

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1st Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2017

We are surrounded these days by the commercial 'circus' of Christmas shopping and 'getting ready'. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: 'Where do I see God being born around me today? In those we meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart? Have a more 'aware' Advent. Be mindful in all you do

KILLINA

Sunday 3rd 10.30am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully

Tuesday 5th 7.30pm:

Mass for a Private Intention

Wednesday 6th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 10th 10.30am:

'Do this in Memory of Me', Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, 1st Communion Class and Mass for John O' Brien, Rahan Demesne

Sunday 10th 7.00pm:

Rahan Parish Christmas Carol Service. All Very Welcome

THE ISLAND

Saturday 2nd 6.00pm: Mass for John Phelan & his son Sean & deceased members of the Phelan Family, Deerpark

Friday 8th 6.00pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9th 6.00pm:

Mass for Joseph & Elizabeth Daly & their daughter Kathleen & her husband John, Ballina

MUCKLAGH

Saturday 2nd 7.30pm:

Mass for Margaret Dunne & her husband Tommie, Roscore

And also for Margaret Murphy, Charleville View

Sunday 3rd 9.00am:

Mass for Pat Lacey & the deceased members of the Lacey family, Ballybrittas

Sunday 3rd 12noon:

Mass for 1st Anniversary Mary Boylan, Beechmount Park and also

Month's Memory for Pat Tierney, Beechmount Park

Tuesday 5th 9.00am:

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm:

Mass for John, Margaret & Richard Larkin, Ross, Screggan

And deceased members of the Bonney Family

Thursday 7th 9.00am:

Friday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

And for Denis & Catherine Conroy, Ross & their son John & deceased family members

Saturday 9th 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for John O' Donoghue, Lynally Grove

Sunday 10th 9.00am:

1st Anniversary Mass for Helen Clavin, Lynally

Sunday 10th 12noon:

'Do this in Memory of Me', St. Colman's National School 1st Communion Class and

Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan

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.

Holy Hour Adoration & Prayers in Mucklagh Church on Monday evening from 7.30-8.30pm (1st Monday of Month)

Offertory/Plate: Killina €138.00

The Island €240.00

Mucklagh €698.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €180.00

Mucklagh €495.00

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: in Mucklagh Church every Thursday. Adorers urgently needed for the hours 11.00am-12noon and 2.00p.m-3.00p.m or any hour. For more information please contact 057 9351923 or 057 9351367

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Baby Brogan Buckley Cornally** of 30 Beechmount Park (son of Shane Cornally & Chantelle Buckley) who died on the 26th November. Funeral took place at the family home on Tuesday 28th November with burial in the New Cemetery Mucklagh and **Kathleen Monaghan**, The Derries who died on the 30th November. Her funeral took place in Killina Church on Saturday 2nd December and burial in Rahan Cemetery. May they rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Matilda Frances Nestor**, Collins Lane, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 25th November

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in The Island for December: 2nd Dec: K. Looby, 8th Dec: (Holy day) A. Minnock, 9th Dec: M. Minnock, 16th Dec: A. Minnock / New person, 23rd Dec: K. Looby / New person, 24th Dec: M. Minnock & A. Minnock, 25th Dec: K. Looby, 30th Dec: M. Minnock / New person

Annual Christmas Carol Service: The Annual Christmas Service for the Parish this year will take place in Killina Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 10th December. Many thanks to all the choirs and members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and to all who are helping to make the evening a great success and thanks also to Deirdre Byrne for all her work in coordinating this parish event.

Gala Concert for St. Colman's National School Mucklagh: On 12th December 2017, Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm. Pre event reception in Mucklagh Community Centre from 6.30pm. Entertainment on the night, Simon Casey, Dave Lalor and Les Beaux Chanteurs with St. Colman's School Choir. Tickets €15 or 2 €25 only when you book online at www.mucklaghns.ie. Tickets also available from Mucklagh Community Centre 057 9356886, St. Colman's N.S. 057 9341244 or tickets will be sold on the door at the event. All Proceeds to St. Colman's autism unit structural fund. Christmas Raffle will take place on the night

Annual Parish Bazaar: A huge word of thanks to the hall committee and each and every person who helped out for the bazaar last Sunday 26th November. Thanks to all who helped with the catering and baking and selling tickets and those who worked so hard to set up the hall and all who came along on the day. Well done and many thanks to all

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: The numbers drawn for the 27th November were 14-15-17-27. No Jackpot Winner and 1 match three winner. Congrats to Edel Gorman (c/o Sammy McMorris). Thanks for the continued support. Match 3 jackpot is €150 next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM MUCKLAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE:

December the 8th 2017: Santa will be in Mucklagh Community Centre at 5.00pm and lights will be switched on at 7pm. All welcome.

December the 19th 2017: Active Retirement is hosting a Christmas Flower arranging evening from 3pm to 5pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. Noelle from Ferbane Florist will demonstrate, how to do some fabulous festive arrangements. Admission is €5.00 which includes Tea and a free Raffle. All welcome.

December the 29th 2017: Active retirement are hosting a Community Tea Dance in Mucklagh Community Centre from 8pm until 12 midnight. Entertainment for the evening will be none other than "Rock on Paddy" himself, Paddy Keating. Admission on the night is €5.00 this includes light refreshments and a raffle ticket. A great night NOT TO BE MISSED!!

The ideal Christmas present to send to Rahan natives!: A limited number of Rahan Remembers DVDs available at www.offalyhistory.com or contact Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Christmas Retreat: In Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from 8th – 10th December. ID required, Donation only, Free Buses. For more information visit www.youth2000.ie, office@youth2000.ie or contact 01 675 3690

Killina Presentation Secondary School: will present their annual school pantomime this December. 'The Wizard of Killina' is a well loved story with a fun, local twist. Full of entertaining scenes and toe-tapping songs, we promise it will be a treat for the whole family. Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th of December at 7.40pm sharp. Tickets cost €8 each.

Social Dance: In Ballinamere Hall on Friday 1st December. Christmas Party Night. Music by Michael Collins. Dancing from 9.30pm-12.30am

Presentation Convent KILLINA 1817-2017: A Celebration of 200 Years of Service. A reminder that this book, which celebrates the bicentenary of the foundation of the convent in Killina, can be purchased for €10. It is available from various outlets, including Kelly's, Flynn's, Mucklagh Community Centre, Doolan's, Killina Sec. School and the sacristies of the three churches in the parish. What a lovely Christmas gift for those at home and abroad!

Free Computer & Internet Classes: will be run in Rahan Parish Hall in the near future if there is enough interest. Would you like to learn how to Skype family and friends, learn how to use, you tube or learn how to do online banking? Classes can be tailored to suit the needs of the group. Never too old to learn something new!! For more information contact Irish Rural Link on 090 6482744 or 090 6482745 or 085 1311524. All are very welcome

Teagasc & Bord Bia: are holding an information morning on the new Quality Assurance Scheme and Winter Feed Advice Clinic on the farm of Bertie & Karl Williams at Kilmurray, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Friday December 8th at 11.00am. Event will be signposted from Tullamore bypass, Arden roundabout and Kilbeggan. All are welcome to attend.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 3,5,28,32. No jackpot or match 3 winners. Jackpot €4,200 next week. Draw in Tullybeg.

Congratulations: A huge congratulations to Sean O' Toole and Athlone Town on winning the U15 SSE Airtricity League Final on Saturday night against St. Patrick's Athletic becoming the first ever champions of this competition.

Dates to Remember:

Parish Christmas Carol Service: Sunday 10th December in St. Carthage's Church, Killina at 7.00pm

Parish Christmas Draw: Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm in Newtown School