

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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2nd Sunday of Advent 10th December 2017

The 2nd Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely, had an odd diet and spent a lot of time in the desert. Yet it seems he was very popular with the whole of Judaea and 'all the people of Jerusalem' went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. Who are these attractive messengers for us today? Who brings us good news and hope? Whose message makes sense for us? Who do we flock to hear?

KILLINA

Sunday 10th 10.30am: 'Do this in Memory of Me', Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, 1st Communion Class and Mass for John O' Brien, Rahan Demesne

Sunday 10th 7.00pm: Rahan Parish Christmas Carol Service. All Very Welcome

Tuesday 12th:-----Please Note: No Evening Mass

Wednesday 13th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 15th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 17th 10.30am: Mass for Pat O' Brien & deceased family members, Goldsmith's Lot

Sunday 17th 3.00pm: Rahan Parish Christmas Draw, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown. All Welcome

THE ISLAND

Saturday 9th 6.00pm: Mass for Joseph & Elizabeth Daly & their daughter Kathleen & her husband John, Ballina

Saturday 16th 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Kennedy Family, Clonshanny

MUCKLAGH

Saturday 9th 7.30pm: 1st Anniversary Mass for John O' Donoghue, Lynally Grove

Sunday 10th 9.00am: 1st Anniversary Mass for Helen Clavin, Lynally

Sunday 10th 12noon: 'Do this in Memory of Me', St. Colman's National School 1st Communion Class and Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan

Tuesday 12th 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 13th 7.30pm: Mass Natasha White Adam's Villas

And also for Dessie, John & Catherine Murray & deceased members of the Hickey family, Derrylahan

Thursday 14th 9.00am: -----

Friday 15th 7.30pm: Mass for Jack Rigney, Screggan

Saturday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for Jeremiah & Bridget Mooney, Lynally

Sunday 17th 9am: -----

Sunday 17th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Peggy Walsh & remembering her husband Paddy, Charleville Forest

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.

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| Offertory/Plate: | Killina €190.00 | The Island €145.00 | Mucklagh €730.00 |
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| Dev Fund: | Killina & The Island €410.00 | Mucklagh €425.00 |
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In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls **Gladys Hannah Vaugh (nee Griffith)**, Springpark, Ballycumber (sister of George & Francis Griffith) who died on the 22nd November. Her funeral took place on the 24th November in St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Clara with burial afterwards in Liss Cemetery, **Breege White**, Dromard, Sligo (sister of Ita Kearney, Tully) who died on the 28th November. Her funeral took place on the 1st December in St. Adamnan's Church, Skreen with burial afterwards in St. Mary's Cemetery Skreen, **Margaret Coyne (Nee Lloyd)**, Clondalkin, Dublin and Tullamore (Aunt of Sonny Lloyd, Adam's Villas) who died on the 30th November. Her funeral took place in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore on the 2nd December with burial in Clonminch Cemetery and **Bernadette O' Connor (nee Condron)**, Edmonton, Canada and formally Glaskill, Screggan (daughter of Mary Condron, Glaskill) who died on the 5th December. Funeral arrangements later. May they rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Amy Lily Bracken**, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 2nd December

Christmas Confessions: Will take place in the parish before and after all weekend Masses on the weekend of 16th & 17th December. Many thanks to one and all

Annual Christmas Carol Service: The Annual Christmas Carol Service for the Parish this year will take place in Killina Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 10th December. Many thanks to all the choirs and members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and to all who have helped to make the evening a great success and thanks also to Deirdre Byrne for all her work in coordinating this parish event. We would also like to invite people to bake if possible as refreshments will be provided in Killina Presentation Secondary School. Many thanks to all who are helping with the cup of tea

Churchgate Collection: The annual collection for Laois/Offaly Spina Bifida Disability will be held at all Masses in Mucklagh and the 10.30am Mass in Killina this weekend 9th & 10th December

Gala Concert for St. Colman's National School Mucklagh: On 12th December 2017, Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm. Pre event reception in Mucklagh Community Centre from 6.30pm. Entertainment on the night, Simon Casey, Dave Lalor and Les Beaux Chanteurs with St. Colman's School Choir. Tickets €15 or 2 €25 only when you book online at www.mucklaghns.ie. Tickets also available from Mucklagh Community Centre 057 9356886, St. Colman's N.S. 057 9341244 or tickets will be sold on the door at the event. All Proceeds to St. Colman's autism unit structural fund. Christmas Raffle will take place on the night

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM MUCKLAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE:

December the 19th 2017: Active Retirement is hosting a Christmas Flower arranging evening from 3pm to 5pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. Noelle from Ferbane Florist will demonstrate, how to do some fabulous festive arrangements. Admission is €5.00 which includes Tea and a free Raffle. All welcome.

December the 29th 2017: Active retirement are hosting a Community Tea Dance in Mucklagh Community Centre from 8pm until 12 midnight. Entertainment for the evening will be none other than "Rock on Paddy" himself, Paddy Keating. Admission on the night is €5.00 this includes light refreshments and a raffle ticket. A great night NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Mucklagh Community Lotto: Stuck for Christmas Gift Ideas? Why not give the gift of a multidraw/Annual Ticket for your local Lotto. Multidraw tickets from €10. Annual Ticket €100. All proceeds to your local Community Centre. Gift Certs available from Centre. Thank You for your support and a very Happy Christmas to All

Clodagh Active Retirement: 2018 Calendars now available at a cost of €3 each or two for €5. Please contact Carmel on 087 9530377. Thank you for your support

Community Games: The Community Games will be hosting the annual post Christmas 5k road race/fun run on Wednesday 27th December 2017 at 12:30pm. Registration from 11am in Mucklagh Community Centre. Entry fee for runners will be €10, juveniles €5 and families €15. Prize giving and refreshments served afterwards in the community centre. Further details on Mucklagh, Rahan, The Island Community Games Facebook page.

Rahan Community Alert: We wish to thank everyone for your generous contribution to our Church gate collection last weekend and shows your appreciation of what we're about. Text alerts going well and as they may not stop crime at least when we are all on Alert it might deter the perpetrators from entering our particular area. During the cold snap watch for elderly neighbours and as usual remain alert to anything suspicious. Monitor alarms and 'bottles in the fridge' available for Ann at 087 985 1819, thanks again.

The ideal Christmas present to send to Friends!: A limited number of Rahan Remembers DVDs available at www.offalyhistory.com or contact Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Presentation Convent KILLINA 1817-2017: A Celebration of 200 Years of Service. A reminder that this book, which celebrates the bicentenary of the foundation of the convent in Killina, can be purchased for €10. It is available from various outlets, including Kelly's, Flynn's, Mucklagh Community Centre, Doolan's, Killina Sec. School and the sacristies of the three churches in the parish. What a lovely Christmas gift for those at home and abroad!

Free Computer & Internet Classes: will be run in Rahan Parish Hall in the near future if there is enough interest. Would you like to learn how to Skype family and friends, learn how to use, you tube or learn how to do online banking? Classes can be tailored to suit the needs of the group. Never too old to learn something new!! For more information contact Irish Rural Link on 090 6482744 or 090 6482745 or 085 1311524. All are very welcome

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 6,21,24,26. One match three. Phil Buckley (D. Buckley) wins €400. Jackpot is €4400 next week and the draw is in Kelly's Monday night.

Congratulations: To Nigel Dunne on winning an award for senior B player of the year and Ger Keyes on winning Gaelic football referee of the year.

Lotto Tickets: If you're having trouble thinking of a Christmas present to get your loved ones why not get them a Shamrock's yearly lotto ticket. A ticket for the year costs €100 and you're in with a chance every week of winning that jackpot. Anyone interested please contact a committee member.

Shamrock's Ladies: Many thanks to all who attended the Shamrock's Ladies Football Club AGM. Thanks to everyone who contributed and supported the club in 2017. We were very successful in electing a new committee with many new faces for the fort coming season and we would like to wish the new committee, coaches and teams all the success in the new year ahead and look forward to your continued support for 2018.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: Sunday 10th December in St. Carthage's Church, Killina at 7.00pm.

Parish Christmas Draw: Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm in Newtown School