

# *Rahan Parish*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this. In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards

**Rahan Parish Masses:** Due to the present Covid-19 regulations throughout the country, there will be no Masses during the week and at weekends in the Parish of Rahan. Mass will take place on the Webcam until further notice at 11.00am each Sunday from Lawless Funeral Home, Mucklagh following the link below. Booked parish masses can be rescheduled for a later date or the mass intentions can be included in the webcam masses at 11.00am on Sundays. Please contact Fr. Martin 087 9774828 or Suzanne in the parish office at 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30am-5.30pm to reschedule the Masses. We await the decision of the government and NPHE in relation to the month of December and the opening of the churches. A further announcement will be made later. Many thanks to one and all for your great cooperation at this difficult time

**Month of November:** Please pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory and all who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Gerry Murray**, Charleville View, Tullamore & Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway who died on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. His funeral took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh followed by burial in the adjoining Old Cemetery. May he rest in peace

**Special Decree:** A special decree has come from Rome in relation to the indulgences for the faithful departed. The decree states that the indulgence for the faithful departed is now extended for the whole month of November, from the 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The usual conditions for the indulgence still applies and an individual holy soul can be prayed for on each day of the month of November. May the holy souls in purgatory rest in eternal peace in the kingdom of heaven through our prayers.

## **Parish of Rahan**

**Development Fund 22<sup>nd</sup> November:**

**€472.00**

**A huge word of thanks to one and all for your great and huge generosity**

**Rahan Parish Mass will be broadcast on Sundays at 11.00am on the Webcam from Lawless Funeral Home Mucklagh:**

<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/lawless-funeral-directors-1>

**OR**

1. MCN MEDIA
2. Republic of Ireland
3. Cameras
4. View Funeral Home.
5. Scroll to Lawless Funeral Home and Click on it

**Adoration: Mucklagh: On Thursdays from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome and more adorers would be very much appreciated**

**Adoration: Killina: On Mondays from 3.00pm-10.00pm. All are very welcome**

**Advent Invitations for COVID Times: Online Advent Retreat with Sr Finola Cunnane:** Amid the challenges of COVID and 2020 can we hear the words of Isaiah, “See, I am doing a new thing?” Can we hear God’s invitation to listen, hope, uncover and discover the hidden treasures within our being? In this two-part retreat we will pay attention to how we are and open our hearts to Christ’s life-giving invitations for Christmas and beyond. Part 1 recording available <https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/> from November 30<sup>th</sup>. Part 2 – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am-1.00pm ‘live’ via Zoom. Cost €25 Details and booking: [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie) .

**Christmas Shoebox Appeal goes On-line:** The annual Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal has moved for the first time to an online-only appeal for 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The new website at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie) enables people to build-a-box online for a donation of €20.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** The lotto took place in Mucklagh Community Centre on **25/11/2020**. Numbers drawn were **3,17, 22 & 30** No Jackpot winner. 1 Match 3 Winner. Philip Barron, C/O Philip Wins €150. Next draw will take place **01/12/ 2020** in Mucklagh community Centre. **Jackpot is €12,000**. Match 3 numbers are **€150**. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Mucklagh Community Centre, Day Break, The Fingerboard, Kelly’s Off licence or any of our promoters. For €2 you could win or share our Jackpot for €12,000 or play 5 weeks for €10. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

**AGM:** Mucklagh Community Development virtual CLG AGM will take place on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. You are invited to attend by emailing [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie) By Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> December. Link to the meeting will be emailed to you.

**Christmas Present: Give the present of** Mucklagh Community Centre Local Lotto to a loved one at home or away for Christmas €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886 or [email: adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie) .

**Meals on wheels: As part of Covid -19 Supports:** Mucklagh community Centre is providing Meals on wheels services. Dinners cost €5 per dinner & dessert, delivered to your door. If you would like to avail of meals on wheels in the community Contact Mucklagh Community Centre by email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie) or phone 057 93 56886.

**Irish Grinds:** Junior Cert and leaving Cert Grinds available in Mucklagh Community Centre. 6 Weeks €90. Small classes. 4:15pm for Junior Cert and 5:30pm for Leaving cert.

**Computer Classes:** Learn how to use ipad, android phone, email, shopping online, internet banking, tax your car, download apps, use whatsapp etc. Computer classes will start in January. Booking is essential. Contact by email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie) or phone 057 93 56886.

**Shamrock’s Notes: Lotto:** The numbers drawn were 11,13,15,21. No jackpot winner. 3 match 3's win €70 each. Well done to David Phillips (Clubforce), Lis Fox (K. O’Meara) & Michael Hickey (J. Hennessy). The jackpot next week is €15000.

**Fundraiser:** Our 1-21 draw took place last Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November which was a great success under the circumstances we are in at the moment. A big thank you to Sergeant Triona Burke for overseeing the draw and also picking out the lucky tickets. Thank you to all our ticket sellers and a big thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The following is a list of all the winners. John Thornton - €1,500, Brendan Cantwell - €1,000, Tom Buckley - €100, Breda Mooney - €100, Jack Commins - €100, Sophie Gleeson - €100, Stewart Russell - €100, Clodagh Kelly - €100, Matthew Molloy - €100, Darragh Stewart - €100, Philomena Sherkle - €50, Brendan Minnock - €50, Conor Kenny - €50, Brian Dolan (Dolan’s shop) €50, Niall Byrant - €50, Aishling Kearney - €50, Mark Dorrington - €50, Noelle Minnock - €50, Philip Gorman - €50, K & O - €50

**Prayer during a Pandemic:** Almighty and merciful Father, who show’s your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen

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