

## *Rahan Parish*

**KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

On this Second Sunday of Lent we are invited to climb the mountain, to set aside time and space to listen to the voice of God in his Word and glimpse the presence of Christ that will nourish us inwardly. Lent is an invitation also to come down the mountain, having been inspired by our prayer-encounter with the presence of 'light-from-light' and return to where we can serve one another, especially those whose lives are darkened by trouble, hurt, fear, worry, loneliness or poverty

### **Rahan Parish Webcam Mass: on [rahanparish.ie](http://rahanparish.ie)**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am: Parish Mass

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm: Mass in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace of Madjugorje

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass for all those on the List of the Dead and for other Intentions

Many thanks to one and all for your great support. Although the office is closed to the public, masses for the Webcam Masses and anyone who needs to get a certificate of any kind can be booked through the office on Wednesdays with Suzanne on 057 9321892 and also text or ring Fr. Martin on 087 9774828.

<b>Development 21<sup>st</sup> February:</b>	<b>Parish of Rahan</b> <b>€734.00</b>
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**Adoration: Mucklagh:** Continues as usual on Thursdays until further notice from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome

**Adoration: Killina:** On Mondays from 3.00pm-10.00pm. All are very welcome

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Kathleen Grogan (nee O' Brien)**, Goldsmith's Lot & Moate, Co. Westmeath (sister of Michael O' Brien, Goldsmith's Lot) who died on the 19<sup>th</sup> February. Her funeral took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February in The Carmelite Church, Moate followed by burial in Donegan Cemetery, Mount Temple, **Margaret Mannion (nee Brennan)**, Tihilly & Charleville View who died on the 19<sup>th</sup> February. Her funeral took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> February in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh followed by Cremation in Mount Jerome Crematorium, Dublin and **Martin Heffernan**, Thornsberry Estate, Tullamore, (father of Derville Buckley, Newtown) who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. His funeral took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore followed by Cremation in Mount Jerome Crematorium, Dublin. May they rest in peace

**Trocaire Boxes:** Are now available in the three churches. Many thanks for your great generosity in supporting the wonderful work of Trocaire

<b><u>Candlemas/February Offerings:</u></b> Will be taken up for the next few weekends. Please use the special envelope in your box for this. If you use another envelope please write your name and address on it so it can be recorded to your envelope number. They can be handed into the parochial houses. As always Thank You for your great support and huge generosity
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<b>Diocese of Meath Safeguarding Website: <a href="http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie">www.meathsafeguarding.ie</a></b>
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**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 23/02/2021.** Numbers drawn were 1, 17, 26 & 31. No Jackpot Winners. No Match 3 winners. Next Draw Tuesday 02/03/2021. Next Week Jackpot is €7,000 Match 3 is €600

**Annual Tickets are now on sale, €100 for 52 draws.** Tickets can be purchased from Daybreak Mucklagh, Centra Fingerboard, Mucklagh Community Centre or any of our promoters. Why not give a **Birthday or Thank You present** of Mucklagh Community Centre Local Lotto. €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. The Lotto supports the running of Mucklagh Community Centre. All support is greatly appreciated. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886, 086 836 4523 or [email: adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). Postal Service available. Thank You for your Continued Support. The Lotto Team.

**Mucklagh Community Centre Meals on Wheels:** Mucklagh Community Centre has teamed up with KDA for meals on Wheels. Hot Dinners with a dessert are delivered three times per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Cost is €5 per meal. For more information ring 086 836 4523 or 057 93 56885

**Virtual Dance Classes:** Mucklagh Community Centre is running Free Virtual Dance Classes for Children from 8 to 14 years through Zoom. Next class is Tuesday 2 March, 10-11am. A variety of music genres and moves to be covered. Limited number of places. Booking is essential. To book your place email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). For more information, please ring 057 93 56886 or 086 836 4523.

**Zoom Pilates Classes:** Pilates classes for intermediates are taking place through Zoom on Wednesday mornings. Booking is essential. To book your place email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). For more information, please ring 057 93 56886 or 086 836 4523.

**Shamrock's Lotto: Lotto:** Shamrock's lotto numbers this week 3, 11, 17, 30. No jackpot winner. There were 4 match 3's, winning €100 each. Well done to: Paul Minnock c/o J. Kearney, Jason Minnock c/o J. Kearney, Lisa Dunne c/o D. Dunne, Maggie Malone c/o C. Healion. Draw next Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> for a Jackpot of €15000. Thanks for your support

**Club Shop:** Our club shop is now live on KC sports. With some lovely new Shamrock's gear available at some great prices. Check their website to kit yourself out in Shamrocks colours.

**Sympathies:** Our deepest sympathies to the Kelly and Casey families on the passing of Margaret Kelly (Brocca Road), sympathies to the Grogan Family, (Moate) and O'Brien Family (Rahan) on the passing of Kathleen Grogan, and finally to the Heffernan Family on the passing of Martin and to Martin's daughter Derville and son in law Gerry Buckley (Rahan). May they rest in peace.

**Tarsus Scripture School - for Lent and Easter 2021:** Easter: Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life: 9 pre-recorded lectures; 1 webinar; 1 meditation (€30). "Behold my servant": the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah (Jessie Rogers), "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself": Easter in John (Sean Goan), "Dying and raised to new life in Christ": Salvation in Romans. (Kieran J. O'Mahony). For registration and further details, please go to: [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie). Enclosed in the email is a poster which you may like to send to friends or to display.

**Tullamore Toastmasters:** are getting set to welcome the esteemed Fr. Peter McVerry, in a special Open Night meeting on Thursday, 4th March on Zoom at 8:30pm. All are welcome but pre-registration is required. Acknowledged with a second Irish People of the Year Award in 2018, Fr. Peter McVerry, a Jesuit priest, has been the voice of inspiration and anger about homelessness issues taking place in Ireland.

**REGISTER FOR THE MEETING** - Register in advance with this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012020000> or email [tullamoretoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:tullamoretoastmasters@gmail.com) with your details. The meeting is open to all, with the virtual room opening at 7.30 for virtual tea and chats, until the official meeting starts at 8:30pm. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Gospel reflection for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A: Invitation to Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to see You and my ears to hear Your voice.

**Reflection:** You just gotta love St. Peter. In today's Gospel, he is with Jesus, as well as James and John. They journey together up a mountain, and then, all of a sudden, Jesus is transfigured before them. And, if that wasn't enough of a surprise, Moses and Elijah then appear out of nowhere and begin having a conversation with Jesus. We are told that Peter, James, and John are terrified, so much so that Peter doesn't know what to say. Yet . . . he speaks anyway, which seems very much like a St. Peter thing to do. The next voice we hear is that of the Father, Who says of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." It's as if God the Father is telling St. Peter, "If you don't know what to say – don't say anything. Just listen!" Listen to Jesus. Allow Him to speak to you. This seems to be something we all need to be told from time to time. So often in our modern society, filled with so much noise, we can become afraid, even terrified, of silence. This includes, of course, in our prayer. So, we might set aside time to pray, and then, fill up the entire time with our own voice. Even when we don't know what to say in prayer, we keep talking anyway, just like St. Peter. During this season of Lent, then, let us allow ourselves to remain in silence. In doing so, we are giving Jesus an opportunity to truly speak to us, as we strive evermore to listen to Him.

**Prayer:** Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

**Closing:** Take time to slowly read through today's Gospel and listen silently for the Lord to speak to you.