

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross) 14th September 2014.

Peter asks a vital question: how many times do you forgive? The answer may disturb some people but it can also liberate us if we allow it to: seventy-times-seven, i.e. an infinite number of times. This might seem idealistic and even ridiculous, but when we think more about it there is no other option. Without forgiveness we allow bitterness to engulf and torture us; zapping our energy; preventing us from being at peace with ourselves. When we only seek retribution, we enter into chaos. *'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you. When we forgive evil we do not excuse it, we do not tolerate it, we do not smother it. We call it what it is, let its horror shock and stun and enrage us, and only then do we forgive it.'*

KILLINA

Sunday 14th 10.30am: -----

Tuesday 16th 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 17th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 19th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 21st 10.30am: Month's Memory Mass for Philip Johnson, Goldsmith's Lot.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 13th 6.00pm: Mass for Dan, Mary & their son Patrick Boland, the Bawn & deceased family members.

Saturday 20th 6.00pm: Mass for Kathleen Hickey, Brockagh.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 13th 7.30pm: Mass for Pauline Delaney, Ross Road.

Sunday 14th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 14th 12noon: Mass for Phil Hussey, Cloonagh.

Tuesday 16th 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 17th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 18th 9.00am: -----

Friday 19th 7.30pm: Mass for Mick Bryant, Ballard.

Saturday 20th 7.30pm: Mass for Margaret & Henry Comerford, Ballard & Michael Cooney, Clonad.

Sunday 21st 9.00am: -----

Sunday 21st 12noon: Mass for Sonny & Margaret Mc Grath, Adam's Villas.

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.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €228.00 The Island €175.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €965.00

Mucklagh €890.00

Mucklagh €350.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Annie Hennessy**, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny (mother of Jackie, Murrough) who died on the 6th September. Her funeral took place in Conahy on the 9th September and **Bridie Mitchell**, Ferbane/Ballycumber (sister of Patrick Downes, The Island) who died on the 5th September. Her funeral took place in Ferbane on the 10th September. May they rest in peace.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Caroline McDermott**, Mucklagh and **Shane Brickland**, Blueball who were married in St. Colman's Church on the 12th September. Good wishes to you.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Eliana Amy McCourtney**, Ballincur who was baptised in Killina Church on the 13th September.

Churchgate Collection: for Epilepsy Ireland will take place on the 20th/21st Sept (next weekend)

Farewell: As people know Fr. Johnny is leaving us shortly. While here he has touched the various committees groups, and organisations within the parish. An event is being organised to wish him well. Any person or group interested in helping can you please come to Mucklagh GAA on Monday 15th September at 7:30 to discuss.

Return to Columban Mission: On Tuesday morning last 9th Sept. Fr Johnny shocked the 9.00am Mass goers with the news that he was returning to Columban Mission in the near future, after 8 great, happy and fulfilling years in Rahan Parish. Understandably the move is difficult for all involved.

New Envelope Year Starts on 1st Sunday in Oct. The new boxes are almost ready for distribution. Once again we will be relying on the good will and generosity of Area Helpers to deliver boxes to the various areas in the Parish with the accompanying Parish Letter. Once again the computer may have allocated a new No to you this year. A Big Thank You

Mucklagh Community Development: Mucklagh Community Development would like to thank Gemma Deegan and her team and everyone who helped out on the night, we would like to thank Rahan Hall Committee, Sponsors and all of the people who supported the card drive on the night. Over €1100.00 was raised for Mucklagh Community Centre.

LOTTO: Tuesday 09/09/14 no's drawn 4-6-14-19. No Jackpot Winner. Four match 3 winners win €40 Each, Brophy And Martin Solicitors c/o Derek Coyne, R P Bennett c/o Lucy @ Flynn's, Eoghan Stewart c/o Darragh Burke, Tommy Condrón c/o Margaret Guinan. Next week's Jackpot € 9600 and match 3 win/share €150. Thanks to everyone.

Mucklagh Schoolboys/girls Soccer: The club is appealing for players to join in the following age groups - U10 boys (born in 2004) contact Brendan 0879804357. U16 boys (born in 1999) contact Alan 0857883362. U10 girls (born in 2004), U12 girls (born in 2002) and U14 girls (born in 2000) Contact Marcus 0857371802.

Rahan Badminton: Rahan Junior Badminton resumed in Rahan Hall on Friday 12th September. All existing members group times are the same as last term. New members who would like to join can contact Martina on 086 0832751 or Helen on 087 6392292. Places are limited.

Social Badminton: Resumes on Tuesday 16th September at 8pm, new members welcome. For further information contact Martina on 086 0832751.

Community Games: Well done to all of the children from the parish who participated in the wide range of activities and competitions this year. Thank you to everyone in the community for your ongoing support.

Rahan Comhaltas: Culture Night comprises hundreds of events across Ireland and overseas on 19th of September, Arts and cultural organisations open their doors until late with hundreds of free events for you, your family and friends to enjoy. We are running ours in Charleville castle from 8PM, all ages welcome and there is a welcome for you on the mat!

Music and Dance lessons are resuming in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown, Rahan.. Instruments can be hired and are subject to availability. The classes run for approximately 40 minutes and are tailored to the playing or dancing level of the students.

Rahan Community Alert: have a meeting next Wed 17th Sept at 8pm in our Parish Hall. All area officers are asked to attend as we hope to set up Community Text Alert. Thanks. We would like to extend our sympathy to the Minnock and Taylor families on recent sad loss of Martina.

Coffee Morning: Annual coffee morning/afternoon will be held in Rahan Community Centre, on Thursday 18th September from 10am-12noon and 2pm-6pm in aid of Offaly Hospice. All donations go to local Hospice Facilities. Everyone welcome. Please support this worthy cause.

Clodagh Active Retirement: Our group is off to the Brandon Hotel in Tralee, Co. Kerry for mid-week break, Sept 29th – Oct 2nd, Mon to Thurs. 3 nights B&B and 3 Dinners and 4 days tours. Cost €240 p.p.s. and single cost €260. To book places please contact Carmel on 087 9530377 a.s.a.p. A deposit of €50 due now and balance by the 23rd Sept.

The Carers Association: is providing legislative Patient Moving and Handling training in your area. For further information please contact 057 9322920 or e mail training@carersireland.com

Offaly Hospice Coffee Morning: is on Thursday September 18th we are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Mornings all over the county. If you are interested in hosting a coffee morning please contact us anytime on [05793 28634](tel:0579328634) or call into Offaly Hospice office, 12 Henry St., Tullamore, Monday to Friday between 10am and 1.30pm or Email offalyhospice@gmail.com. All the money raised in Offaly stays in Offaly to provide hospice care locally.

Tullamore Child Contact Centre: is a safe, warm and neutral space for divorced or separated parents to spend time with their children. We exist to allow non resident parents to keep contact with their children and a safe, comfortable place for resident parents to do handover. We use the halls of Tullamore Presbyterian Church at the top of High Street as a place for handover or where parents can play with their children on Saturdays. Use of the centre is free. We are looking for families to take part in an eight week pilot programme. If you are interested call Julie on 0860773465

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 6, 10, 22 & 30. There was one match three winner, Derek Hall c/o P. Kearney, wins €200. The jackpot next week will be €9,600 and the draw will take place in Tullybeg Golf Club.

B B Q: A big thanks to all those who supported our recent B B Que. It was a fantastic night with great entertainment and much fun! Thanks again. **Intermediate Hurling final:** Our hurlers are in a final fixed for Saturday 20th Sept in O Connor Park at 4.30. Well done to all concerned! It's also great to see the flags and bunting beginning to appear around the parish. Also to remind people that all gear is available to buy in Guy Clothing, Bridge Centre, Tullamore.

Minor Football Championship: Ferbane V's Shamrocks on Sunday 14th at 11.30am. **Intermediate Hurling:** All roads lead to O' Connor Park for the mouthwatering clash between Shamrocks and St. Rynagh's at 4.30pm on Saturday 20th Sept. Let's get a huge Shamrock's crowd in there to cheer them on.

Diocesan News:

Upcoming Ordinations: Rev. Declan Kelly and Rev. Ciaran Clarke will be ordained to the priesthood on 21st and 28th September respectively.

Wednesday 24 September: As part of the Cathedral Jubilee celebrations, Bishop Colm O'Reilly will conduct an hour of prayer for priests at 7pm in the Cathedral. It is hoped that all priests will be able to come. Lay people should also be invited, especially members of St Joseph's Young Priests Society, those involved in prayer for vocations and family members of clergy. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12th 17th Sept. "The Joy of Conversion"** is the pastoral theme for our pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. On Friday September 12 over 800 pilgrims from our Diocese will travel to Lourdes, among them are many of our elderly and sick and over 200 volunteer helpers. This is an important D. event.