

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1st Sunday of Lent 22nd February 2015.

Around the world there are many who still suffer for their faith. In many parts of the world, admitting to one's faith as a Christian can lead to persecution, homelessness, torture, imprisonment or even death. Yet there are brave men, women and children who continue to profess their faith and to meet together to worship, in spite of the dangers facing them. Pope Francis has continually called for an end to Christian persecution, particularly in the Middle East where over 250,000 Iraqi Christians have been forced to flee their own country. This Lent, why not make a special effort to remember and pray for those who are suffering for their faith in different parts of the world?

KILLINA

Sunday 22nd 10.30am:

Mass for John Cummins, Dernanaugh.

Sunday 22nd 2.00pm:

Mass - Senior Citizens Party in Killina Presentation Secondary School.

Tuesday 24th 7.30pm:

Wednesday 25th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 27th 9.00am:

Sunday 1st 10.30am:

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

THE ISLAND

Saturday 21st 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick & Mary Daly, Ballybrumcullen.

Saturday 28th 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 21st 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Brigie Molloy, Morrough.

Sunday 22nd 9.00am:

Sunday 22nd 12noon:

Month's Memory Mass for Ina Glynn, Mucklagh & remembering her husband Chris & also for Patrick & Elizabeth Lambe & their daughters Sr. Pacifique, Sr. Albert, Josie & Their sons Gussie, Pat & Josie, Glasshouse, Blueball.

Tuesday 24th 9.00am:

Wednesday 25th 7.30pm:

Mass for John Monaghan, 'Melrose', Screggan.

Thursday 26th 9.00am:

Friday 27th 7.30pm:

Mass for Martin & Maureen O' Dwyer, Tipperary.

Saturday 28th 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Celine Molloy, Ballydownan, Geashill.

Sunday 1st 9.00am:

Mass for Geraldine O' Brien, Agall.

Sunday 1st 12noon:

Mass for Marie Farrell, Dublin & Colin Dunne, Roscore.

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.

Kindly Note: Change in Parish Office Hours:

From Thursday 19th Feb, Suzanne will be in the Parish Office for 1 day per week from 9.30am-5.30pm on Thursdays

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €260.00	The Island €157.00	Mucklagh €805.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €345.00		Mucklagh €315.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Peter Guinan**, Sragh, Leamonaghan, Ballycumber who's funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Pullough on the 19th February and burial took place in Boher Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Bradley Thomas Troy**, Lowertown, Blueball who was baptised on the 15th February in St. Colman's Church.

St. Joseph's Y.P.S.: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th February after the 7.30pm Mass in Killina.

Midlands Simon Community: want to say thank you to the communities of Rahan and Mucklagh for their continued support of Midlands Simon Community. It is because of such support that we are able to continue to provide such essential services. If you are looking for any further information on Midlands Simon please don't hesitate to contact me on 087 9723480 or d.oconnor@midlandssimon.com

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa: We warmly welcome Sr. Rena Condron a member of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa who visits the parish this weekend at all Masses.

Blood Donor Clinic: will take place in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday from 4.30pm – 8.00pm. All welcome.

Many Thanks: To all who supported the used clothing collection held recently to aid Fr. Nicholas Maanzo & his parish of St. Patrick's Kitui, Kenya. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Community Games: Entry forms for Talent competition will be circulated to the schools this week. Closing date for return of completed forms is 6th March. The forms can also be downloaded from our Facebook page. Closing date for Art entries is February 27th. Training for Draughts will commence on Friday 27th February. Anyone who is interested in Basketball or has any queries relating to the other aforementioned events please contact Ann-Maria Cuningham on 0872261211.

Rahan Comhaltas: To kick off Seachtain na Gaeilge we are holding a Seisiún competition Tullamore takes place on Sunday, March 8th from 7pm. Group size should be 4 to 6 persons. Each group will be asked to perform for 45 min – one hour and each session group will be assigned a performance location in Tullamore. - more information and entry forms can be downloaded from at: <http://www.rahamcomhaltas.com/seisiun-competition>, Contact James on 087 9422853. Music and Dance classes will be back Friday February 27th. **Upcoming events:** performance during the GAA Annual Senior Citizens Party in Killina this Sunday. You can access more information from the events section of our website www.rahamcomhaltas.com.

Rahan Better Health Club: Opening hours Monday to Friday 9.00am-1.00pm & 6.00pm-10.00pm. Membership only €20 per month. Classes starting soon.

Lough Boora Parklands: 5K Walk/Jog and 10K Race. Sunday 29th March in aid of Irish Autism Action and Offaly Dochas Cancer Support Group. 10 week training programme at Lough Boora Parklands- Programme started Sunday 18th January at 9.15am. €20 for 10 weeks, Runners, Joggers welcome.

Rahan Community Alert: Preparations are well underway for our big Race night on Sat 18th of April in Tullabeg House. Officers have already been out in some areas and report a great response from people giving their support. All areas will be visited soon so have a name ready for your horse and remember monies raised is going towards new Text Alert signs with Townslands name also. All will help to deter the thieves and protect our area. Be on the Alert at all times and report anything suspicious. Thanks.

Rahan Drama Group: The Rahan Drama Group is working very well on their upcoming production of “A Wake in the West”, by M.J. Ginnelly. The production will take place on the weekend of 20th, 21st & 22nd March in Rahan Hall. Many thanks for all the great support. Tickets will be on sale from next week. Tickets available from Deirdre @ 086 0886648. Admission €10 Adults & €5 Children. We wish the cast and all associated with this production every success for this event. Sincere thanks to all who have volunteered to help with hospitality, catering, floor management, backstage staff & parking.

More Rahan Remembers DVDs: available from Kelly's Roadhouse, The Fingerboard, Ben Scally's, Fox's Kilbride Street, Trax Bridge Centre, www.offalyhistory.com or by contacting Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO: draw 17/02/15 numbers drawn 11-15-17-29. No Jackpot Winner. Three Match three winners, Ava Champ, Benny O' Meara, Shane McLaughlin, €50 each. Next week's Jackpot €12,000 and next week's match three €150. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

St. Colmans National School: Tesco Tullamore have chosen Lann Eala, the Autistic Unit as one of their Community Fund recipients for the next six weeks. Please take your blue token when you complete your shopping and use it to vote for Lann Eala. Huge Thanks to Elaine for all her hard work in making this possible.

Health Information Seminar -Obesity Diabetes Health Eating - Learn More. International expert Dr Donal O'Shea will be one of the guest speakers at the Health Seminar being hosted by Tullamore Business Professional Women (BPW) in the Bridge House, Tullamore, next Tuesday night February 24 at 8pm. Expert guest speakers including Dr Shu Hoashi, Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist at Mullingar Hospital and Ms Corina Glennon Community, Nutritionist will speak about essential health information focused on health eating, obesity, physical activity and diabetes management. Admission is Free.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2 4 13 21. There were 4 match 3's receiving €50 each. Bertha Guilfoyle, Shane Creamer, Emmet Kirwin, Val Buckley. Jackpot €4800 next week and the draw will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse.

Club Membership: €20 Social Members, €25 Full time Student, €50 Senior & €25 Underage

Safeguarding: The Parish of Rahan is committed to ensuring that best practice safeguarding children standards are being implemented so that we can ensure the safety and well being of our children, young people and adults who work with them. Over the next few weeks our local safeguarding representatives will be contacting those groups in the parish who work with children to offer support and help. If you are involved with a parish group working with children and need advice about consent forms or other policy issues please feel free to contact our local safeguarding representatives: Fiona Murray and Annette Minnock.(contact numbers available from the parish office)