

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1st Sunday of Lent 18th February 2018

The image of Christ in the wilderness is evocative. In his aloneness he pours himself out before the Father. The Spirit of God literally drove Jesus to this preparation for his mission. On Good Friday it will be obedience to the Father which will bring his mission to completion and thereby accomplish the ultimate harvest of Life. From his wounded side, in the flowing water and blood, the church is born. 'This is the Time of fulfillment.' The kingdom of God is at hand. It is at hand because his resurrection will be the lifting up of all humanity. The covenant which began with Noah is coming to fruition. Death is put under his feet. This demands a response from each individual, a response of repentance and belief. In the wilderness, the Lord lived between the angels and the wild animal. While the rainbow, for Noah, was the sign of God intertwining himself with the cosmos, the Lord's extended arms on the cross make real the deeper covenant: 'You shall be my people and I will be your God.'

KILLINA

Sunday 18th 10.30am:

Mass for John Cummins, Dernanaugh

Tuesday 20th 7.30pm:

Mass for a Private Intention

Wednesday 21st 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 23rd 9.00am:

Sunday 25th 10.30am:

THE ISLAND

Saturday 17th 6.00pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Brenda Mulpeter, Bawn Cottage, Clonshanny, Clara

Saturday 24th 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 17th 7.30pm:

Mass for Tom Lawless & his parents Tom & Molly, Clonminch

Sunday 18th 9.00am:

Sunday 18th 12noon:

Mass for Josie & Pat Lambe, Glasshouse, Blueball

Tuesday 20th 9.00am:

Mass for The Berry Family, Scrub, Killeigh

Wednesday 21st 7.30pm:

Mass for the Anniversary of the Eucharistic Adoration, Mucklagh and for living & deceased members

Thursday 22nd 9.00am:

Friday 23rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Gerard & Mick Kinnarney, & the deceased members of the Wall & Kinnarney Families, Ballard

Saturday 24th 7.30pm:

Mass for Catherine & William White & their sons Richard & Denis, Cloonagh

Sunday 25th 9.00am:

Mass for Celine Molloy, Ballydownan, Geashill

Sunday 25th 12noon:

Mass for Chris & Ina Glynn, Mucklagh

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 €230.00

The Island €160.00

Mucklagh €790.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €270.00

Mucklagh €535.00

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: in Mucklagh Church every Thursday. Adorers urgently needed for the hour 11.00am-12noon 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 **Rose Brickland**, Daingean, who died on the 11th February. Her funeral took place on the 13th February in St. Colman's Church, Kilclonfert followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Daingean and **Colm Mitchell**, Derrymore, Blueball who died on the 9th February. His funeral took place on the 12th February in St. Brigid's Church, Mount Bolus followed by burial in Lowertown Cemetery. May they rest in peace

Trocaire Boxes: Boxes are now available at the church doors

Date for your Diary: Card game In Rahan Hall on Good Friday night. More details will follow

Coffee Morning in Mucklagh Community Centre: Every Tuesday Morning after 9AM Mass, €1 for Tea/Coffee & toast All Welcome.

Mucklagh Active Retirement: are in action from 3pm to 5pm every Tuesday. All Welcome.

Kilcormac Development: Currently have the following vacancy: Administrator, Mucklagh Community Centre. **Job ref number 2063459.** Please contact your local Employment Services to inquire if you are eligible for this position For more information contact the Community Employment Office 05791-35512.

Mucklagh Community Development: **Lotto:** Numbers drawn were 7-15-26-28. (1) Match 3. Irene Bryant c/o Willie O'Grady €300.00. Thank you for your continued support

Parents Association of Scoil Charthaigh Naofa: 'Mochuda Unit' invite you to an 'American Dinner Dance' on Saturday 24th February in Rahan Parish Hall. Drink reception at 7.30pm followed by Buffet dinner & Dancing to 'The Vows'. Also bring your own drink. Tickets €25. Book now on 057 9355393 or 087 2749147. Strictly over 18's ONLY

World Meeting Of Families: Dublin: With our Holy Father Pope Francis 21st-26th August 2018: Apply to volunteer call 01 567 6800 or visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer or volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie

World Meeting of Families 2018 - Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help?: Thousands of people will travel from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily. Email: hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call 01 567 6800.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Clara. All welcome

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage: Visiting Eucharistic Miracle Santarem and St. Anthony's shrine in Lisbon. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tony Gavin, Tubber, Moate. 10th-17th September, 2018. 7 nights full board, Hotel Santo Amaro €799pps. Single room supplement €160 (limited availability). Deposit to secure a place - €100 by Friday 4th May 2018. For further details contact Mrs. Anna Condron (090) 6482228

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land 2018: Our 17th Annual Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Meath to the Holy Land in association with MAP Travel, led by Fr. Gerry Mac Cormack, Sr. Consilio Rock and Fr. Dwayne Gavin takes place from 16th – 24th April 2018. Bookings with MAP Travel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Phone 01 8783111 or email: patricia@maptravel.ie

Lenten Retreat: For young adults 18-40. Saturday 24th February in Dalgan Park, Navan from 9.30am-5pm. For more information contact Fr. Joe on 086 6036506, Mary 086 8473900, Sr. Una 090 64 8166 or visit youthretreats@gmail.com

Rally to save the 8th: A public rally will take place in Dublin to save the 8th Amendment in the Constitution on Saturday 10th March at 2.00pm in Parnell Square. All are very welcome to attend.

Ark of Divine Mercy Athlone: Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will depart from Dublin Airport on Thursday 24th May 2018 for 7 Nights with J.W.T. Spiritual Director Fr Jim Candon. Cost €719. Full details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA: Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17th June 2018. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. **Contact Denis, Humanitarian Volunteers on 086 8520271.**

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 9-10-24-32. Two match three winners receive €100 each. Barry Mooney (B. Mooney) & Tommy Godley (R. Molloy). Next week's lotto is €6200. Draw in Tullybeg.

Dates to keep in mind for 2018:

1st Confession St. Colman's N.S: Tuesday 13th March, 2018 at 6.00pm in Mucklagh Church

1st Confession Scoil Charthaigh Naofa: Thursday 15th March, 2018 at 6.30pm in Killina Church

Confirmation: for 6th Class in both Schools, Sunday 29th April at 1pm in Mucklagh Church.

1st Holy Communion St. Colman's N.S: Saturday 5th May, 2018 at 11.30am in Mucklagh Church

1st Holy Communion Scoil Charthaigh Naofa: Saturday 12th May, 2018 at 11.00am in Killina Church

Cemetery Devotions Mucklagh: Sunday 3rd June, 2018 at 6.00pm

Cemetery Devotions Rahan: Wednesday 15th August, 2018 at 7.00pm

Tullamore Show: Sunday 12th August, 2018

Papal Visit: Pope Francis will visit Ireland for the World Meeting of Families for the week of 19th-26th August 2018

National Ploughing Championships 2018 Scraggan: Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th September 2018