

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th January 2021

The phrase 'at once' is used twice in the gospel story to express the rapid response of these four fishermen to their newfound call. Zebedee, the father of James and John was left high, if not dry, to face the tedium of mending fishing nets on his own. In another story the mother of the Zebedee lads requests some heavenly favouritism from Jesus. 'The phrase 'at once' invites us to think about how we respond, pray, witness, imitate, serve, listen and follow the Lord. In a letter to a non-believer in 2013, Pope Francis wrote these powerful words: 'for me faith is an encounter with Jesus. It was a personal encounter that touched my heart and gave new direction and meaning in my life. Jesus impacts us, shocks us, renews us.'

Rahan Parish Webcam Mass: on rahanparish.ie

Sunday 24th 11.00am: Parish Mass and Intentions

Sunday 31st 11.00am: Parish Mass

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 Fr. Martin on 087 9774828.

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Development 17th January: €387.00

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 soul of **Julia Leonard, (formally Guinan) (nee Craven)**, Ballinasragh, Tullamore (mother of Mary-Jo Connolly, Tullabeg) who died on the 19th January. Her funeral took place on the 22nd January in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore followed by burial in Clonminch Cemetery. May she rest in peace

Feast Day of St. Blaise: Due to the ongoing restrictions, unfortunately there will be no Blessing of the Throats this year

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

Sacrament of Marriage: It is advisable to give six months' notice of your intention to marry to both the Church and the Registrar. All couples getting married must attend a pre marriage course. Contact ACCORD, 9341831 or www.accord.ie Accord is also available for marriage and relationship counselling.

Candlemas/February Offerings: Will be taken up from the 1st weekend in February. 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 support and generosity

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 19/01/2021. Numbers drawn 1, 18, 19 & 27. There were 2 Jackpot Winners. Congratulations to Denise O Grady C/O Willie O Grady & Margaret Dunne C/O Margaret Dunne, who win €6,000 each. No Match 3 winners. Next Draw Tuesday 26/01/2021. Next Week Jackpot is €6,000. Match 3 is €450. Annual Tickets are now on sale, €100 for 52 draws. 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

Shamrock's Lotto: Lotto: Shamrock's Lotto numbers drawn were 2, 17, 27 and 28 with no jackpot winner. There were 3 match 3 winners. Well done to David O'Toole Greene c/o J. Kearney, John Corcoran c/o J. Kearney and Josie O'Meara c/o K. O'Meara who win €70 each. Draw next week will take place Monday 25th January for €15,000 jackpot. Thanks for your continued support

Membership: Shamrock's GAA are now accepting memberships for the 2021 season. Please check our Facebook or contact any member of our committee for information on how to pay.

Prayer during the Pandemic: God's healing hand:

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you. To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion. To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we convey our deepest sympathies. We pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace. We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. **Amen.**

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