



Rahan Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent 11th December 2022.



Killina: Sunday 11th: Mass at 10.30am: Intentions of the Sick

Tues 13th: Mass at 7.30pm: Joe Smith

Thursday 15th: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 18th: Mass at 10.30am: Michael and Eileen Kearney

The Island: Saturday 10th: Mass at 6.00pm: Joseph and Elizabeth Daly, their daughter Kathleen and her husband John, Ballina and Dan and Annie Clavin and daughter Margaret

Saturday 17th: Mass at 6.00pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Mucklagh: Saturday 10th: Mass at 7.30pm: Sean Healion & his parents Joe and Ellen, Spollenstown Pat, Joseph & Mervyn Guinan, Cappaloughan David Finnamore, Meelahans, Julia Guinan Leonard & husband Peter, Ballinasragh & dec. members of the Guinan family

Sunday 11th: Mass at 9.00am: Ann and Bill Coonan, Beechmount Park

Sunday 11th: Mass at 12noon: Michael and Ellen Clavin, Lynally

Wednesday 14th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 15th: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of Parishioners

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

Saturday 17th: Mass at 7.30pm: Eamon Walsh, St. Colman's Tce

Sunday 18th: Mass at 9.00am: Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Tce

Sunday 18th: Mass at 12noon: Intentions of Parishioners

Offertory/Plate: Killina €295 The Island €370 Mucklagh €887

Development: Killina and The Island €877 Mucklagh €739

Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursdays 2pm-6pm **Killina:** Mondays 3pm-10pm

Adoration: The Island: Tue 5pm-7pm & Saturday after Mass until 8pm

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards now available in Parish Office & Sacristies of our churches. Suggested donation €5 per card – All will be remembered at Christmas masses.

Ministers of the Word: A Blessing Ceremony for all new and existing Ministers of the Word will take place at the 7.30pm Mass in Killina next Tuesday evening

Ministers of the Eucharist: A Blessing Ceremony for all new and existing Ministers of the Eucharist will take place at the 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh next Wednesday evening

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass In Mucklagh . **Christmas Eve 6pm** Mass In The Island

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh **Christmas Eve 9pm** Mass in Killina

Christmas Day 9am Mass in Mucklagh **Christmas Day 10am** Mass in The Island

Christmas Day 10.30am Mass in Killina **Christmas Day 12 noon** Mass in Mucklagh

Please pray for: Mary Conroy, Bohernagrisna and Ian Flanagan, Coroe. RIP

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni, Oct 14 - 21 2023, led by Fr Michael Whittaker, 995 euro. This trip is almost full and anyone interested is asked to book now to avoid disappointment. Please phone 057 93 55050, Mon to Fri, 9am-5pm only.

Mucklagh Church Cleaning: On Tues 13th Dec at 10am. All help much appreciated

Rahan Social Services Chiropodist Mon. 12th December Contact Miriam 0830106622.



Happy 3rd week of Advent!



Shamrock's Lotto: 7, 19, 20. Bonus number 4. Next week €25,000

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 4, 11, 15 & 24. Next week €3,000

Parish Penance Service: for Christmas will take place on Friday next 16th December in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm A number of visiting priests will be present.

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. **Offering Envelopes** will be available at back of church or in yearly box of envelopes. Thanks to all for your generosity in the year

Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner this Sunday in Mucklagh Community Centre at 2pm. Deceased of Senior Citizen's Group remembered at all masses this weekend

Annual Parish Christmas Draw: takes place on Sunday 18th December in Rahan Hall at 7.00pm. The usual prizes of €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 Turkeys, 5 Hams, 5 bottles of Brandy, 5 bottles of Whiskey, 5 Christmas cakes and lots of other donated prizes will be available. **Many thanks** to everybody for your support. Each household will hopefully have received 2 draw cards Each line is 2 euro or a card for 10 euro. **Draw Cards available** this weekend at entrance doors of all churches. Cards to be returned to Mucklagh Parish House or to Baskets available in all churches **asap**

Today's Gospel: Joy in the Lord -Three things about happiness: First - happiness needs to be appreciated right now. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now. **Second** - 'If you are happy, let your face know.' Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by glancing in the mirror & asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God. **Third** - joy will come to us if we set about trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer

Musings: 'Joy is what makes life worth living, but, for many, joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it. What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.' (Henri Nouwen)

Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.. Please come early to Christmas Masses for the singing of carols before Mass.

Parish News A new carpet has been fitted in the Sanctuary area of Mucklagh church. **All churches** are now fitted with **webcam** which is a great service for all away from home for Christmas. **Please invite family to tune in on following links**

Mucklagh <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-colmans,-mucklagh-tullamore>

The Island <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-patricks-church-tullamore>

Killina <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-carthage-church,-killina,-rahan-rahan>

