

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Advent 11th December 2016

Jesus asks the crowd in today's Gospel why they ran to see John the Baptist. Sometimes when we go to hear a famous speaker or go to someone we admire we are looking for answers. Our expectations are often not grounded in reality. Jesus asks the people what did they expect when they went to see John. Were they looking for someone nicely dressed? No, they were looking for a prophet and John was the greatest of these. Jesus's words are almost like a eulogy for John

KILLINA

Sunday 11th 10.30am: Mass for John O'Brien, Rahan Demesne

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm: Mass for Joe Smith, Tullabeg

Wednesday 14th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 16th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 18th 10.30am: Month's Memory Mass for Sr. Joan Bland, Presentation Convent, Killina & Portlaoise

THE ISLAND

Saturday 10th 6.00pm: Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard, Ballincur

Sunday 11th 7.00pm: **Rahan Parish Community Christmas Carol Service. All very welcome**

Saturday 17th 6.00pm: Mass for Lil & Joe Daly, Ballina

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 10th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Carmel Madden, Adam's Villas and also for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds Ballard & deceased members of the Reynolds And Derham families

Sunday 11th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 11th 12noon: Mass for Patrick Walsh, Charleville Forest

Tuesday 13th 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 14th 7.30pm: Mass for a Bill & Anne Coonan, Beechmount Park

Thursday 15th 9.00am: -----

Friday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for Jack Rigney, Screggan

Saturday 17th 7.30pm: Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road

Sunday 18th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 18th 12noon: Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan

Sunday 18th 3.00pm: **Devotions & Blessing of the Graves in Lynally Cemetery**

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 €165.00	The Island €150.00	Mucklagh €720.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €525.00		Mucklagh €420.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Con Dunne**, Roscore, Blueball who died on the 1st December. His funeral took place on the 4th December in St. Colman's Church with burial afterwards in the adjoining New Cemetery, **Mary Boylan**, Beechmount Park, Mucklagh who died on the 2nd December. Her funeral took place on the 5th December in St. Colman's Church with burial afterwards in the adjoining Old Cemetery, **Helen Clavin**, Lynally, Screggan who died on the 7th December. Her funeral took place on the 9th December in St. Colman's Church with burial afterwards in the adjoining Old Cemetery and **John O' Donaghue**, Lynally Grove who died on the 7th December. His funeral took place on the 10th December in St. Colman's Church with burial in the adjoining New Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Grace Martina Matthews**, Lynally Grove, Mucklagh and **Conor Marcus Murray**, Athlone, Co. Westmeath who were baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 3rd December, and **Holly Sarah Clear**, Killina who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 3rd December

Churchgate Collection: The annual collection for Laois/Offaly Spina Bifida Disability will be held at all Masses in Mucklagh and the 10.30am Mass in Killina this weekend 10th & 11th December

Christmas 2016 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: Christmas Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place Saturday Evening and Sunday 17th/18th December before and after all Masses in the three Churches of the Parish

Eucharistic Ministers on duty in the Island Church for December: 10th Dec: M. Minnock, 17th Dec: A. Minnock, 24th Dec: K. Looby, 25th Dec: G. Minnock, 31st Dec: M. Minnock

Annual Christmas Draw: A huge word of thanks to each and every person who contributed greatly to this year's Christmas Draw. A total taking of €6,200 was raised on the day. Expenses will also be paid from this amount. Many thanks to all for your great generosity.

Christmas Tree The Island Churchyard: The Christmas Tree will be switched on after the 6.00pm Mass on the 10th December. All are very welcome

Christmas Carol Service: This year the Christmas Carol Service will take place in The Island Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 11th December. Many thanks to all the choirs taking part and to all who are involved in the preparation of the event. All are very welcome

Mucklagh Community Centre: Aileen Kavanagh B:A in fine Arts local artist from Screggan has expressed interest to teach art classes in our community centre, if you are interested please contact 0851261216 or email Mucklaghcd@gmail.com for more details, all welcome. Also we would like to invite you all to a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre after 9am Mass in Mucklagh until 11.00am every Tuesday morning. €1 for tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

St.Colman's Parents Association: Are fundraising a Cake Sale on the 17th of December, all proceeds go to the autism unit Lann Eala. Afterwards St. Colman's National School Parents Association are holding their Christmas raffle on December 17th in the Bridge Centre €2 per ticket or €10 for a full book. Prizes include: 1st Prize €120.00 Hamper from Karen Edell Millinery. 2nd Prize Midweek 1 Night Stay from Tullamore Central Hotel. 3rd Prize 4 Tickets to the Limerick Races for St. Stephen's Day, and many more on the Day.

Rahan Community Alert: We would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution to our Church gate collection last weekend, all goes towards our CCTV project. Monitor alarms are still available and we now have three Carbon Monoxide alarms available to anyone in need of them, very important at this time of year with stoves and fires etc etc. Thanks again and remain alert especially for our elderly.

National Ploughing Championships: 'The National Ploughing Championships Local Organising Committee De-Brief Meeting will be held in Mucklagh Community Hall on Wednesday 14th December at 8:00pm to discuss the foregone 2016 National Ploughing Championships. All are invited to attend.'

Rahan Comhaltas News: It's cold around Rahan these days but the sound of Music still reverberates around the village on Friday evenings during music classes. The Kids are learning new tunes and looking forward to the Christmas break. Rahan Comhaltas will be involved in a Carol Service on the 11th of December at the Island Church where we hope to enter into the Christmas spirit. Rumour has it also that Santa will arrive one Friday to see the Kids so we all look forward to that.

Community Games: The Community Games 5K Road Race (fund raiser) will take place on Tuesday 27th December starting at 12:30pm sharp. Registration from 11am in the Mucklagh Community Centre. This is an AAI registered event, but is open to everyone for a fun run or walk. Entry fees will be €10 for runners, €5 for juveniles and €15 for families. Refreshments and prize giving afterwards in the Community Centre. Further details available on our facebook page.

Killina Presentation Secondary School: The Killina Zambia Immersion Programme team from Killina Presentation Secondary School would like to sincerely thank the people of Rahan Parish for the very generous contributions and good wishes which we received when we spoke at the masses recently. We hope that we will be able to share our experiences when we return from Zambia and relate to you the type of work that your contributions made possible.

Mucklagh Active Retirement Group: Do you like a game of Cards, indoor bowls, gentle exercises or just like to sit and chat? Then come along to Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesdays at 3.00pm. All welcome

Social Dance Classes in Ballinamere GAA Hall: Learn to dance the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quick Step & Jive. Every Friday night at 8.30pm. No partners needed. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gerry on 087 7745909

Family Carers Ireland: are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available. For more info contact the training unit on 0579322920.

Senior Help Line: Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**