

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th September 2016

This Sunday, September 4th, the Church celebrates the canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a lasting witness of discipleship to the world. She was more than just a merciful person ministering to those living in the squalor of human misery. She was human, like you and I. And because of her humanity, she sometimes found the burden of discipleship heavy to bear. May St. Teresa of Calcutta pray for us all.

KILLINA

Sunday 4th 10.30am:

Mass for James & Margaret Cantwell & deceased family members Dernanough

Tuesday 6th 7.30pm:

Mass Martina Minnock, College View & her parents Jim & Philomena, Newtown

Wednesday 7th 7.30pm: Note No Morning Mass in the Convent. 7.30pm Mass of Our Lady Queen of Peace Continued by a Vigil Of Prayer with Rosary, Confessions, Devotions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Conclusion for Mass at 2.00am

Thursday 8th 2.00am:

Mass of Our Lady Queen of Peace

Friday 9th 9.00am:

Sunday 11th 10.30am:

Mass for Nellie Dunne & deceased members of the Hickey family, Roscore

THE ISLAND

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm:

Mass for Joe & Joan Maher, The Derries

Saturday 10th 6.00pm:

Mass for James & Annie Boland & deceased family members, Deerpark

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 3rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Nora Smyth, Charleville Road

Sunday 4th 9.00am:

Sunday 4th 12noon:

Mass for John & Mary Meehan, Beechmount Park

Tuesday 6th 9.00am

Wednesday 7th 7.30pm:

Mass for The O' Gorman Family, Screggan

Thursday 8th 9.00am:

Month's Memory Mass for Tracy Ward

Friday 9th 7.30pm:

Mass for Patsy Condron, Bunatarn

Saturday 10th 7.30pm:

Mass for Peter Hussey & his wife Phil, Cloonagh

Sunday 11th 9.00am:

Sunday 11th 12noon:

Mass for Tom & Susan Guinan, St. Colman's Terrace

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.

New Envelope Year: Starts on the 1st Sunday in October. Once again we will be relying on the goodwill and generosity of Area Helpers to deliver boxes to various areas in the Parish with the accompanying Parish Letter. The envelopes should be ready for distribution in the next couple of weeks. Thanking you in advance

Priests Salaries: The September Collection will be taken up this weekend and for the following few weekends. As always **Please use the special Envelope** in your boxes for this purpose. If you use a different envelope please write your name and address on it so it can be recorded.

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €140.00 The Island €105.00

Mucklagh €667.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €385.00

Mucklagh €290.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **John Murray**, Pullough, (father of Helena Healy, Ballina) who died on the 27th August. His funeral took place on the 30th August in St. Mary's Church, Pullough with burial afterwards in Boher Cemetery and **Bridie Heslin Nee Garrett**, Chicago and formally Glaskill who died in Chicago on the Tuesday 30th August. Her funeral took place in Chicago on Saturday 3rd September. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Grace Lily Mooney**, Lynally who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 27th August and **Riona Mary Molloy**, Roscore, Blueball who was baptised in Killina Church on the 27th August

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty for Mucklagh for September: 7.30pm Mass: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th, Mary Mc Donnell, Tom Cunningham & Teresa McMahon. **9.00am Mass:** B. O' Mahoney & M. White. **12noon Mass:** Kathleen Kenaney, Tony Reynolds & Margaret Thompson.

Fr. Frank Guinan's Golden Jubilee: The DVD of Fr. Frank Guinan's Celebrations in Mucklagh is now available at a price of €10. Please call to the Sacristies of the three churches to book the DVD.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group: A new prayer group will begin in **Killina Church** for the entire Rahan Parish Community. A night vigil is planned for the birthday of Our Lady on the 8th September. The ceremony and devotions begin with the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 7th September and devotions will continue from this Mass for the evening and early morning until 2.00am Mass on the morning of the 8th September. All are very welcome to attend from the entire parish community and all surrounding local parishes as well. It is hoped that the prayer group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Please keep this new prayer group in your prayer intentions.

Mucklagh Community Lotto: draw 30/08/16 no's drawn 2 , 3 , 6 , 21. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner Susan Bryans wins €300(rollover) c/o kellys.next week's Jackpot €12,000 and March three win/share €150. August promoters prize; winner - Sammy Mc Morris. Thanks for all the continued support.

Ploughing Championship Information: "From 3rd August Sergt. Graham Kavanagh and Garda Fergus Collins will be calling to households locally to work with people with regards, getting about during the Ploughing Championships. Sergt. Kavanagh can be contacted 9-5 on 0868281383. Text your full name and location to him and he will get back to you".

Tidy Towns/Villages Awards: In the recent judging of Tidy Towns/Villages Awards, our area got an overall score of 89 points out of 100, which is a credit to all involved. Well done!

Family Carers Ireland: are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in September 2016 based on demand, this qualification is for employment in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and as homecare workers. To express an interest kindly contact 057 9370221.

Mucklagh Schoolboys/Girls: Soccer Club are looking for new members - boys and girls from Age 6 - 16. Parents also needed to help out this coming season. No soccer background necessary. If interested please contact Brendan 087 9804357.

Mucklagh Community Development: Table Quiz in Tullamore Golf Club on Friday 16th September at 8.45pm in aid of Mucklagh Tidy Towns Group. This is our main fundraiser of the year and is always a great night. All funds are used for enhancing the village area. Large projects completed over the past two years include the bench at Beechmount Park, the refurbishment of Charleville Turret Gates, the Mucklagh box hedge sign at the bypass and the work on the empty Texaco garage. Your support helps fund this work. Please come along and enjoy the night. Thank you.

Rahan Comhaltas News: Congratulations to all who took part in Fleadh Cheoil Na hEireann 2016 in Ennis. The competition was very strong this year but we had medal winners all the same. Pat Fulton came home with Gold in the Liltling over 18. Lann Eala Ceili band came back with Silver in the 12 to 18 category. Róisín Ní Bhriann came second playing the Tin Whistle in the 12 to 15 category and Shauna McGarrigle was second in the Newly Composed Song (English). Well done to the competitors from all the other Offaly branches who came home with medals also. Irish music and dancing is alive in Offaly. As we prepare to return back to school it is time to think about music classes. Rahan Comhaltas are enrolling for music classes and dancing on Friday 2nd of September between 5:30pm and 7:30pm at Rahan National School. Application forms are available on the Rahan Comhaltas Website (www.rahamcomhaltas.com) for download so you can have it filled in before you arrive. The classes will commence the week after on Friday the 9th September. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Designated 'World Suicide Prevention Day' 10th of September 'Connect, Communicate, Care': Join in with others around the world who is working towards the common goal of preventing suicide by coming together and attending your local Service or Vigil Mass on Saturday 10th of September where we can remember our loved ones who have died by suicide, support those who are struggling and give a message of Hope for the future of our community. *Light a Candle* near a Window at 8pm on World Suicide Prevention Day. For further information please contact Eileen, Midlands Living Links (Mobile 086-1600641)

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Smith will lead our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 12-17 September. This year over 160 sick pilgrims are travelling with the support of volunteer helpers. This pilgrimage is always a special time of grace and strength and is possible because of the support of so many people from all over the diocese. There are still some pilgrim places available and anyone interested in travelling should contact: Pilgrimages Abroad, Lauri Duffy Travel 01-6359300.

Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group: invite those bereaved through cancer to participate in their Bereavement Support Programme beginning on 7th. September at 7.30pm with an information evening. The programme will then commence on Wednesday 14th. September and continue for ten weeks beginning at 7.30pm. Numbers are limited. Please contact Dochas- 05793 28268 for further information e-mail info@dochasoffaly.ie or office@dochasoffaly.ie

Big Brother Big Sister: Foróige are looking for volunteers, adults aged 18 years and over throughout Offaly to sign up to our 'Big Brother Big Sister' programme. If you can share one to two hours of your time per week, to hang out with and provide positive support to a Young Person aged 10 to 18 years. They would in turn benefit from the friendship and trust you will build together. Contact Úna Daly on 086 859 6879 / una.daly@foroige.ie or Mary Gaughan on 086 047 1420 / mary.gaughan@foroige.ie

Mucklagh Community Development: Mucklagh Community Development have been given the fantastic opportunity to launch a website for Mucklagh and we would be delighted if all local businesses, residents groups, playschool, schools, active retirement groups, tidy towns, GAA and soccer groups would be able to send in some information and some pictures about your group. Please forward them to Mucklagh Community Development at mucklaghcd@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. Mucklagh Community Centre is open for business. If you wish to book our Sports Hall or Meeting/Function room please contact Alison/Nicola at mucklaghcd@gmail.com or call us at 0851261216. **Shamrock's Notes: Lotto:** The numbers drawn were 4-13-14-16. 4 match 3 winners €50 each. Aoife Cushen (B McEvoy), Caroline Dunne (J Kearney), Elizabeth Sweeney (E Dunne) & Pat Cunningham (S Kearney). Jackpot €13,000 next week. Draw in Kelly's. **Monster Bingo:** A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the monster bingo to make it such a great success and also to mucklagh community centre for the use of their centre. Congratulations to Margret Halpin from mountbolus on winning the jackpot of €1500. **Fixtures:** Monday 5th U16 Football Championship Shamrock's vs Gracefield in Mucklagh at 6.15pm. Saturday 10th U14 hurling final replay Shamrock's vs Ballyskenagh/Killavilla in Birr at 12.30pm. Sunday 11th Senior Hurling relegation Shamrock's vs Lusmagh in Banagher at 12noon. Wednesday 14th U12 Football Go Games Shamrock's vs St. Broughans in Mucklagh at 6pm.