PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th July 2015.

Did you notice that today's Gospel twice mentions 'signs'? At the beginning of the passage we're told that the crowds followed Jesus because they were 'impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick.' Then, towards the end of the passage, we're told that the people saw the miracle Jesus worked of feeding the hungry as a sign and so they wanted to take him and make him their king.

KILLINA

Sunday 26th 10.30am: ------

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm: Mass for Mary McLoughlin & her father John McLoughlin, Murrough.

Wednesday 29th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 31st 9.00am: ------

Sunday 2nd 10.30am: Mass for the deceased members of the Hickey Family, Roscore.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 25th 6.00pm: Mass for Jimmy Minnock, Ballina & deceased members of the Minnock Family. Saturday 1st 6.00pm: Mass for Patrick & Bridget Boland & deceased family members, The Rushes, Castletown.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 25th 7.30pm: Mass for Ned Conroy, Adam's Villas.

Sunday 26th 9.00am: Mass for Joseph Egan, Mucklagh & Mollie & Richard Jordan and also

Remembering Frances & Leon Fennell.

Sunday 26th 12noon:

Tuesday 28th 9.00am:

Wednesday 29th 7.30pm:

Mass for Michael Betson, Healy Street.

Thursday 30th 9.00am: Mass for Michael Betson, Healy Street.

Friday 31st 7.30pm: Mass for Mary Dunne, Mucklagh & her parents Martin & Mary Pierce.

Saturday 1st 7.30pm: Mass for Dan & Elizabeth Mc Keon, Glaskill and

John, Henrietta & Rena Bryant, Cloonagh.

Sunday 2nd 9.00am: Mass for Aidan Doyle, Brackagh, Blueball. Sunday 2nd 12noon: Mass for Benny Cleary, Roscore, Blueball.

Perpetual Adoration:of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:Killina Church- every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.The Island- every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm. **Holy Hour** Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

 Offertory/Plate:
 Killina €203.00
 The Island €115.00
 Mucklagh €770.00

 Dev Fund:
 Killina & The Island €185.00
 Mucklagh €245.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Very Reverend John Brogan P.P., Kilskyre and Ballinlough, Kells, Co. Meath and Rahan, Co. Offaly who died on the 19th July. Requiem Mass took place in St. Alphonsus Liguori Church, Kilskyre on the 22nd July with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery, Very Reverend Willie Cleary P.E., Mornington, Co. Meath and formerly Parish Priest of Tullamore who died on the 19th July. Requiem Mass took place in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore on the 23rd July with burial afterwards in Clonminch Cemetery and Kathy Cunningham, An Screagan Ros a Mhil, Co. Na Gaillimhe, Galway and formaloly Screggan, Tullamore who died on the 20th July. Her funeral took place in St. Joseph's Church, Presentation Road on the 23rd July with burial afterwards in Rahoon Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

<u>Our Parish Christian Community:</u> Welcomes **Emma Adomaityte**, Ballinamere, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 18th July.

<u>Wedding Bells:</u> Congratulations to **Julie Ann Kenna**, Brackagh, Blueball and **Mark Carroll**, Kilcock, Co. Kildare who were married in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 24th July. We wish them long and happy lives together. **Annual Trip to Knock:** The pick-up points and times are as follows: 9.10am Rahan Hall, 9.20am Killina, 9.30am Mucklagh, 9.40am Court Hotel and 9.50am Clara.

<u>Church Gate Collection:</u> At all masses in the Parish next weekend 1st/2nd August for Fr. Johnny Mc Evoy's Fiji Project. All contributions very welcome. Thanking you.

<u>Trip to Manchester 2015:</u> Anyone interested in coming on this trip, October 23^{rd} to 26^{th} , to Manchester, Tour of Coronation Street and to the location set of Emmerdale, Last of the Summer Wine and Heartbeat, please get in touch as soon as possible as there are only a few places available. Cost €390 p.p.s. And €450 single. Deposits due the 1^{st} week of August and full payments by the 23^{rd} September. Please contact Carmel for further details on 087 9530377.

Rahan Comhaltas: Summer Seisiún's continue in Tullamore Rugby Club until the 11th of August. The facilities at this venue are very favourable to people of all abilities, as the only steps one will encounter are those associated with dancing. The craic starts each night at 9pm, so Bígí Linn ag Seisiún 2015. For further information contact Mike on 086 3883156 or see www.rahancomhaltas.com

History & Heritage Group: Meeting next Tuesday night (28th July) in Killina at 8.30pm. Anyone who wants to help out in upcoming events or become involved in History & Heritage are invited. All welcome.

<u>Mucklagh Community Development:</u> Lotto: 21/07/15 no's drawn 23-28-29-31. No jackpot winner. One Match Three winner €150 Betty Grogan c/o Catch Grogan. Next week's Jackpot €12,000 and Match three win/share €150. Thanks to all who support our LOTTO.

Meath Diocese pilgrimage to Knock: takes place on the 9th of August.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Bishop Smith 12 -17 September 2015. Return flights, 5 nights. Hotel full board, insurance & taxes €719. To book, contact: Tel: 01-6359300.

<u>Lough Derg 2015:</u> Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimage is Thursday 13th August. Pilgrims can begin their pilgrimage any day up until then. No need to book. Information available at www.loughderg.org or phone 071 9861518

Reek Sunday – 26th July (today): Confessions on the summit from 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass on the summit every half hour from 8:00am - 2:00pm.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 7-21-27-32. There was no Jackpot Winner and 1 x Match 3 = €200. Pius Grennan c/o Michael Buckley. The Jackpot next week will be €2,400 and the draw will take place in Kelly's. Shamrocks Ladies: AGM Wednesday 29^{th} of August in Mucklagh Club House at 8.00pm

<u>U-12 Hurling:</u> v Brosna Gaels. Shamrocks were narrowly defeated this evening by Brosna Geals, but put up a much improved performance from their previous outing, even without 4 of their regulars. On a scoreline of 4-3 to 3-1, the game was in the balance up to the final minute. Lee Thornton played very well in goals with almost every puck out finding its target. Full backs Neil Minnock and Brian Whittager were solid against a skilfull full forward line and were ably assisted by the half back line of Felix O'Reilly and Ruairi Pennick who controlled their area well at center field, Daniel Corcoran, Curtis Dunne and Finn O'Donoghue supplied quality ball to the forward line of Eoghan Neville and Ronan Connolly, both of who won many free from their markers who were unable to cope with their accurate passing. Full forwards David O'Rourke and Ian Keating were a thorn in the side of the full backs, with Ian going of due to injury, being replaced by the superb Luke Guinan, who showed great skill in his first outing at this level. Man of the match was Ian Keating after returning to play following a nasty ankle injury to show the talent he is capable of. Very well done to all and good luck for the next match.

<u>Fixtures:</u> Monday 27th U16 Football Championship, Shamrocks V's St. Rynaghs in Cloghan at 7.30pm, Wednesday 29th Minor Hurling Championship, Shamrocks V's Seir Kieran in Rath at 7.30pm, U12 Football League Shamrocks V's Ferbane/Belmont in Mucklagh at 7.30pm.

Results: Minor Football Championship: St. Broughan 2-08 Shamrocks 1-12 and U16 Hurling: Shamrock's 3-09 Kilcormac/Killoughey 1-20

Comment from Bishop Smith following deaths of three religious in our Diocese: Sunday, July 19th, was a sad and poignant day in our Diocese with the deaths of three people who have given their lives to God in the service of others. Between them they gave over 150 years to active ministry, bringing different charismas to their lives of giving. The first to die was Sr. Veronica Moore, Sister of Mercy, and native of Oldcastle who was a member of the Mercy community based in Navan, being a qualified nurse. She went to Monze Diocese in Zambia working there as a nurse and hospital administrator for several decades. On retirement she returned to Ireland but expressed the desire to explore the possibility of living the eremitical life, dedicated to a life of prayer and recollection. Following a period of discernment, in 2010, in the Cathedral, she took formal vows as a hermit, leading a quiet life of prayer and recollection. She lived close to the Cathedral in Mullingar.

Fr. John Brogan, a native of Oldcastle, died following a three year battle with terminal cancer. Many in all our communities face the same battle in these times. He was given three months to live at the time of his diagnosis but, with great courage and determination, he continued as parish priest of Kilskyre until a couple of weeks ago. He received enormous support from his parish community and from wider afield. This enabled him to continue his ministry right to the end.

Shortly afterwards Mgr. William Cleary, a native of Rathwire, died following a very short illness. Following his retirement as Parish Priest of Tullamore he took residence in Mornington and continued his priestly ministry in Laytown/Mornington parish over the past ten years. He greatly enjoyed his time beside the Irish Sea and his commitment was greatly appreciated by the people in that rapidly expanding community. Death came quickly and quietly.

While they gave so much to so many by their ministry and witness their passing leaves a deep void in the lives of their families and friends as well as in the communities in which they ministered throughout the Diocese.