

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August 2014.

If it is a test, the Canaanite woman passes with flying colours! Her faith is impressive. When Jesus ignores her initial appeal, she tries again. And when he knocks her back, she replies with a witty retort: 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' I always find this exchange amusing. At first reading, it seems that the woman has got one up on Jesus. He attempted to fob her off, and her quick wit has caught him out. We can imagine him chuckling as he concedes 'Woman, you have great faith'. But the exchange also makes me wonder: what was Jesus really up to? By the end of the conversation, he is clearly impressed with the woman's faith, her wit and her wisdom. But why the test? Why does he try to fob her off, and why the dog reference?

KILLINA

Sunday 17th 10.30am: Mass for Thomas & Mary Bridget Looby, Derrycooley.

Tuesday 19th 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 20th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 22nd 9.00am: -----

Sunday 24th 10.30am: Mass for Nellie Dunne, Roscore.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 16th 7.00pm: **Killickfeehan Cemetery Mass & Devotions. (No 6pm Mass in the Island)**

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm: Mass for the David & Mary Conroy & Frs. David & Stephen, Deerpark
And the Flynn & Bermingham families.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for Jacinta (Gerrie) Flaherty, Cloonagh.

Sunday 17th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 17th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Mary Fahey, Charleville Road and also Mass for her husband Patrick, her daughter Breda and her sister Ann Crowley, Charleville Road.

Tuesday 19th 9.00am: Thanksgiving Mass for the Collectors & Donors of Fr. Rory O' Brien's African Fund Collection

Wednesday 20th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 21st 9.00am: -----

Friday 22nd 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm: Mass for the Finlay Family, Agall & Bracklin.

Sunday 24th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 24th 12noon: -----

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island - every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Rededication of Killina Church.

Video of the occasion can be had from Fr Martin for €10.00. Lots of Photos on parish website by Jim Lawlor, Anne Cooney and Dervilla Buckley.

Offertory/Plate Killina €.00 The Island €.00 Mucklagh €740.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €.00 Mucklagh €575.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Hagan**, Milford Donegal (mother-in-law of Marcus White) who died on the 12th August. Her funeral took place on the 14th August in Milford, **Philip Johnson**, Goldsmith's Lot who's funeral took place in Killina with burial afterwards on the 14th August and **Mary Walsh (née Hughes)**, Ballaghmore, Borris-in-Ossory (sister of Nellie Duncan, Killina) who died on the 13th August. May they rest in peace.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Caitríona Ní Thuama**, Class 6 Teacher, Mucklagh School and **Darin O' Connor**, Tullamore who were married in Ballyvourney, Co. Cork on the 14th August and **Fiona Corcoran**, Killina and **Joseph Doolan**, The Cush, Pullough who were married in St. Carthage's Church Killina on the 14th August.. We wish them long and happy lives together.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Meadbh Lily Cassidy**, 65 Tegan Court and **Ciarán Timothy Noonan**, Dubai who were baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 9th August.

Churchgate Collection: The annual churchgate collection for Rahan Social Services will be held this weekend and the annual collection for the Irish Society for Autism will be held on the weekend of 23rd/24th August (next weekend)

Skip in Mucklagh Cemetery: Due to the amount it is costing to empty the skip in Mucklagh graveyard, those of us who are responsible for the upkeep and the maintenance of the graveyard have decided that we would follow the example of other graveyards in the vicinity, whereby they have got rid of such skips. We invite each family to be responsible for taking home their own wreaths and vases/flowerpots. It is now costing between €1,500 - €2,000 per year for us to have the skip emptied and of course water charges on top of this. The Mucklagh graveyards and family plots are a credit all involved. In this matter we appeal to your understanding and goodwill. Thank You.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO Tuesday 12th August no's drawn 6, 12, 13, 27 No Jackpot winner. One Match 3 winner (rollover) Jen Finlay wins €300 - promoter Darragh Burke. Next week's Jackpot €8,800 & Match 3 win/ share €150. Thanks again to all who continue to support our LOTTO.

Better Health Club Rahan: Are now actively seeking new members. The club will open from 9am until 1pm and 6pm until 10pm from Monday to Friday. Membership is €20 per month. Classes will start soon in spin and kettle bells. Contact John Re classes 087 6639115.

Rahan Community Alert New Committee: Our area Co Ordinators have been out collecting Phone Numbers for the 'Text Alert Scheme. They report a huge positive response as they went from door to door. Our next meeting is Sept 6th so hopefully 'Text Alert will be up and running soon after. All phone numbers are strictly confidential and not be used for any other purpose. A big 'Thank You' to all our sponsors also. More information as we proceed. Thank you.

St Carthages Boxing Club: will resume on 8th Sept Monday new members welcome closing date is 29th Sept if interested contact Paul on 086 9674072 or Helena 086 3478068

Community Games: Best wishes to the following participants who are competing in the national finals this week-end: Darragh Rusk for u-10 swimming, Leah Colsh for Gymnastics, Caitlin Minnock for recitation (Talent) and Andrew Delaney for athletics.

Lost & Found: Key of front door found in Church 2 weeks ago. It can be collected at the parochial house.

2014 Irish National Pilgrimage to St Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower): 25th September- 1st October held in Lisieux France. Flight & 6 nights Includes Celebrations for her feast day and torchlight procession of main relics from the Convent chapel to the Basilica. Papal mass with blessed roses; includes visits to St Therese and family homeplaces. with two optional tours to Alencon home of her parents and Bayeaux. Spiritual Director Frs Bernard O'Reilly O.Carm & David Weakliam O.Carm. **Details and Inquiry/booking information** Celine: 01 838 7281 or [e-mail:sttherese@carmwst.ie](mailto:sttherese@carmwst.ie)

Pilgrimage to Rome: in honour of Saint Columbanus: October 8th -15th 2014 (€995 pps) for further details and booking please contact: Cultural Connections Ltd. Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Tel: 057 9355050 mornings only or email: grouptravel@libero.it

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: One Day Retreats: recommence on 17th August. Contact Maureen or Sharon. Tel 071 9861518 email info@loughderg.org

Banagher Traditional Skills Festival 22nd – 24th Aug 2014. A celebration of traditional skills and heritage, will take place in Banagher over the weekend of 22nd to 24th August in the form of the Traditional Skill Festival. Over the three days, Crank House and the town will play host to a series of workshops, demonstrations and other interesting events. The workshops will include such skills as Pottery, Dry Stone Wall Building, Willow Weaving, Batik, and Felting. Many of the workshops will have both adult, and child suitable sessions. The full list of workshops and events is available on the website: www.traditionalskills.ie. or by ringing Aileen Duffy aileen@traditionalskills.ie (087 9430489

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 3, 12, 18 & 29. One match three winner, Mark Kinahan (N. Thornton) who won €200. Next week's jackpot will €8,800 and the draw will take place in Tullybeb Golf Club.

Promotion for Beatification: Pope Francis is visiting South Korea these days, 14-18 August. Seven Columban priests were killed during the early days of the Korean War (25 June 1950 - 27 July 1953) and they are included in a list of 84 modern day martyrs which the Korean Catholic Church is promoting for beatification. The priests were stationed along the border with North Korea at the outbreak of the War and were killed during the early days between June and Dec. 1950 of the Communist invasion. The announcement has been welcomed by the Irish Bishops Conference who asked the faithful to remember them in their prayers. They are Fr Anthony Collier Clogherhead, Co Louth, James McGinn was from the US, but of Irish parents and educated in St Malachy's College Belfast, Fr Patrick Reilly, a native of Drumraney, Co Westmeath. Three more were killed on 24th September 1950 and they were Mgr Patrick Brennan, born in Chicago of Irish emigrant parents, Fr Thomas Cusack from Ballycotton, Liscannor, Co Clare and Fr John O'Brien from Donamon, Co Roscommon. The last of the Irish Columbans to die in Korea was Fr Francis Canavan from Headford, Co Galway. Fr Francis was taken by troops on what would become known as the infamous "Death March" to the north. He survived the march, but died six months later on 6 December 1950 as a direct result of the hardship.