

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August 2020

Peter got his name, meaning a rock, to indicate his calling to authority in the church. A rock can be a foundation or an obstacle, a bridge or a barrier. Peter, if he persists in thinking in his way rather than God's, is threatened with another new name... Satan, the obstacle supreme. If tuned into God's plans we will be bridges enabling people to relate to God: but barriers if we 'model our behavior on the world around us'.

KILLINA

Sunday 30th 10.30am: -----

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm: Mass in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje & Martina Minnock, College View

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Sunday 6th 10.30am: Mass for the Sherlock Family, Killina

THE ISLAND

Saturday 29th 6.00pm: Mass for David & Mary Conroy & their sons Fr. David & Stephen, Deerpark, Ballycumber

Friday 4th 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Saturday 5th 6.00pm: -----

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 29th 7.30pm: Mass for Catherine Gath, Bunatarn

Sunday 30th 9.00am: Mass for Patsy Murphy, Fivealley, Birr

Sunday 30th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Tom Condrón, Lynally

Wednesday 2nd 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 3rd 9.00am: -----

Friday 4th 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & Michael Cummins, Glaskill

Saturday 5th 7.30pm: Mass for Kay & Patsy Condrón, Bunatarn & Holmshill

Sunday 6th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 6th 12noon: Mass for Nora & Mattie Smyth, Charleville Road

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Fr. Michael O' Brien SPS**, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Wicklow/Glathule, Dublin and Killyon, Birr, Co. Offaly (cousin of Fr. Frank Guinan) who died on the 19th August. His funeral took place in St. Patrick's Chapel, Kiltegan on the 22nd August followed by burial in the Society Cemetery and **Oliver Byrne**, Coolbanagher, Emo, Co. Laois (grandfather of Lynne Hutchinson, Mucklagh) who died on the 21st August. His funeral took place in St. John's Church, Coolbanagher on the 23rd August followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery and **Fr. Gerard Rice P.E.** Kilcloon, Co. Meath who died on the 22nd August. His funeral took place on the 27th August in the Church of St. Oliver Plunkett, Kilcloon followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. May they rest in peace. (Fr. Gerard wrote the history of Rahan and Lynally Churches which is available in the History section of the Rahan Parish Website.)

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Harper Elizabeth Rock**, Beechmount Park, Mucklagh who was baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 21st August and **Eileen Sophie Ward**, Tullamore who was baptised on the 22nd August in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh

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

Schools Reopening: Every good wish to all students and children who are returning to the secondary schools and the primary schools of the whole area. Best wishes to our young people, the teachers and staff members, the parents and all family members and all who are working so hard in preparation for the safe return to the schools. Every good wish and every success for the coming school year

Tax Rebate Forms: Even though it's later than usual this year, parishioners who are PAYE taxpayers and Self Employed who have donated €250 or more to the parish through their weekly Envelopes Collections and Offering Collections or through Standing Orders should have received their letters. If you wish to return them, could you do so as soon as possible. You can hand them in to the Parochial House's in Mucklagh or Killina. As always, Thank You for your ongoing support

September Offerings: Will be taken up next weekend and for the next few weekends. Please use the special envelope in your box for this. If you use another envelope please write your name and address on it so it can be recorded to your envelope number. Thank You for your continued support and generosity

Reopening of the Churches in the Parish of Rahan: There are new guidelines in relation to Covid-19 and in relation to the safety of one and all.

1. Please keep a 2 metre social distance between people

2. It is mandatory for people to wear masks

3. Ministers of the Eucharist and the Priest will wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion which can only be received in the hand due to the new safety measures
4. Seats will be allocated in the three churches of the Parish for families, couples and single people
5. The Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is now lifted and the weekday Masses will fulfill the obligation
6. Please let us know if you would like to book a place at Masses by ringing the parish office. This will help us to have a contact tracing system in place and it gives us an idea of the numbers attending so that we will know if we are reaching our capacity for safe attendance at masses
7. It is proposed that a group of volunteers would be available for the cleaning and disinfecting of the Churches before and after all Masses. Volunteers are also needed for helping with the stewarding and helping people to their seat location in the churches
8. Hand sanitisers will be available at the church entrances
9. Collection points will be available at the church doors for the parish envelopes and for the plate collections at the beginning and end of Masses
10. All Masses can be booked with Suzanne at the Parish Office on 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30am-5.30pm and also Fr. Martin on 087 9774828. Due to the lack of Masses since March it is very possible that a number of intentions may be shared for Masses until we recover from this pandemic

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.

Dr Stevens Resource Centre, Athlone: Courses are starting back in September. Please phone 090 6473001 or email b.mannion02@gmail.com for more information. Check out our facebook page.

Mucklagh Community Development Notes: For more information and bookings please email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or Phone, 057 93 56886.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Mucklagh Community Development wishes all the Teachers and pupils good health and every success as they return to school.

Computer classes: Anyone who is interested in computer classes, for Ipad, Phone showing how to do banking, taxing your car, shopping etc, please contact Mucklagh Community Centre.

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LOTTO: The lotto took place in Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesday 25/08/2020. Numbers drawn were. **8, 23, 25 & 26.** No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 Winners. Next Draw Tuesday 01.09.2020 in Mucklagh Community Centre. **Jackpot is €12,000.** Match 3 numbers this week is **€300** this week. 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. Why not give a Birthday Present or a Thank-you gift of Local Lotto? For €20 you can enter someone special into 10 weekly draws and be in with a chance to win or share in our jackpot of €12,000 or match 3 numbers and be in with a chance to win or share €300. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

A Prayer Amid a Pandemic

Lord Jesus, Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease. Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear. Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness. And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen. Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us. St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.