

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1st Sunday of Lent 5th March 2017

Message for His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent: Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God with all their hearts, to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive

KILLINA

Sunday 5th 10.30am:

Mass for Michael & Ronnie Grennan, Murrough

Tuesday 7th 7.30pm:

Mass for a Private Intention

Wednesday 8th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 10th 9.00am:

Sunday 12th 10.30am:

Mass for Larry & Nellie Marshall, Loughroe

THE ISLAND

Saturday 4th 6.00pm:

Mass for Nora Molloy & deceased family members, Deerpark

Saturday 11th 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH

Saturday 4th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Kathleen Maxwell, Screggan

Sunday 5th 9.00am:

Mass for Patrick Carroll, Kilcormac

Sunday 5th 12noon:

Mass for Colin Dunne, "Woodview", Roscore & his aunt Marie Farrell, Dublin
And also for Geraldine O' Brien, Agall

Tuesday 7th 9.00am:

Wednesday 8th 7.30pm:

Mass for Bernard Carroll, Brocca, Mucklagh

Thursday 9th 9.00am:

Thursday 9th 7.00pm:

1st Confessions for the 2nd Class Pupils of St. Colman's National School, Mucklagh

Friday 10th 7.30pm:

Mass for Pauge Condron, Glaskill

Saturday 11th 7.30pm:

Mass for Stephen & Annie Dunne & Jackie & Kate Egan, Roscore

Sunday 12th 9.00am:

1st Anniversary Mass for Gabriel Neville, Lynally and also

Mass for the deceased members of the Larkin Family, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 12th 12noon:

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: Mucklagh Church on Monday evening 7.30pm-8.30pm (1st Monday of the Month)

Offertory/Plate: Killina €235.00

The Island €135.00

Mucklagh €650.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €400.00

Mucklagh €760.00

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: in Mucklagh Church every Thursday. Adorers urgently needed for the hours 11.00am-12noon and 4.00p.m-5.00p.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 soul of **Paddy Saunders**, Portlaoise, Co. Laois (father of) who died on the 24th February. His funeral took place on the 27th February in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise with burial in Ss Peter & Paul's Cemetery. May he rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Olivia Marie, Martin James, Connor Jay & Matthew Thomas Mc Loughlin**, Ballydaly, Tullamore who were baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 25th February and **Sienna Mae O' Dwyer**, College View, Rahan who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 26th February

Stations of the Cross: Will take place every Friday Evening during Lent at 7.10pm in Mucklagh Church

Confessions: Will be held a half an hour before all Masses in the Parish this weekend 4th & 5th March, as we begin the season of Lent

Lent and Annual Trocaire Boxes: These boxes can be had at the Church Doors

Chrism Mass: **Chrism Mass:** The Blessing of the Holy Oils for the coming year in the Cathedral, Mullingar on Wednesday 12th April at 7.00pm. All invited, especially those involved in ministry. (Mass in Mucklagh this day at 9.00am instead of 7.30pm).

Churchgate Collection: Rahan Junior Badminton will hold their Churchgate Collection at all Masses this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated

Mobile Blood Donation Clinic: The opportunity to give blood will arise at the Tullamore Court Hotel on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th March from 4.30pm-8.00pm

Atlantic Hearing Services: Holds a hearing clinic in Finlay's Pharmacy, Tullamore by appointment. Contact 087 9622244 for more information. Home visits also available. Hearing tests are conducted free of charge

Mucklagh Community Centre Art Classes: Aileen Kavanagh will be starting up Art Classes in Mucklagh Community Centre. People can get in contact with Aileen on 087 6370171.

Mucklagh Community Centre Social Dancing: Gerry Tynan from Ballinasloe will run two hour Social Dancing classes on Sunday evenings from 3.30pm until 5.30pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. Classes will begin from Mid March and cost €10 for the two hours. If you are interested please contact Mucklagh Community Centre to book your place 05793 56886.

Mucklagh Active Age Group: We meet every Tuesday from 3.00p.m to 5.00p.m in Mucklagh Community Centre. Everybody Welcome.

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

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 28/02/17 numbers drawn 7 ,8 ,14 ,16. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners , Magnificent 8 , Harry O' Kelly c/o Alison O'Kelly, €75 each. Next week's Jackpot €12,000 and next week match three win/share €150. Thanks for all the continued support.

Rahan Drama Group: The three-act comedy 'It's The Real McCoy' will be staged in Rahan Community Hall on 17th, 18th, and 19th March, at 8.00pm nightly. Tickets will go on sale soon, costing the regular prices of €10 for Adults and €5 for children.

Lenten Retreat: for young adults (18-40). Married life? Priesthood? Single Life? Religious Life? A time of conversation and reflection about how Jesus is calling you. Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer of the Church, Confession, Testimonies, Holy Mass. Saturday 11th March 9.30am-5.00pm, in Dalgan Park, Navan. A donation will cover the cost of lunch and tea breaks. For more information contact Fr. Joe: 086 6036506, John: 087 2478519, Sr. Una: 090 6481666 or email youthretreats@gmail.com

Rahan Community Alert: Once again we remind people to remain alert for anything suspicious and watch out for elderly neighbours, if you do have any problem ring Tullamore Gardai on 057 93 27600. Wrist Monitor alarms and 'bottle in the fridge' are available from Ann on 087 985 1819. Smoke alarms can be had from Offaly Co Co on 057 93 46800. And for good measure it's the same number to Council if you want potholes filled in so get ringing and save your tyres. Thanks.

Scoil Charthaigh Naofa: Enrolment for 2017/2018 is now open. You can download your form from the school website or alternatively you can collect one from the school. For more information contact Claire at 057 9355393

Mission: "A preached mission is being given by the Ceili Community from Saturday 4th to 11th March inclusive at St. Brigid's Parish Church, Clara. All welcome"

The Glamorous Buttons and Bows Event is back: This sale of extravagance is taking place in the Tullamore Court Hotel Sunday 5th March 12 – 5pm. Come and browse at the selection of Evening Wear, Mother of the Bride, Jewellery, Shoes, Bags, Accessories etc. Entry is €5 and all proceeds go to Dóchas Offaly Cancer Support Group. Make it a girl's day out!

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto Numbers: The numbers drawn were 1,7,15,29. No Jackpot winner. Two match 3's win €100ea. Henryk Boczar (J. Kearney) & Tony Hickey (P. Kearney). Draw in Kelly's next week. Jackpot €13,000.

Well Done: To Patrick Dunican who was on the Offaly U21 Team who beat Wexford on Wednesday night last in the Quarter Final of the Leinster U21 Football Championship. Offaly 1-06 to Wexford 0-06. Offaly now move on to the Leinster Semi Final where they will play the winners of Louth or Laois

Kevin Dundon Cookery Demonstration: Shamrock's are hosting a cookery demonstration with Kevin Dundon on March 28th in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket may do so from the Court Hotel, Kelly's shop and can also pm on facebook. Please keep checking the Shamrock's fb page for further updates of where to purchase tickets. It plans on being a great night with lots of new delicious recipes being cooked so please come along and support Shamrock's.

Results: Hard luck to the senior hurling team last Saturday against Lusmagh in what was a very close match. Final score Shamrocks 1-17 Lusmagh 1-19

Shamrock's Mass: The Annual Shamrock's Mass will take place on Friday 17th of March St. Patrick's day at 9.00am in Mucklagh.

Dates for your Diary 2017:

1st Holy Communion Killina: Saturday 6th May

1st Holy Communion Mucklagh: Saturday 13th May

Cemetery Sunday Mucklagh: Sunday 4th June at 6.00pm

Cemetery Devotions Rahan: Tuesday 15th August at 7.00pm

Tullamore Show: Sunday 13th August 2017

National Ploughing Championships, Scraggan: Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September 2017