

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

Fr. Martin Carley PP 05793 55917; email: frmartincarley@gmail.com Parochial House, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Fr. Frank Guinan 05793 21892 Parochial House, Mucklagh, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Parish Secretary Suzanne. At the Parish Office Call in or ring 05793 21892.

Parish Website Address: www.rahanparish.ie : Parish Email Address: rahanparish@gmail.com

2nd Sunday of Advent 7th December 2014.

In life there are death and taxes, in Advent there are the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist. Advent because it is a time of preparation is a time of repentance and purple vestments but by and large it is a hopeful time. It is a time of looking forward and sometimes the looking forward and the anticipation can be far more exciting than the event itself, some people will tell you that they prefer Christmas Eve to Christmas Day. In the Gospel the words of the prophet Isaiah are being used for John the Baptist. He is the one who is preparing the way for the Lord.

KILLINA

Sunday 7th 10.30am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully.

Monday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Tuesday 9th 7.30pm:

Mass for Joe Smith, Tullabeg.

Wednesday 10th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 12th 9.00am:

Sunday 14th 10.30am:

Mass for Pat, Joseph & Mervyn Guinan, & family and also David Finnermore, Cappaloughan.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 6th 6.00pm:

Mass for Nora Leonard, Ballincur.

Monday 8th 6.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Saturday 13th 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick, Ellen & James Kennedy, Clonshanny.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 6th 7.30pm:

Mass for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds, Ballard & the deceased members of the Reynolds & Derham families.

Sunday 7th 9.00am:

Mass for John, Margaret & Richard Larkin & Matt & Bridget Bonney.

Sunday 7th 12noon:

Mass for John Lucey, Mucklagh.

Monday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Tuesday 9th 9.00am:

Wednesday 10th 7.30pm:

Mass for Natasha White, Adam's Villas.

Thursday 11th 9.00am:

Friday 12th 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Anne Coonan, Beechmount Park.

Saturday 13th 7.30pm:

Mass for Betty & Peter Owens, Beechmount Park.

Sunday 14th 9.00am:

Mass for Camillus Claffey & the deceased members of the Claffey family, Mucklagh.

Sunday 14th 12noon:

Mass for Paddy Walsh, Charleville Forest.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church

- every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island

- every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm.

Mucklagh

- every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

Offertory/Plate: Killina €246.00 The Island €162.00

Mucklagh €545.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €300.00

Mucklagh €585.00

Month's Memory Mass for Fr. Nicholas Walsh: will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sun Dec 14th in St. Colmcille's Church, Durrow, Co Offaly

Churchgate Collection: The annual collection for Gorta will be held this weekend in Mucklagh only.

Rahan Community Alert: Church gate collection at Killina and The Island on this weekend. Monies raised will go towards new Text Alert signs in our area which we hope will deter crime. Give generously. Thank you. Our 'Text Alert' is going very well, the more eyes and ears out there all the better.

Do this in Memory of Me: The 2nd Mass of the Do this in Memory Programme will take place at the 10.30am Mass in Killina and the 12noon Mass in Mucklagh today for all of our 1st Communion Children.

Christmas 2014 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: People can avail of the opportunity to go the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Evening and Sunday 21st/22nd December before and after all Masses in the parish. Over the years many people avail of this opportunity to make their Spiritual Preparation for Christmas

Turning on The Christmas Tree Lights in Mucklagh: Santa Claus will come to turn on the Christmas Tree Lights this Sunday, 7th December at 5.30pm at St Colman's Church. All Welcome

Christmas Preparations in Killina and The Island: The turning on of the Christmas lights around Killina Church will take place on Tues 9th Dec after 7.30pm Mass. While a general meeting for Christmas preparations will take place on Sat. 13th December at 10.00am.

Parish Christmas Draw: Will take place on the 14th December in Newtown Primary school at 3.00pm Prizes:€500, €300, €200, €100, Turkeys, Hams, Whiskey, Brandy, Cakes, Biscuits & other prizes. Tickets will be available from this weekend at the church doors. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: The annual Parish Carol Service this year for the Parish will take place in Killina Church at 7pm on Tuesday 16th December. Many thanks to those who have given their time for the preparation and co-ordination of the carol service. Choirs from the Parish will take part on the night. All are very welcome.

Ecumenical Carol Service: An Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St. Carthage's Church of Ireland, Rahan on the 28th December at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend this Carol Service and to make it a special evening of prayer and song.

Cake Sale: due to take place on the 13th of December from 10am in Aid of " Lann Eala" Autistic unit Mucklagh National School. Parents, Friends and Organisations are baking delicious cakes breads and buns to help raise funds for this wonderful new unit with outstanding children. Please come and support this worthy cause, with every purchase made you will be entered into a free raffle to win a prize.

Community Games: We will be hosting a festive 5k fun run/walk on Sunday 28th December in Mucklagh. Registration at 1.30pm and run/walk starts at 2pm. Further details will be made available in the coming weeks.

Scoil Chartaigh Naofa Christmas Craft Fair: Crafts, food, carol singing etc... on Wednesday 17th December from 4.30pm-6.30pm. All welcome, please support.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO: **Tuesday 2nd December** no's drawn 9-17-23-31. No Jackpot Winner. Five match three Winners Breda Mooney, Ita Monaghan, Mary Neville, Andrea Condrón, Damian Bryant €30 each. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. Next week's match three €150. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

Rahan Community Market: Rahan Community Market takes place every Saturday from 10am to 1pm, at Rahan GAA Car Park. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the market since its relocation and look forward to welcoming new faces.

Rahan Comhaltas: Congratulations to Shamrocks GAA club on running a successful Scór na nÓg Offaly county final and to all our members and friends who progress to the Leinster semi final in the Bailéad Ghrúpa, Tráth na gCeistanna agus Léiriú competitions which take place in Parnells GAA club in Coolock village, Dublin on Sunday 14th of December. Last Music and Dance class before Christmas break are on the 12th and then we are off until the 9th of Jan. Also we are looking forward to taking part in the annual Christmas Carol service which takes place in Killina church this year on the 16th from 7 PM. You can always catch up with all our news and events www.rahancomhaltas.com.

St Colmans National School Mucklagh: The children of St. Colmans National School under the Musical Guidance of Majella Killeen and class teachers have recorded their very first CD "play the moments rewind the happiness" featuring 18 songs in total. These CD's can be purchased from the St. Colman's School please contact Claire on 0579341244 or alternatively contact Alison on 0877548981.

A Healing Mass: of the precious Blood will take place at the Ark Centre 23 Mitchell Terrace on Friday 12th of December, Starting at 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr Emanuel. All are most welcome. For further details, Contact Paul Woods or Kathleen O' Connor on 087 7828283.

A Pilgrimage to Medjugoire: will take place with a Spiritual Director and Larry Cummins from 20th-27of May 2015. Departing from Dublin. Special offer of €519 if paid in full before December 10th Details available from Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto Results: The numbers drawn were 8, 13, 21, 23. There was one match three winner, well done to Tommy and Dec O'Hanlon (c/ o T. O'Hanlon) The jackpot next week is €2600 and the draw is in Tullybeg Golf Club.

Dinner Dance: The annual dinner dance is on December 12th in the bridge house, tickets available in Kellys Mucklagh and Tullybeg Golf Club. Music on the night is by Catch 22 and tickets are priced at €30. This night promises to be a good night. We will be presenting county medals to the intermediate hurling champions this year. We will also be making a presentation to the winning intermediate hurling team of 1994. The Club is looking forward to celebrate another successful year in its history.

A.G.M: The A.G.M was held on Friday night, list of officers elected will be provided next week.

Minor Board Awards Ceremony: The minor boards award ceremony on Sunday in Rahan hall was a great evening with all the young and not so young members enjoying themselves. Thanks to all those who put in huge effort to set up and run the event successfully.

