

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1st Sunday of Advent 29th November 2015.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin the season of 'waiting'. The Gospel today has a powerful (and perhaps distressing) images of great signs that will appear. For many of us this year we saw lots of signs that Christmas was coming, even as far back as September, which is more distressing than any of the images in the Gospel today. Some people love that feeling of expectancy, of waiting for someone or something to arrive. It can be quite an exciting time or even one of anxiety. Very often we are on high alert during such time, and often quite creative. We are asked to enter into a season of preparation, to celebrate God in our lives and in our world. It is a season of great joy and of hope and while waiting is not always seen as a good thing, it can be an interesting time of growth.

KILLINA

Sunday 29th 10.30am: Mass for Pat, Joseph & Mervyn Guinan & family, Cappaloughan & David Finnamore, The Mealahans, Tullamore.

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm: Private Intention

Wednesday 2nd 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 4th 7.30pm: **Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & James & Bridget Keegan, Ballykeenahan.**

Sunday 6th 10.30am: Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 28th 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Daly family, Ballina Cross.

Tuesday 1st 7.00pm: Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Class Scoil Charthaigh Naofa

Friday 4th 6.30pm: **Mass for all those on the List of the Dead**

Saturday 5th 6.00pm: Mass for Patrick, Ellen & James Kennedy, Clonshanny.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 28th 7.30pm: Mass for Margaret Murphy, Charleville View.

Sunday 29th 9.00am: Mass for Daniel & Clara Keyes & their granddaughter Stephanie & all deceased family members.

Sunday 29th 12noon: Mass for John Lucey, Mucklagh.

Tuesday 1st 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 2nd 7.30pm: Mass for Kathleen & Frank McEvoy, their son John, daughter Maureen & John's son Daniel, Mucklagh.

Thursday 3rd 9.00am: -----

Friday 4th 7.30pm: **Mass for all those on the List of the Dead** and Month's Memory Mass for Mattie Smyth, Charleville Road.

Saturday 5th 7.30pm: Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road.

Sunday 6th 9.00am: Mass for Patrick Lacey, Ballybrittas & his mother Betty.

Sunday 6th 12noon: Mass for Betty & Peter Owens, Beechmount Park.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

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

The Island - **postponed until further notice.**

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €175.00	The Island €250.00	Mucklagh €757.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €195.00		Mucklagh €785.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Kathleen (Kitty) Gonoude**, Derrygolan, Killeigh (aunt of Matty Gonoude, Mucklagh) who died on the 25th November. Her funeral took place on the 28th November in St. Patrick's Church, Killeigh with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Niall James Hensey**, Brocca, Mucklagh who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 21st November.

November Offerings: Frs. Martin and Frank would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous November Offerings. These offerings form a major part of priest's salary. Thank you.

Ordination: On Sunday 6th December, Deacon Noel Weir from Tullamore, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Smith in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore. The Ordination Mass will be at 3.00pm and all are invited and welcome to join in this special day in Noel's life. Noel will also celebrate his first Mass in the Church of the Assumption on Monday 7th December at 6.30pm. All are very welcome to join Noel on Monday evening also.

Parish Christmas Draw: Will take place on the 13th December in Newtown Primary school at 3.00pm Prizes: €500, €300, €200, €100, Turkeys, Hams, Whiskey, Brandy, Cakes, Biscuits & other prizes. Tickets will be available from this weekend at the church doors. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Churchgate Collections: The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Churchgate collection will take place at all Masses in the parish on the weekend of 28th/29th November. (this weekend) and Rahan Community Alert will hold their Churchgate collection at the Masses in Killina and The Island on the 5th & 6th December. (next weekend)

Christmas Carol Service: The Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 13th December at 7.00pm in Mucklagh Church. We invite the choirs of the parish and school choirs and members of Rahan Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to take part in this great parish Celebration.

Eucharistic Ministers on duty in The Island for December: 5th Dec: G. Minnock, 12th Dec: K. Looby, 19th Dec: A. Minnock, 24th Dec: M. Minnock & G. Minnock, 25th Dec: K. Looby, 26th Dec: A. Minnock.

Thank You: to all who supported and attended Rahan Bazaar last Sunday. Thanks also to our sponsors.

Rahan Community Alert: Our aim for the future is to erect some CCTV cameras at strategic points round the parish. We had some goods stolen in our area on Tuesday night last, so we once again ask everyone to be vigilant and especially keep an eye on the elderly. Don't tell the world on facebook that you are away and the house is empty either. Stay safe.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: 24-11-15 no's drawn 01/04/16/32. No jackpot winner, two match three winners Betty Hogan and Brenda Betson both c/o Catch Grogan each get €75. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and Match 3 win/share €150. Thanks to all the continued support.

Umbro Clothes Collection: Will take place on Wednesday 16th December in the three churches of the parish.

Father Ray Kelly in Concert: Tuesday 1st December at 8.00pm in The Bridge House, Tullamore. Supported by St. Colman's National School Choir, Mucklagh. Tickets €15. Contact Daphne on 087 9334519 or Ena on 087 9400046. Proceeds in aid of Palliative Care, Tullamore and St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Clara Restoration Fund. All support greatly appreciated.

'Buy A brick' for Mucklagh Community Centre: Anyone who wishes to buy a brick for Mucklagh community centre may do so by calling to the centre from Monday to Friday from 9.30 until 12.30. Also you may email mucklaghcd@gmail.com, or by phone: 086 836 4523, 087 632 5409 or 087 944 8623. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Tree Lights in Mucklagh: This year the turning on of the Christmas Tree Lights will take place on Tuesday evening December 8th at 7.00pm. Santa will be arriving at 5.30pm to the Community Centre. For more information contact: Alison or Nicola in community centre any morning.

Christmas Tree in Killina: It is hoped to have a Christmas Tree installed in the grounds of the church. Those who would like to help out please come along from 8.30am to the church yard on Saturday 5th December. The switch on of the lights will take place after the 7.30pm Mass on the 8th December. All help will be very welcome.

Novena: To Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kilcormac Church will take place each Monday at 7.30pm from 2nd November to 14th December. All Petitions and Thanksgivings included in each Mass. Blessing of congregation with Blessed Sacrament on 30th November. Confessions with visiting Priests on 14th December. All welcome.

Glas Meeting for Grey Partridge Farmers: Improved options for Grey Partridge Farmers available in Tranche 2 of GLAS. GLAS now open for applications until December 7th 2015.

Offaly Local Development Company: are running a FETAC level 4 Landscaping & Horticulture Local Training Initiative in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education, Banagher. It is a 26 week full-time programme, commencing February 2016. For further information please contact Roy/Imelda on 087 6835561

Marriage Encounter Weekend: on the 5th - 7th February 2016 in the Creggan Hotel Athlone. Visit our website www.marriageencounter.ie

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2, 5, 25, 31. Two match 3s €100 each. Peggy Hennessy (J Hennessy) & Liam McGuinness (M Manley). Next weeks jackpot is €6000 & draw is in Kellys Roadhouse.

Come dine with me: There is still time to put your name down as a host for "Come Dine With Me" evening on the 5th of December. A great night to be had followed by music in Tullamore Golf Club afterwards. Anyone interested in being a host please contact Ollie Byrant on [0863287354](tel:0863287354) or Liam Mooney on [0879286701](tel:0879286701)

Shamrocks Ladies: AGM of shamrocks ladies football club takes place Wednesday 2nd Dec at 7 o'clock in shamrocks Gaa grounds Mucklagh!