

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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2nd Sunday of Advent 4th December 2016

This second Sunday of Advent we are called to make straight paths for the coming of the Lord. How we prepare is important. We are waiting, and yes waiting can be frustrating. But waiting can also be a time of growth, of inspiration, of dreaming big dreams and imagining the endless possibilities that might come. We should try not to let go of that hope and inspiration

KILLINA

Sunday 4th 10.30am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully

Tuesday 6th 7.30pm:

Monthly Parish Community Devotions & Mass in Honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace

And Mass for Danny & Mary Anne Grennan, Killina & their daughters Mary & Margaret

Wednesday 7th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Thursday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9th 9.00am:

Sunday 11th 10.30am:

Mass for John O'Brien, Rahan Demesne

THE ISLAND

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick, Ellen, James & Jimmy Kennedy, Clonshanny

Thursday 8th 6.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 10th 6.00pm:

Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard, Ballincur

Sunday 11th 7.00pm:

Rahan Parish Community Christmas Carol Service. All very welcome

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 3rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Pat Dunne, St. O' Hara's & Paddy & Bridget Barron, Charleville Forest

Sunday 4th 9.00am:

Sunday 4th 12noon:

Do this in Memory Mass for the pupils of 2nd Class, St. Colman's School

Tuesday 6th 9.00am:

Wednesday 7th 7.30pm:

Mass for a Private Intention

Thursday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (No Morning Mass)

Mass for Denis & Catherine Conroy, Ross & deceased members of the Conroy family

Friday 9th 7.30pm:

Mass for Natasha White, Adam's Villas

Saturday 10th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Carmel Madden, Adam's Villas and also for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds Ballard & deceased members of the Reynolds And Derham families

Sunday 11th 9.00am:

Sunday 11th 12noon:

Mass for Patrick Walsh, 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.

Offertory/Plate 20th Nov:	Killina €170.00	The Island €155.00	Mucklagh €660.00
Dev Fund 20th Nov:	Killina & The Island €550.00		Mucklagh €555.00
Offertory/Plate 27th Nov:	Killina €240.00	The Island €235.00	Mucklagh €678.00
Dev Fund 27th Nov:	Killina & The Island €290.00		Mucklagh €245.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Una Murtagh (nee Connolly)**, Rahan Road, Tullamore (sister of Cordelia Conroy, Brocca Road) who died on the 23rd November. Her funeral took place in Tullamore on the 26th November with burial in Clonminch Cemetery, **John O' Reilly**, Kilbride, Tullamore and formally Cootehill, Co. Cavan who died on the 25th November. His funeral took place on the 27th November in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh with burial in the adjoining cemetery, **Jack Flanagan**, Cloonagh West, Screggan, who died on the 25th November. His funeral took place in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 28th November with burial in the adjoining cemetery and **Denis (Derry) O' Dwyer**, Mullingar and Cashel, Co. Tipperary who died on the 26th November and his funeral took place on Tuesday 29th November in Castleknock, Dublin followed by Cremation in Glasnevin Crematorium. May they rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Grace Elizabeth Francis & Cillian Thomas Francis**, Tullamore who were baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 26th November and **James John Knox**, Birr who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 26th November.

Our Lady's Prayer Group: The monthly prayer group for the entire Parish Community and surrounding areas will take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month, the 6th December at 7.30pm in Killina Church. All are very welcome to come along as we ask for Our Lady's Intercession for all of our prayers and intentions

Rahan Community Alert: Our **Annual Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend** at all Churches in the parish. Funds raised will go towards our CCTV project. At our last meeting it was decided to ask the council to improve visibility at Killina T junction as you go from School towards Rahan. Also to erect 'go slow' signs either side of the Island Church and replace the 'Blueball' sign at Loughroe. The Irish Times are doing a feature on Rahan community Alert in the near future so we will keep you posted, should be a sellout. Keep watch for elderly in cold snap and remain alert for strangers. Thanks.

Annual Christmas Draw: Rahan Parish Community Christmas Draw takes place, this weekend the 4th December at 3.00pm. The prizes are €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 Turkeys, 5 Hams, 5 Brandys, 5 Whiskeys, 5 Chocolates, 5 Biscuits, 5 Cakes and other prizes. Many thanks for the great response and huge support.

Christmas Tree Killina Churchyard: The Christmas Tree will be switched on after the 7.30pm Mass on the 8th December. All are very welcome

Christmas Tree The Island Churchyard: The Christmas Tree will be switched on after the 6.00pm Mass on the 10th December. All are very welcome

Christmas Carol Service: This year the Christmas Carol Service will take place in The Island Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 11th December. Many thanks to all the choirs taking part and to all who are involved in the preparation of the event. All are very welcome

Mucklagh Community Centre: Aileen Kavanagh B:A in fine Arts local artist from Screggan has expressed interest to teach art classes in our community centre, if you are interested please contact 0851261216 or email

Mucklaghcd@gmail.com for more details, all welcome. Also we would like to invite you all to a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre after 9am Mass in Mucklagh until 11.00am every Tuesday morning. €1 for tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

St.Colman's Parents Association: Are fundraising a Cake Sale on the 17th of December, all proceeds go to the autism unit Lann Eala. Afterwards St. Colman's National School Parents Association are holding their Christmas raffle on December 17th in the Bridge Centre €2 per ticket or €10 for a full book. Prizes include: 1st Prize €120.00 Hamper from Karen Edell Millinery. 2nd Prize Midweek 1 Night Stay from Tullamore Central Hotel. 3rd Prize 4 Tickets to the Limerick Races for ST .Stephens Day, and many more on the Day.

Rahan Drama Group: The Rahan Drama Group wish to announce their 2017 production! The group have chosen 'It's The Real McCoy' by Tommy Marren, for their latest performance. This wonderful comedy will begin its three-night run in Rahan Community Hall on Friday, 17th March next (St. Patrick's Night), and continue on Saturday and Sunday, March 18th & 19th.

Santa is coming to Mucklagh Community Centre: Santa, along with Mrs Claus is coming to Mucklagh Community Centre on Thursday the 8th December at 5.30pm. Fun activities and a goody bag, a visit and a photo with Santa. Tree lights to be turned on at 6.45pm. All children must be supervised by an adult. Please use the Community Centre Car Park

Mucklagh Community Lotto: draw 29/11/16 numbers drawn 10, 14, 25 ,28. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner Helen Watkins €150 c/o Alison & Nicola. Promoters prize Liam Mooney. Next week's Jackpot €12,000 and match three win/share €150. Thanks for all the continued support. Also, now available at Mucklagh Community Centre, Lotto Gift cards, a perfect gift for birthdays, Christmas or any occasion.

Mucklagh Active Retirement Group: Do you like a game of Cards, indoor bowls, gentle exercises or just like to sit and chat? Then come along to Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesdays at 3.00pm. All welcome

Social Dance Classes in Ballinamere GAA Hall: Learn to dance the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quick Step & Jive. Every Friday night at 8.30pm. No partners needed. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gerry on 087 7745909

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 2017: The annual Parish Pilgrimage 2017 is to enjoy the splendours of Tuscany, based at Viareggio from October 1st-8th. Special booking offer of €995, half board before December 23rd. Call MAP Travel at 01 8783111 or patricia@maptravel.ie Further information from Kingscourt Parish Office at 042 9667314

Starting your own Business Course (Tullamore): Commencing in Tullamore on Monday 5th followed by Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December 2016 from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Course fee only €70, or free to JSB or JSA payment recipients. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Local Enterprise Office Offaly, on 057 9357480 or visit our website www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2,9,10 & 18. No Jackpot winner. 2 match 3's receive €100 each. Carmel Cleary (B McEvoy) & Rita Larkin (E Larkin). Draw in Tullybeg next week for a jackpot of €13,000.

Fr Nicholas Clavin: has entered the football hall of fame. He made 45 league and championship appearances for Offaly, so the club would like to say Congratulations and well done on such a great achievement.

Underage Coaching: In preparation for 2017, Shamrocks underage are looking to recruit new coaches at all age levels. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact the club. A Foundation coaching course will be run on 2nd/3rd of December covering both football & hurling but others will be available in the new year also.