PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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Today's First Reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the more complex language of today's Gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us when he sent his Son: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'. When God became man, he put down roots - not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. He pitched his tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. This is a mystery we celebrate at Christmas. We are indeed a privileged people!

KILLINA

Sunday 4th 10.30am: Mass for Violet Lowry, Newtown.

Tuesday 6th 7.30pm: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & Mass for Maggie Molloy, Roscore.

Wednesday 7th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 9th 9.00am: ------

Sunday 11th 10.30am: Mass for Elizabeth & Martin Byrne, Derrycooley.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm:Mass for Peter Hickey, Brockagh.Tuesday 6th 6.30pm:Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.Saturday 10th 6.00pm:Mass for Dan & Annie Clavin, The Derries.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 3rd 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Grogan Family, Cloonagh.

Friday 9th 7.30pm: Mass for Mary, Winifred, Bridget & William Owens, St. Colman's Terrace.

Saturday 10th 7.30pm: Mass for James & Catherine Loonam, Killina.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm. **Holy Hour** Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Holy Hour: Adoration and Prayers in Mucklagh on Monday evening from 7.30-8.30pm (1st Monday of Month)

Offertory/Plate Christmas & 28th **Dec:** Killina €895.00 The Island €1,515.00 Mucklagh €2,645.00 **Dev Fund Christmas Day & 28**th **Dec:** Killina & The Island €1,460.00 Mucklagh €1,160.00

<u>In Memory:</u> Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Baby Patrick Joseph Conroy**, who died on the 23rd December in Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe and who was buried in Mucklagh New Cemetery on the 29th December, **Margaret (Maggie) Dunne**, Roscore Demesne, Blueball who died on the 29th December and who's funeral took place in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 31st December with burial afterwards in the New Cemetery, Mucklagh and **Michael Casey**, Henry Street, Tullamore (father of Bernadette Daly, Brocca Road) who died on the 29th December and his funeral took place on the 1st January in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore. May they rest in peace.

<u>Our Parish Christian Community:</u> Welcomes **Holly Aida Kavanagh,** Geashill who was baptised in Mucklagh Church on the 27th December.

Eucharistic Ministers on duty in the Island Church for January: 3rd Jan 2015: A. Minnock, 10th Jan 2015: M. Minnock, 17th Jan2015: G. Minnock, 24th Jan 2015: B. Bracken, 31st Jan 2015: K. Looby.

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in Mucklagh for January: 3rd/4th, 10th/11th, 17th/18th, 24th/25th & 31st/1st Feb: **7.30pm** Mass: Eileen Byrne, Maura Dolan & Sean Heaney. **9.00am Mass:** B. O' Mahoney & Marie White. **12noon Mass:** Mary Mc Donald, Teresa Mc Mahon & Tom Cunningham.

<u>Church of Ireland Carol Service:</u> 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 28th December. A special word of thanks to the members of Rahan Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and Killina Folk Group for their great efforts. Well done to all involved and a Happy New Year to each and every person.

Mucklagh Community: LOTTO draw Tuesday 30^{th} December numbers drawn 6-18-21-32. No Jackpot Winner. One match three Winner Susan Bryans wins €150. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. Next week's match three €150. Thanks to everyone for the continued support

Rahan Community Alert: would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year. Be on the alert at all times and if you see anything suspicious ring the guard right away. Beware of night-time robberies and lock away everything from lawnmowers to johndeers also shut gates and make it as awkward as we can for the boyos. Big fundraiser in the new year to help pay for signs more details later. Thanks.

Rahan Comhaltas: Best of luck to our Junior and Senior teams who are taking part in the annual Mummers festival which takes place in New Inn, Co.Galway this weekend. We wish all our members and friends a happy and healthy New Year, 2015 is a very special year for us as it is the 20th anniversary of the reformation of our branch and we are planning a very busy year ahead. Our Music and Dance lessons down in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown, Rahan restart on Friday the 9th so we are looking forward to seeing everybody back in action again.

You can always catch up with all our news and events www.rahancomhaltas.com.

Retirement: We would like to extend to Marie White of Mucklagh every good wish for her retirement from Sacristan duties in Mucklagh Church which begins today, 4th January 2015. Marie has devoted a 20 year period of time in giving of herself completely with great dedication and skill to the work of enhancing Mucklagh Church on a daily basis. Thanks also goes to her husband Raymond for his great support to Marie and to the local community in that length of time as well. We wish them both every success for the future.

<u>Annual Reminders:</u> <u>Mass arrangements.</u> We welcome annual Masses booked in advance for deceased members of families and admire the numbers who come from afar to remember their loved ones in prayer. We will strive to honour these arrangements except on occasions when we have a funeral on a Sunday. In that case the Mass becomes a Requiem for the deceased person. When notified of a funeral, we will immediately contact the family of the booked Mass and arrange another date acceptable to all. We also will try and give priority to Months Memory and 1st Anniversary Masses. Most families with booked Masses will understand this practice and are willing to rearrange their Masses so that a family with a recent bereavement can celebrate their Month's Memory or 1st Anniversary Mass near to the appropriate time. Sometimes families have no objection in sharing a booked Mass with other families – At times a shared Mass is necessary due to the volume of requests for anniversary Masses.

If a family requests a <u>Funeral Mass on a Sunday</u>, the Requiem will be at the time stipulated for the Sunday Mass in that church. Also, we request that the remains be taken to that church on the previous day and not immediately before the Sunday Mass. We have a heavy Mass schedule on Sundays and very often Baptisms arranged weeks in advance, so we have to be on time to respect the regular Sunday Mass goers.

<u>Funeral Orations:</u> We have a clear directive from the Bishop of Meath "It was decided some time ago by the Council of Priests that <u>no panegyrics or eulogies by relatives of the deceased take place in church</u>. If people wish to talk in the cemetery, they are free to do so. Orations by people in the church on the occasion of funerals have caused irritation to many attending the ceremony. Such speeches tend to change the nature of the funeral Mass and its purpose which is the commending of the dead person to the Lord".

Useful Local and National Services:

AA: Mon, Thurs, Sat, Mercy Convent, 8.30pm.

Accord-marriage counselling: 057 9341831 057 9341831.

Al-anon: Thurs 8.30pm at the presbytery Tullamore.

Accord Centre, Parochial House Tullamore: 0579322244.

Aware (depression) 1890-30-33-02 & Regional Office 0598625898.

Bereavement Support: - Parish Secretary 9321587 / 9351510.

Carers' Assoc: 057 9322920 057 9322920 .

St Vincent de Paul: Offaly St. 057 9322072 057 9322072 .

Cura: 0902-74272. Life Pregnancy Care.. 1890 281281.

Minus One: for widowed & separated, Mon, 9pm, Bridghouse.

Parentline: for parents under stress, 01-8733500 01-8733500, Mon-Fri.

Rape Crisis Centre: Mon-Fri 10-1pm. Mon & Thurs 8-11pm. 1800 323 232.

Samaritans: 0902-73133.

Drug Addiction: Help for addicts/ family Ph. Willie 057 9351619 057 9351619 **Gamblers Anon:** Mon & Fri, Day Care Centre, 9pm.057 9346258 057 9346258 **Grow:** Thurs 7.30pm, Community Health Centre, 057 9351124 057 9351124.

Having problems with' debt/budgeting? Contact MABS, Hibernian Hse, 057 9323211 057 9323211 / 935225

(free &confidential). M.o.v.e. for men who vent, violence on loved ones. 0902 72174

Women In Crisis: Ozanam House, Mon, Thurs, Sat,10am-1 pm; Tues & Fri 7-9pm. Ph. 9351796. Helpline 93 51886.

Women's Refuge: Athlone 0902-74122.Helpline 1800341900. Teen-line Ireland: 1800-833-634-teenagers with issues.