

# PARISH OF RAHAN

## KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent. These weeks are weeks of great hope and joy and we celebrate God entering into our lives once more. This short passage from Mark reminds us to be alert, to use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our crazy, busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we us 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 minutes...to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more.

### KILLINA

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am:

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass for Pat O' Brien, Goldsmith's Lot.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for Margaret & Patrick Hughes, Killina, Tommy Duncan, Killina & Mary Walshe, late of Killina.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & James & Brigid Keegan, Ballykeenaghan.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully.

### THE ISLAND

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:

Mass for Joseph & Catherine Hickey & their sons Michael & Joseph, Brockagh.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:

Mass for Nora Leonard, Ballincur.

### MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

Mass for Stephanie Keyes & grandparents Daniel & Clara & deceased family members.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 12noon:

Mass for Peter English, Adam's Villas.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am:

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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for Denis Brady & deceased family members, Beechmount Park.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds, Ballard & the deceased members of the Reynolds & Derham families.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

Mass for John, Margaret & Richard Larkin & Matt & Bridget Bonney.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 12noon:

Mass for John Lucey, Mucklagh.

**Perpetual Adoration:** of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

**Killina Church**

- every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

**The Island**

- every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm.

**Mucklagh**

- every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

**Do this in Memory of Me:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass of the Do this in Memory Programme will take place at the 10.30am Mass in Killina and the 12noon Mass in Mucklagh on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December for all of our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children.

**Offertory/Plate:** Killina €202.00      The Island €195.00

Mucklagh €720.00

**Dev Fund:** Killina & The Island €270.00

Mucklagh €885.00

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the **Vincent Flaherty**, Scraggan who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. His funeral took place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh with burial afterwards in the adjoining Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to **Karen Griffin**, Rahan and **Eoghan O' Mahony**, Blanchardstown, Dublin who were married on the 28<sup>th</sup> November in St. Carthage's Church, Killina. We wish them many happy years together.

**Churchgate Collection:** The annual collection for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held at all Masses this weekend and Gorta will hold a collection on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December in Mucklagh only.

**Rahan Community Alert:** Church gate collection at Killina and The Island on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of December is for Monies raised will go towards new Text Alert signs in our area which we hope will deter crime. Give generously. Thank you. Our 'Text Alert' is going very well, the more eyes and ears out there all the better.

**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.

**Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in The Island for December:** Sat. 6th Dec: M. Minnock, Sat. 13th Dec: A. Minnock, Sat. 20th Dec: G. Minnock, Wed. 24th Dec: B. Bracken & K. Looby, Thurs 25th Dec: A. Minnock, Sat. 27th Dec: M. Minnock.

**Parish Christmas Draw:** Will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank You:** to all who supported and attended Rahan Bazaar last Sunday. Thanks also to our sponsors and a special word of thanks to Gemma Deegan and Paddy Heaney for all their help on the day.

**Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November '14** no's drawn 12-14-21-29. No Jackpot winner. 3 Match 3 winners win €100 each. Mary Loughnane, Ita Doherty & R. Connelly. Next week's Jackpot €11,800 next week's Match 3 win/ share €150. Thanks to all who support our LOTTO.

**I'm not a Celebrity, take me on!:** Mucklagh Schoolboys Soccer Club are holding a challenge competition where qualifying competitors take on Brendan Galvin in eight challenges and the last person standing wins. The challenges are both physical and mental and include running, swimming underwater, kayaking between two bridges among others. The event takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December with the top eight fundraiser plus two wild cards qualifying for the event. It should be a fun day for competitors and spectators alike. To obtain sponsorship cards and further details contact Brendan Galvin 0879804357 or John Murray 0873671670

**Rahan Community Market:** Rahan Community Market takes place every Saturday from 10am to 1pm, at Rahan GAA Car Park. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the market since its relocation and look forward to welcoming new faces.

**Rahan Social Services:** Chiropodist will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. People from Mucklagh will be seen between 10.30am and 12.30pm and Rahan people will be seen from 1pm onwards. All toes are welcome.

**St Colmans National School Mucklagh:** The children of St. Colmans National School under the Musical Guidance of Majella Killeen and class teachers have recorded their very first CD "play the moments rewind the happiness" featuring 18 songs in total. These CD's can be purchased from the St. Colman's School please contact Claire on 0579341244 or alternatively contact Alison on 0877548981.

**Mucklagh Community Centre:** are hosting a table quiz on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 8pm in Tullamore Golf Club, Table of 4 is €40.00. All proceeds in aid of Mucklagh Community Development. Please support we are building for the future.

**The Ballycumber Area Defibrillator Scheme:** will hold ten minute CPR AED update training on Wednesday (December 3rd) between 8pm and 9pm in the Ballycumber GAA Centre meeting rooms. Please do your best to attend."

**A Pilgrimage to Medjugoire:** will take place with a Spiritual Director and Larry Cummins from 20th-27of May 2015. Departing from Dublin. Special offer of €519 if paid in full before December 10<sup>th</sup> Details available from Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

**A Special day in honour of Our Blessed Lady:** will take place at the Ark Centre 23 Mitchell Terrace Athlone on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, starting at 1.30pm with the Rosary. 2.00pm. Holy Mass, Celebrant: Fr Freddie Warner. After the Mass the Centre will remain open until 10.00pm with Adoration and Individual Prayer. All are most Welcome. Details available from Paul Woods or Kathleen O' Connor on 087 7828283.

**Shamrocks Notes: Dinner dance:** The annual dinner dance is on December 12th in the bridge house, tickets available shortly. This night promises to be a good night. We will be presenting county medals to the intermediate hurling champions this year. We will also be making a presentation to the winning intermediate hurling team of 1994. The Club is looking forward to celebrate another successful year in it's history. Tickets are available from Kellys and Tullybeg golf club.

**Minor Board Awards Ceremony:** The minor boards award ceremony is planned for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November in Rahan hall at 5pm. It is important to recognise the talents of our younger members and this is the perfect opportunity to do so. All welcome to the Hall.

**Scor na nOg:** Shamrocks Scor won the County Final table quiz competition last Friday night and are through to the All Ireland now to represent the county. Well done to the very young team of Eanna Murray, Liadan Murray, Ellen Buckley and James Walsh. The County rounds of the Scor na nOg competition were on in Rahan Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to all those taking part. Looking forward to support from the Club and parish which always proves to be a most enjoyable evening.

**Mixed Fortunes!:** There were mixed fortunes on the field of play this past weekend. Commiserations to the Minor Hurlers who were beaten by Kilcormac Killoughy. It was hugely disappointing to the team and management as well as to the large support that were there cheering on the team. On Sunday our intermediate hurlers reached a Leinster final by beating Westmeath, and are now due to play the Kilkenny champions in two weeks time. We wish the panel and management team the very best of luck in their preparations.

**Minor Board A.G.M:** The minor board are holding their A.G.M. on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Mucklagh Clubhouse at 7.30pm All are very welcome to attend.