.30pm: Mass for Kevin Minnick, Kilgurtin.

Wednesday 23rd 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 25th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 27th 10.30am: Mass for Peter, Elizabeth & Joe Leonard, Ballykeenaghan.

Sunday 27th 3.00pm: **Ceremony of Rededication of Killina Church.**

THE ISLAND

Sunday 19th 6.00pm: -----

Saturday 26th 6.00pm: Mass for Jimmy Minnock, Ballina & deceased members of the Minnock family.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 19th 7.30pm: Mass for Jim & Margaret O' Neill, son Donal & son-in-law Mick Fox, Clara Rd, Tullamore.

Sunday 20th 9.00am: Mass for Barney & Bridget Pyke, Cloonagh.

Sunday 20th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Josephine Dunne, Roscore, Blueball
And Mass for Joan Hume & daughter Denise, Charleville Road.

Tuesday 22nd 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm: Mass for Frank & David O' Flaherty, Rahan Road.

Thursday 24th 9.00am: -----

Friday 25th 7.30pm: Mass for Dan & Elizabeth Mc Keon, Glaskil.

Saturday 26th 7.30pm: Mass for Ned Conroy, Adam's Villas.

Sunday 27th 9.00am: Mass for Michael Lochrin & deceased family members, Charleville Road.

Sunday 27th 12noon: Mass for Aidan Doyle, Brackagh, Blueball.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island - every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

At the Main Altar every Thursday for the summer. Everybody welcome.

Offertory/Plate	Killina €227.00	The Island €195.00	Mucklagh €780.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €370.00		Mucklagh €545.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Bridget Doyle**, Rathrobin, Mountbolus (mother of Bridie McLoughlin, Murrough) who died on the 11th July. Her funeral took place on the 13th July in Mountbolus with burial afterwards in Lowertown Cemetery and **May Matthews**, London and Tullamore (102 years), aunt of Breda Condrón, who died recently. Her funeral will take place in London next week. May they rest in peace.

Churchgate Collection: The annual churchgate collection for Fr. Rory O' Brien African Fund will be held on the weekend of 3rd/4th August.

Clodagh Active Retirement: Annual trip to Knock Shrine on Thursday 31st July. Cost €25 for over 60's & €35 for under 60's. Price includes bus, tea/coffee en-route, and lunch in Knock House Hotel. There are a few seats left. For details contact Carmel on 087 9530377 or Breda on 087 9286698.

Dates to keep in mind for 2014:

Rededication of St. Carthage's Church: Next Sunday 27th July at 3.00pm by Bishop Michael Smith (All welcome).

Cemetery Day: in Rahan Cemetery on Friday 15th August at 7pm.

Cemetery Day: Killickfehan Cemetery Saturday 16th August at 7pm. (No 6pm Mass in The Island this evening)

Preparations for The Blessing and Rededication of St Carthage's Church Killina: In preparation for this celebration there will be a final meeting in Killina Church on Tuesday evening 22nd July at 8.15pm. to finalise all plans for the day's celebrations. Those who are willing to help with the food on the day will also attend the meeting. Preparations of the School Hall (setting tables and chairs etc) will take place on Saturday 26th July at 10.00am. Preparation of sandwiches and the dropping of baking etc for the refreshments after the ceremonies will commence from 10.00am – 12.00noon on Sunday 27th July. Many thanks to all who are helping out with this historic occasion. There will be a general clean up all around the church ground etc on Saturday morning 26th July starting at 10.00am.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO Tuesday 15th July no's drawn 19/20/23/29. No Jackpot winner. One Match 3 winner €150 to Orla O'Grady c/o Willie O'Grady. Next week's Jackpot €8,000. Next week's Match 3 win/share €150. Thanks for all the ongoing support

Rahan Cemetery: Graveyard clean-up continues every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. New volunteers very welcome.

Rahan Comhaltas: Congratulations to all our members and friends who competed in Fleadh Cheoil Laighean which took place in Moate last weekend and our branch enjoyed lots of successes so all the preparations paid off, our eyes are now firmly set on Sligo. Our Seisiún is running each Tuesday evening in Tullamore Rugby club, and will continue for the next four weeks, why not join us for great evening's entertainment and during the second half of the night if the humour takes you take to the stage with your instrument or to the floor for a few steps. You can always catch up with all our news and events plus our fleadh results on www.rahamcomhaltas.com.

Security Lights: These "Safe T" lights are now available at a cost of €20. Perfect for anywhere, to plug in, which then lights in the event of a power-cut. A must for everybody. Contact Carmel on 087 9530377.

Rosary & Divine Mercy: Every Monday night at 7.30pm sharp in Cahill's, Adam's Villas. Everyone welcome.

Knock Shrine: Volunteers for stewarding one Sunday per month from May to Oct. Tele: Pat Cahill 057 9341989.

Young People in Lourdes 12 – 17: In recent years many young people (18+) have travelled to Lourdes with the diocese seeking to find out more about this famous Shrine: to lend a hand to the pilgrims who are sick or infirmed, to look for some prayer space in busy lives and still to have a good time! Cost €350. If you are interested in travelling this September please contact email: fionamccabe21@gmail.com

Next World Youth Day - Two Years to Go: Last summer at the end of World Youth Day in Brazil Pope Francis announced Krakow as host city for the next World Youth Day 2016. We invite young people (age 18-35) to consider being part of Krakow 2016. It seems so far away but it gives plenty of time to keep the diary free for July 2016 and to begin saving for the trip of a life-time! See www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth to find out more.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Led by Bishop Smith on 10th August 2014. Groups involving youth are very welcome as well as those who are regular pilgrims. If information or assistance is required please feel free to phone Fr. Martin Halpin at 046 97 39015.

Community Games: Athletics training in preparation for the County Finals will continue on Wednesday evenings in the Harriers 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Tullamore Macra: Old style sports days it was a great day. Thanks to all the people who came along for making the day a success.

Dochas Offaly: Cancer Support Group, Offaly St. Tullamore. Drop in centre. Mon-Thur 10am-2pm. Phone support 057 9328268.

Team Leaders and Collectors Required: Barnardos Children's Charity are looking for Team Leaders to help coordinate a collection for Barnardos in Tullamore on Friday September 19th and help raise €100,000 for disadvantaged children and their families in communities around Ireland.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2, 13, 21 & 24. There was no jackpot winner and no match three winner. Next week's match three winner €400 and the jackpot will be €8,000. The draw will take place in Tullybeg Clubhouse.

Intermediate Hurling: A good win from the Intermediate hurling team on Sunday last against Birr and the Junior hurlers lost to Kilcormac/Killoughey on Friday last.

Fixtures: Intermediate Hurling Championship: Shamrocks V's Crinkle in Lusmagh at 6pm on Sunday 20th July. Please come and support.

Minor Football Championship: Shamrocks V's Tullamore in Mucklagh at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd July.

Prayers for Peace: Please continue to pray for peace between Israel and Palestine where last week four Palestinian children were killed in an Israeli air strike on a Gaza beach. Palestinian medical officials said the four cousins, all under 15, were playing football on the beach when two missiles struck. More than 260 residents (civilians) of Gaza have been killed so far and over 1,500 wounded. A senior Israeli military source confirmed that at least half the casualties were civilians. **Let us also pray for the 298 victims on board the Malaysian Airline** (taken down) or crashed over Ukraine on Thursday last. We also remember members of their families in the face of this tragedy. We ponder and wonder what the International outcome will be following this horrific event??