

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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Making a decision at some point in our lives doesn't always mean that the case is comfortably closed. Sometimes we have second thoughts, get cold feet. Our sense of what is important may change or, as seems to have happened to the Corinthians in our Second Reading, we get distracted and caught up in everyday cares and anxieties. These ambiguities are part of human nature and always have been. What is so compelling about Jesus and his message of the Kingdom of God that entices these men away from a life of promise and security? The word 'Kingdom' does not refer to a place, but to the power of God which is rooted in love. Wherever the love of God prevails in our world, the Kingdom is there.

KILLINA

Sunday 25th 10.30am:

Mass for Jimmy Mc Loughlin, Murrough, Rahan.

Tuesday 27th 7.30pm:

Mass for Joseph & Elizabeth Kidney, Cornalaur.

Wednesday 28th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 30th 9.00am:

Sunday 1st 10.30am:

Mass for Joe & Margaret Keyes & their daughter Ann, Killina.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 24th 6.00pm:

Mass for Camillus Corcoran & deceased family members, Killina.

Saturday 31st 6.00pm:

Mass for James & Molly Minnock, Clonshanny.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 24th 7.30pm:

Mass for John Gonoude, Mucklagh.

Sunday 25th 9.00am:

Mass for Ted Flynn, Charleville Road.

Sunday 25th 12noon:

Mass for James & Lily, Flanagan, Adam's Villas.

Tuesday 27th 9.00am:

Wednesday 28th 7.30pm:

Mass for George O'Connell, Screggan.

Thursday 29th 9.00am:

Friday 30th 7.30pm:

Mass for Seamus Cahir, Charleville Road.

Saturday 31st 7.30pm:

Mass for Mary & Peter Geraghty, Killurin.

Sunday 1st 9.00am:

Month's Memory Mass for Margaret Dunne, Roscore.

Sunday 1st 12noon:

Mass for James & Christina Conway, Beechmount Park.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island - every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €245.00	The Island €220.00	Mucklagh €710.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €405.00		Mucklagh €365.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Tomás David Flaherty**, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 17th January.

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th January after 7.30pm Mass in Killina.

Catholic School's Week: Today marks the beginning of Catholic School's Week 2015 which has been celebrated in Ireland for the last five years. This annual event calls on Catholic Schools to give expression in a special way to a particular aspect of Catholic education. This year the theme **Called to Serve** lends itself to examine what we understand by service and who it is our schools serve. To this end, Catholic education is called to self-reflect and refresh its mission.

February Offerings/Candlemas & Lent: Will be taken up next weekend and for a few weekends after that. If you are not using one of the parish envelopes, please put your name and envelope number on the envelope you use. As always thank you for your continued generosity.

Lost & Found: A pair of glasses in their box were lost last weekend. If found they can be handed into the Parish Office or Sacristy. Thank You.

Rahan Comhaltas: We are running our 2nd annual *Traditional Irish Music & Dance Workshop* in Coláiste Choilm, Tullamore, from 10AM to 4 PM with tutoring in: *Fiddle – Concertina – Accordion – Flute – Tin Whistle – Banjo – Sean-nós dance* on March 7th, you won't want to miss that! You can keep up to date with this and all our other news on www.rahamcomhaltas.com.

Lough Boora Parklands: 5K Walk/Jog and 10K Race. Sunday 29th March in aid of Irish Autism Action and Offaly Dochas Cancer Support Group. 10 week training programme at Lough Boora Parklands- Programme started Sunday 18th January at 9.15am. €20 for 10 weeks, Runners, Joggers welcome.

Rahan Community Alert: We have a big Race Night coming up on Saturday 18th April. This is to raise funds which will go towards the erection of new Text Alert signs complete with each Townsland name which should help enhance our area. Each horse costs ten euro and Officers will be out with cards from now on. Big prizes on the night with loads of craic.

Rahan Drama Group: The Rahan Drama Group is working very well on their upcoming production of "A Wake in the West", by M.J. Ginnelly. Rehearsals are going great with a huge commitment of all of the cast members under the guidance of Stella Egan, Ballycumber and assisted by Fr. Martin. The production will take place on the weekend of 20th, 21st & 22nd March. Many thanks for all the great support.

The Ballycumber Area Defibrillator Scheme: AGM will take place on Wednesday 4th February 2015 in the Ballycumber GAA Centre Meeting Rooms at 8p.m. This is our first AGM since forming our Cardiac First Responder Scheme so we would like as many people as possible to attend".

Lumcloon N.S: Country Jamboree Night on Friday 30th January in Cloghan Hall. Featuring Jason Travers Band, Blue Ridge Country, with special guest Ciaran Rosney. Finger food/BYOB. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10. All welcome.

Mucklagh Community: LOTTO draw 20/01/15 numbers drawn 1-8-11-20. No Jackpot Winner. Four match three Winners win €40 each - Oliver Shortall, Brendan O Connor, Declan Cooney, Marie O Dwyer. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. Next week's match three €150. Thanks to everyone for the continued support

St. Colmans National School: Tesco Tullamore have chosen Lann Eala, the Autistic Unit as one of their Community Fund recipients for the next six weeks. Please take your blue token when you complete your shopping and use it to vote for Lann Eala. Huge Thanks to Elaine for all her hard work in making this possible. Also we are hosting a Table Quiz on the 30th of January 2015 this will take place in Tullamore Golf Club at 8pm, a great night to be had by all with great prizes and a raffle on the night. Please support.

Enrolments for St. Colman's N.S: Any parent who wishes to enrol a child in St. Colman's N.S. for September next should do so before January 31st if they have not already done so. Application Forms can be obtained from the school office or on the website www.mucklaghns.com The Board of Management will meet in early February to allocate places and all applications must be in by the end of January to be considered.

School Enrolment: for Scoil Charthaigh Naofa for next September is open now. Contact the School Office on 057 9355393 for Application Form. Closing Date 6th Feb. Thank you.

Invitation: Offaly Hospice Annual Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd February @ 8pm in the Goodbody Suite of the Tullamore Court Hotel. This is an open invitation to everyone, most of you at some time have donated money to Offaly Hospice, you may have helped us fundraise or sadly you may have had cause to use the service, so come along and hear how the money raised by Offaly Hospice is used to benefit the palliative care services in Offaly. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. Michael Cushen, Consultant in Palliative Medicine for the midlands and Ms Anne Tan CNM, Team Leader with Offaly Palliative Care Team, they will tell you of some new and exciting developments within the service and how your donations make such a big difference to patients and their families in our local community.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: 8 9, 15, 16. No jackpot winner and no match three winner. Next week the draw is in Kelly's for a jackpot of €4000 and €400 for match three.

Congrats: Congrats to Paddy Kelly being presented with the county intermediate hurler of the year at an awards ceremony last Saturday night. We wish him well in the coming year and hope he keeps the standards high!

U21: Best of luck to U21's out this weekend against Wheery on Sunday at 12 in Ferbane.

Croke Park Draw: Thanks to all those who so generously supported the draw to club members who called to your houses during the week. The draw for the club prizes will be held at the next committee meeting and winners will be notified duly.

Co. Board Lotto: The county board are promoting the county gaa lotto through clubs. Anyone who wishes to buy a ticket for this draw for the year, the money will come of the clubs subscription to the county board. All tickets must be bought by the next county board meeting. However if you wish to buy it later in the year it will come off the clubs subscription next year.

Season Ticket: The season ticket is now available from the county board for €150. This will admit you into all matches throughout the year (apart from finals). For those who regularly go the matches it is in fact great value. Contact the secretary on 0872395659 or email her on secretary.shamrocks.offaly@gaa.ie

Pope Francis Tweet of the Month: "Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let us find time to be with him."

