

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th January 2016

Has a grown-up ever asked you to pass on a message to another person? If they did, you have something in common with Jesus. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus was sent by God the Father with a message that had two parts to it. The first part was about himself and the second part was about what he had been sent to do. Let's remind ourselves of what he said: 'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me...to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. Have you noticed how in all the stories we have about Jesus he is always caring and merciful? Do we like when people are merciful and kind to us? Do we feel good when we are merciful?

KILLINA

Sunday 24th 10.30am:

Mass for Fr. Seamus Dunican P.P. with his family.

Tuesday 26th 7.30pm:

Mass for Mark & Kian Boland, Derrycooley.

Wednesday 27th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 29th 9.00am:

Sunday 31st 10.30am:

Mass for Jimmy McLoughlin, Murrough.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm:

Mass for Camillus Corcoran, Killina.

Saturday 30th 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick & Mary Daly, Ballybrumcullen.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Ina Glynn, Mucklagh
And Mass for James & Christina Conway, Beechmount Park.

Sunday 24th 9.00am:

Sunday 24th 12noon:

Mass for Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly & their daughters Breda, Kitty & May Anne, Ballard.

Tuesday 26th 9.00am:

Mass for Pat Patterson, The Walk, Roscommon.

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm:

Mass for George O'Connell, Screggan.

Thursday 28th 9.00am:

Friday 29th 7.30pm:

Mass for Seamus Cahir, Charleville Road.

Saturday 30th 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Jack Galvin, Cloonagh.

Sunday 31st 9.00am:

Sunday 31st 12noon:

1st Anniversary Mass for Margaret Dunne, Roscore & remembering her husband Tommie.

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:

Killina €195.00

The Island €150.00

Mucklagh €708.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €195.00

Mucklagh €335.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Jim Claffey, Cooldorough, Ballinahown, (Uncle of Annette Minnock) who died on 13th January. May he rest in peace.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: taking place at St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Clara. Commencing Thursday 28th January at 8.00p.m., and continuing for seven weeks. Guest speaker each week. Come and be renewed in your faith".

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

World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 2016: WYD is a gathering of young Catholics from around the world with Pope Francis. It is for young people (18-35) who wish to deepen, share and celebrate their faith. From **18th July to 2nd August** the youth of the Diocese of Meath will be participating in this amazing event. Please find information and booking forms available @www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth

Marie Keating Mobile Unit: will be in Market Square Birr, outside Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Outreach Centre on 9 February from 11 am to 3pm. This is a free cancer community information service for both men and women. No appointment is necessary. There will be a nurse in attendance to give information and advice. The unit will be in Tullamore on Thursday 11 February from 11am to 3pm, in Offaly Street, outside Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Centre.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 19/01/16 numbers drawn 12-16-24-28. No Jackpot Winner. One match three winner Ann-Maria Cunningham €150. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and March 3 win/share €150.

Thanks for the continued support.

Mucklagh Operation Transformation: Weigh in and Circuit Training: Monday at 7.00pm in Centre. **Walk:** Meet at School at 7.00pm on Wednesday. **Couch to 5K** Meet at the School on Sunday Mornings at 9.30am.

'Buy A Brick': for Mucklagh Community Center. Anyone who wishes to buy a brick for Mucklagh Community Center may do so by calling to the center from Monday to Friday from 9.30 until 12.30. Also you may email mucklaghd@gmail.com, or by phone: 086 836 4523, 087 6355409 or 087 9448623. Thank you for your continued support

St. Colmans National School: Anyone who wishes to enrol their child as an incoming Junior Infant in St. Colman's National School for the coming September 2016 can do so until the end of January 2016 after this your place may not be guaranteed, you can download your form on the school website www.mucklaghns.ie or alternatively you can ring the school on 0579341244

Killina Parent's Association are holding a Table Quiz fundraiser in the Blueball Pub on Friday 29th January 2016 at 7.30pm. Adults €40, students €20 for table of 4. Spots prizes and raffle on the night. Come along and banish the January blues. Your support is always appreciated. All monies raised will go towards school sports facilities. Donations of Spot Prizes are most welcome and can be left in to Killina School beforehand.

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

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: This week things are quiet at Rahan Comhaltas and it gives time for reflection. It's important to highlight that an organisation such as ours needs a serious commitment from a normally unseen backroom team and this is what we would like to highlight this week. The Rahan Comhaltas backroom team take care of all the dreary unrewarded logistics. Many are parents, Grand Parents, Aunts, Uncles and friends who come to events and ensure the logistics are taken care of in a professional manner. Some of the jobs done by these volunteers are taken for granted by everyone but without these unsung heroes we would never be able to put on the shows we do. It is not possible to name any of the individuals involved for fear of not naming everyone but we will highlight the areas where they actively support us and from that people will be able to identify who we are referring to. These support areas include: **Catering:** This is normally done by a dedicated bunch of Ladies who supply such delicacies as scones , Brack, Cakes, brown bread and biscuits along with the regulation Teas and coffees. Even at the smallest events you will find these ladies busily nursing the Burco boiler to life and ensuring everyone is fed. **Stage Hands:** Rahan Comhaltas usually perform in locations with no stages available and this means the stage has to be transported, installed and removed after each event. Sound is also another serious job which has to be setup each night of a performance. **Finance and recording of attendance:** Ticket sales and advertising all require serious dedication and takes up valuable time of all those involved. Minding the kids before and during performances and during the weekly music lessons is also very time consuming and needs dedication. This week we have highlighted some of the areas where dedicated people provide us with logistical support that goes unrewarded and rarely publicised. These people will know who they are when they read this and others will recognise them from the roles outlined above. Thanks to all our unsung heroes who support us in all our endeavours and hopefully we will clearly see who these people are at the next Comhaltas event and thank them for their excellent support. Without them we would not be organisation we are today. Thanks to all our supporters.

Rahan Community Alert: Happy New Year everyone. We want to remind you all to remain vigilant at all times and report anything suspicious to local gardai at 9327600, get name of garda if possible. We have 'monitor alarms and 'bottle in the fridge' for anyone in need, a must for our elderly. For more information call Ann at 087 985 1819. Keep the eyes peeled. Thanks.

Rahan Drama Group: Rehearsals are going very well for Rahan Drama Group's 2016 production, 'My Wife's Family', by Fred Duprez, This three-act comedy has a large cast of 11. The play will be staged in Rahan Community Centre, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 1-20-27-32. There was no Jackpot Winner and no Match 3 winner. The Jackpot will be €7,600 next week and €400 win/share for match 3's. The draw will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse. **Sponsorship:** As we approach the start of a new session we are looking for anyone who may be interested in sponsoring a set of jerseys and in return have their name printed on the jerseys. If anyone is interested can they please contact Liam on 087 928 6701. **GAA National Club Draw Tickets:** Anyone who has any of these GAA tickets can they please return them to a committee member before or by Thursday the 28th of January. **Minor Board:** Minor board AGM will be held on Thursday 28th of January in Rahan Clubhouse at 8.00pm. All welcome. Good luck to Shamrock's ballad group on who are in the all Ireland final along with the question time team in Killarney on the 30th January.