

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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2nd Sunday of Christmas 3rd January 2016

The word 'wisdom' conjures up all kinds of images of dusty books, long white beards and owls wearing glasses. There is a difference between being wise and being knowledgeable. Helping with your teenager's maths homework or perfecting sugar-craft or DIY is being knowledgeable. Being wise is quite different. Wisdom has to do with deeply human situations. Wisdom knows how best to solve or avoid a row, how to spare or heal hurt feelings, how to plan for future happiness and preserve it in the present.

KILLINA

Sunday 3rd 10.30am:

Mass for Michael Kearney, Tully.

Tuesday 5th 7.30pm:

Mass for Violet Lowry, Newtown.

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & Mass for Maggie Molloy, Roscore.

Please Note: No morning Mass in the Convent.

Friday 8th 9.00am:

Sunday 10th 10.30am:

Mass for Martin & Elizabeth Byrne, Derrycooley.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 2nd 6.00pm:

Mass for Dan & Annie Clavin, The Derries.

Wednesday 6th 6.00pm:

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Saturday 9th 6.00pm:

Mass for Peter Hickey, Brackagh.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 2nd 7.30pm:

Mass for Peter & Mary Geraghty, Killurin

Sunday 3rd 9.00am:

Mass for James & Lily Flanagan, Adam's Villas

Sunday 3rd 12noon:

Mass for Jasmi Saju.

Tuesday 5th 9.00am:

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm:

Thursday 7th 9.00am:

Friday 8th 7.30pm:

Mass for the Wrafter & Moore families & Moira & Eddie Stearn.

Saturday 9th 7.30pm:

Mass for James & Catherine Loonam, Killina.

Sunday 10th 9.00am:

Sunday 10th 12noon:

Mass for Sean McIntyre, Ballard.

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 Christmas & 27th Dec:	Killina €1,016.00	The Island €719.00	Mucklagh €2,845.00
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Dev Fund Christmas Day & 27th Dec:	Killina & The Island €1,570.00		Mucklagh €770.00
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In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Paddy Buckley**, Derryneavy, Pullough who died on the 27th December and who's funeral took place in Pullough Church on the 31st December and burial in Boher Cemetery and **John Gorman**, Mill Lane, Eneghan, Walsh Island who died on 29th December and who's funeral took place on the 1st January in Walsh Island with burial in adjoining cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Katie Elizabeth Guinan**, Daingean who was baptised on the 29th December in St. Carthage's Church Killina.

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in Mucklagh for January: Sat 2nd/Sun 3rd, Sat 9th/Sun 10th, Sat 16th/Sun 17th, Sat 23rd/Sun 24th & Sat 30th/Sun 31st. Saturday 7.30pm: Eileen Byrne, Maura Dolan & Sean Heaney. Sunday 9.00am: B. O' Mahoney & Marie White. Sunday 12noon: Mary Mc Donnell, Teresa Mc Mahon & Tom Cunningham.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 29-12-15, the numbers drawn were 7,9,13 & 26. No jackpot winner, 5 match 3 winners, Mark Healion, Laura Bergin, Ita O' Kelly, Mick McGlynn & Irene Cusack, €30 each. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

Church of Ireland Carol Service: A very sincere Thank You from the Church of Ireland Rector Rev. Isaac Delamere, and members of the Church of Ireland Community and from the Priests of the Parish of Rahan to all who helped in any way for the recent Carol Service on the 27th December. A special word of thanks to the members of Rahan Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and also Killina Folk Group for their great efforts and to all who came along. Well done to all involved and a Happy New Year to each and every person.

Ballykilmurray Community Presents Operation Transformation: in association with Edgewater Clinic. An 8 week individual programme, with group sessions. Medical Screening on first night with GP. Body Fat analysis, individual weigh ins, food plans and exercise plans each week along with group sessions. Open to all ages. Cost: €100 per individual, €200 per family. All funds raised will go towards Ballykilmurray Community Centre. Commencing on 06-01-2016. For more information contact 087 994 2571.

Rahan Comhaltas News: After eating the Turkey and sipping the Mulled wine we are now endeavouring to gear up for a New Year. It's time to thank everyone for all the effort made by members, their families and the committee which made for a successful 2015 and encourage everyone to start thinking of what we can achieve in 2016. We had a very successful Set Dancing extravaganza on the 17th of December 2015 in aid of Dochas and thanks to all who organised and made it a success. Preparations are underway for the Mummers which will take place on Jan. 2nd 2016 and we look forward to taking part at both Junior and Senior levels. Our Musicians and Dancers also did a short half hour show in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sat 19th December at a Private function and it was an enjoyable event for all concerned. Music Classes do not return till the 8th of Jan 2016 and we look forward to seeing everyone back that evening. Happy New Year to all our members and their families, supporters and the other clubs and musicians who have helped make 2015 a great year for Rahan Comhaltas.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome: August 19th-27th: The diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome will take place from the 19th to the 27th August 2016. Reservations to: - Mullingar Travel, Austin Friar Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Tel 044 9340587 or email connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group: Offaly St, Drop In Centre. Mon-Thur 10am-2pm . Phone Support 9328268.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 8,12,16,26. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Jackpot next week will be €7000. Match 3 €400. The draw will take place in Tullybeg.

Church Gate Collection: Thanks to all those who supported the recent church gate collection at our local churches. All donations were greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year: to all our members and supporters. Thank you for all your support in 2015 and looking forward to your continued support in 2016.

Table Quiz: The table quiz was a great night and success, thank you to all those who supported it. Thanks to Kelly's and the committee members for organising it.

Update from Nepal: In April 2015, a devastating earthquake occurred in Nepal, killing 9,000 people and leaving countless families homeless and destitute. In response, a donation of over €50,000 was raised in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Meath. This donation was sent directly to Bishop Paul Simick, Vicar Apostolic in Nepal. In recent days, the Bishop has received an update and Christmas message from Nepal, which he asked me to share with you: My Dear Friends, Season Greetings from Bishop Paul Simick. This Christmas is very special for the people of this Himalayan Country, Nepal. Apart from its own spiritual significance, Christmas this year carries with it the recent memory of massive earthquakes of April 25th and May 12th that claimed about 9000 lives and caused enormous damage of private and public properties, a New Constitution was promulgated through the Constituent Assembly fulfilling the long awaited aspiration of the people to see the country as a Democratic Republic, an unofficial economic blockade by India, and above all, the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis on the 8th of December, on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A few days ago, a press reporter asked me this question: "what impact does the festival of Christmas have on the Nepali Christians this year? Is your Christmas a bleak one? Bleak Christmas! I said, "No way!" Christmas can never be bleak to those who believe of what happened on the first Christmas night. The angel announced to the shepherds out in the field: "I bring you good tidings of great joy for all people". If we strongly believe what God said to us we will never have bleak Christmas because he comes to us where we live and how we live. Yes, the people of Nepal saw many death and disaster but also witnessed the struggle and determination to rise from the ruins. Yes, the victims of earthquakes are still living in temporary shelters but not afraid and discouraged. Yes "we are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed" [2 Cor. 4:7]. "God always protects his people, he is always near, Pope Francis said, and that is why "we must always be joyful and with our kindness offer everyone witness of the closeness and care God has for everyone." We are filled with joy for God loves us as we are and not as we should be. This faith, hope and love growing in the face of the grievous pain of loss, encourages us to strive for the same remarkable and unconditional commitment to God's providence; to the God who from all bad things has the power to bring out good, even from the suffering wrought by massive cataclysmic disaster for we saw God's love for all humanity in the human response to the earthquakes. We all experienced that the presence of God's power and goodness working mysteriously in and through us in many different ways. So, we all have a reason to thank God. Along with thanks to the Lord, I thank wholeheartedly for your impressive response to the disaster. Your help is reaching to those are in dire in need. Thank you also for your generous support and interest in our apostolic works here in this Himalayan Nation of the Lord's Vineyard. May all your New Year, 2016 be filled with the blessings you so richly deserve. I will remember each of you in the Christmas Masses I shall be privileged to celebrate and ask for a similar remembrance in your Masses and prayers. May Mary, Mother of God, intercede for us and help us to come to know and to love her Son today and throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. United with you in the mission of Christ. Bishop Paul Simick Vicar Apostolic of Nepal