

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th September 2016

There are three central characters in the Parable of the Prodigal Son: the greedy, impulsive younger son who goes off and spends his share of his father's inheritance recklessly. Eventually, he is literally brought to his knees by a combination of circumstances which force him into a radical and humble rethink of his situation and indeed, of his status

KILLINA

Sunday 11th 10.30am:

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

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm:

Mass for Patrick & Bridget Foran & their son Thomas, Killina & deceased family members

Wednesday 14th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 16th 9.00am:

Sunday 18th 10.30am:

Mass for John & Anne Buckley, Goldsmith's Lot

THE ISLAND

Saturday 10th 6.00pm:

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

Saturday 17th 6.00pm:

Mass for Pe & Kit Daly and their grandchildren, Ballina

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 10th 7.30pm:

Mass for Peter Hussey & his wife Phil, Cloonagh

Sunday 11th 9.00am:

Month's Memory Mass for Gerry Lonergan, Tegan Court

Sunday 11th 12noon:

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

Tuesday 13th 9.00am

Wednesday 14th 7.30pm:

Mass for Pauline Delaney, Ross Road, Screggan

Thursday 15th 9.00am:

Friday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for Mick Bryant, Ballard

Saturday 17th 7.30pm:

Mass for Margaret, Harry & John Comerford, Ballard

Sunday 18th 9.00am:

Sunday 18th 12noon:

Mass for Bill Power, Athy & Tullamore

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.

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €230.00 The Island €185.00

Mucklagh €796.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €365.00

Mucklagh €470.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Robert Waldie**, Daingean Road, Tullamore and Nenagh (brother of Niamh Lee, Agall) who died on the 1st September. His funeral took place on the 3rd September in Tullamore with burial afterwards in Clonminch Cemetery. May he rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Taylor Leigh Bryant**, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 3rd September and **Emilia Jane Lowry**, Cloonagh West who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 4th September.

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in The Island for September: 3rd Sept: M. Minnock, 10th Sept: G. Minnock, 17th Sept: K. Looby, 24th Sept: A. Minnock

Rosary Prayers: The Rosary will be recited after the 7.30pm Mass each Tuesday evening in Killina Church for those who have died by suicide and for the prevention of suicide

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 Night Vigil: A huge word of thanks to each and every person who attended the recent night vigil on the 7th & 8th September. The vigil was a great success and well done and thank you to all who helped in any way. It is hoped that the prayer group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Killina Church at 7.30pm. Please keep this new prayer group in your prayer intentions.

Our Lady Queen of Peace: Prayer Group for Children and their families: We invite all children and their families of the complete Rahan Parish Community to gather to celebrate a children's Mass in Killina Church on the last Thursday of each month at 7.00pm. It is hoped that this group in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace will be a great blessing for the children and their families. All are very welcome to come along.

Parish Masses during the Ploughing Championship: There will be no Masses held in the three Churches of the Parish during the 3 days of the Ploughing Championship due to the build up of heavy traffic. The parish office will be open on Friday 23rd September from 9.30am-5.30pm. Many thanks to all.

Mucklagh Community Lotto: draw 06/09/15 numbers drawn 15-18-24-31. One Jackpot WINNER Wins €12,000 Ray Murray c/o Margaret Dunne. One match three winner Martina Conlon wins €150. Next week's new Jackpot €12,000 and match three win/share €150. 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".

Meeting: The last National Ploughing Championships Local Organising Committee Meeting will be held in Mucklagh Community Hall on Wednesday 14th September at 8:30pm to discuss the forthcoming 2016 National Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly 20th – 22nd September. All are invited to attend.

Third Level Students & Graduates: Every good wish to all who are starting off in third level education and those who are starting work in new areas of employment. We wish you well for the future and every good wish to one and all.

Rahan Junior Badminton: Resumes on Friday 16th September. Times are the same as last year for existing members. New members are very welcome. For more information please contact Martina on 086 832751 or Helen on 087 6392292 as places are limited. Membership for existing members are to be paid on the 16th September.

Social Badminton: Resumes on Monday 12th September at 9.00pm. New members are very welcome. Contact Martina on 086 0832751

Cloghan Dance Classes: have resumed in St. Mary's Hall at 8.30pm every Monday followed by Social Dancing. Catering for all levels of dancers. Beginners very welcome. Keep fit and make new friends. All welcome. Admission €10

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 Community Alert: The 'Rahan' signs look good and it's great to have them in place for Ploughing. There are 'bottles in the fridge' and personal alarms available so for information ring Ann on 087 985 1819. Be alert and report anything suspicious also drive carefully during 3 days of ploughing. If you have any traffic queries contact Garda Fergus Collins on 086 828 1383. THANKS and enjoy the ploughing in Scraggan everybody.

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.

Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy land 2016: from 19th-27th December 8 nights. Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Ex Dublin. Price €1,374. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 0860572216 **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: would like to congratulate Ray Murray on his recent lotto jackpot win of €12,000. Well done and many thanks for your continued support.

Shamrock's Notes: **Lotto:** The numbers drawn were 1,14,27,30. One match three €200. Tom Dunne (E. Yeates). Jackpot €13,000 and draw in Tullybeg next week. **Monster Draw:** Shamrock's members will be calling to houses in the parish at the end of next week selling tickets for a monster draw which will take place at the end of October. Tickets will be sold at €10 each so please show your support to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes. If you're not in you can't win. **Ploughing:** If anyone knows anyone who may be looking for a camper van site then look no further as the car park in Mucklagh GAA pitch is the perfect place to park up. It is in walking distance to the ploughing and also has electricity, shower and toilet facilities which makes it the ideal location. Please contact 0877993869 for price and further details. **Junior Cert:** Good luck to all underage members receiving their junior Cert results next Wednesday. **Fixtures:** Sunday 11th Senior Hurling Relegation Shamrock's vs Lusmagh in Banagher at 12noon. Wednesday 14th U12 Football Go Games Shamrock's vs St. Broughan's in Mucklagh at 6pm