

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Advent 13th December 2015.

This Sunday-three quarters of the way through Advent – begins to prepare us for rejoicing by promising the end of judgement. The Day of the Lord is coming. It is a festival day. The babe in the manger (who is naturally on our minds) is radiant. The cattle are lowing. Mary and Joseph care for their son. Zephaniah's prophecy is as comforting as the smell of Hay. Speaking directly to the people, the Lord says, 'I will renew...will exult over you...will remove disaster from you...will with all your oppressors...will change shame into praise...will bring you home...make you renowned and praised...restore your fortunes. This is certainly good news.

KILLINA

Sunday 13th 10.30am:

Mass for John O' Brien, Rahan Demense &

'Do this in Memory' Mass for the pupils of 2nd Class, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa

Tuesday 15th 7.30pm:

Mass for Joe Smith, Tullabeg.

Wednesday 16th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 18th 9.00am:

Sunday 20th 10.30am:

Mass for Joe & May Monaghan, Screggan Cross.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 12th 6.00pm: 1st Anniversary Mass for Pat Joe Leonard, Ballincur & remembering his wife Nora.

Saturday 19th 6.00pm:

Mass for Joseph & Lil Daly, Ballina.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 12th 7.30pm:

Mass for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds, Ballard & the deceased members of the Reynolds & Derham families.

Sunday 13th 9.00am:

Sunday 13th 12noon:

Mass for Patrick Walsh, Charleville Forest &

'Do this in Memory' Mass for the pupils of St. Colman's National School

Sunday 13th 7.00pm:

Rahan Parish Community Christmas Carol Service in Mucklagh Church

Tuesday 15th 9.00am:

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for William & Ann Coonan, Beechmount Park.

Thursday 17th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Pat Dunne. **(Please note: No morning Mass)**

Friday 18th 7.30pm:

Mass for Jack Rigney, Screggan.

Saturday 19th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Kevin Maher, Killina and

Also Mass for Thomas & Catherine Conlon, Adam's Villas.

Sunday 20th 9.00am:

Sunday 20th 12noon:

1st Anniversary Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan.

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.

Churchgate Collection: The annual collection for Laois/Offaly Spina Bifida Disability will be held next weekend 19th/20th at all Masses in the Parish.

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €140.00

The Island €150.00

Mucklagh €683.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €115.00

Mucklagh €460.00

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Bernadette Thornton**, Beechmount Park, and **Peter Moore**, Ferbane who were married in St. Colman's Church on the 10th December. We wish them many happy years together.

Christmas 2015 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: Christmas Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place Saturday Evening and Sunday 19th/20th December before and after all Masses in the three Churches of the Parish and as we begin the Holy year of Mercy there will also be an opportunity to receive monthly Confessions before and after all Masses on the last weekend of each month in the three churches.

Parish Christmas Draw: Will take place on the 13th December in Newtown Primary school at 3.00pm Prizes:€500, €300, €200, €100, Turkeys, Hams, Whiskey, Brandy, Cakes, Biscuits & other prizes. Tickets are available at the church doors. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: The annual Carol Service this year will take place in Mucklagh Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 13th December. Many thanks to those who have given their time for the preparation and co-ordination of the carol service. It is hoped also to invite members of the Church of Ireland Community to be present on the night. Many thanks to all the choirs taking part on the night. Have a great night and all are very welcome.

Ecumenical Carol Service: An Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St. Carthage's Church of Ireland, Rahan on the 27th December at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend this Carol Service and to make it a special evening of prayer and song.

Community Games: A 5K Road Race/Fun Run will be held on Monday 28th December through the village of Mucklagh starting at 12:30pm. Registration will start at 11am in the new Community Centre. This event is also registered with Athletics Association Ireland. Entry fee will be €5 for runners and €15 for families. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Runners can pre-register by email to mricommgames@gmail.com. Alternatively check us out on our facebook page. Well done to our draughts teams who competed in the county final last weekend. The u-14 team won their final and will go forward to represent Offaly in Leinster. Congratulations also to the u-14 girls 7-a-side soccer team who will represent Offaly in Leinster. Well done to the u-11 mixed basketball team who narrowly lost to Tullamore. Good luck to the u-11 mixed rugby team who play Ferbane in Killina on Monday evening. Finally a reminder that the Athletics will be held on Sunday 24th May in Shamrocks GAA pitch, Mucklagh. Registration from 1.30pm. Check out our Facebook page for any further updates.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 08/12/15 numbers drawn 5 - 6 - 22 - 29. No Jackpot Winner. 2 x match 3 winners. O' Toole Family Beechmount & Noel Cleary €75 each. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and match three win/share €150. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

Umbró Clothes Collection: Will take place on Wednesday 16th December in the three churches of the parish.

'Buy A brick' for Mucklagh Community Centre: Any one who wishes to buy a brick for Mucklagh Community Centre may do so by calling to the centre from Monday to Friday from 9.30 until 12.30. This could make a nice Christmas present for someone. Also you may email mucklaghd@gmail.com, or by phone: 086 836 4523, 087 635 5409 or 087 944 8623. Thank you for your continued support.

Turning on of Lights: On behalf of Mucklagh Development and Beachmout Park Residents, we would like to Thank Santa, Mrs Clause, the Elves, Fionn Molloy, and all who turned out for a lovely evening in the centre and turning on the Christmas Lights on the Christmas Tree.

Christmas Trees: Well done and a very sincere thank you to all who helped in any way for the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights in Killina and The Island and Mucklagh. Well done to all involved for the great and wonderful efforts. Thank You for enhancing the Christmas Season for all.

Rahan Community Alert: The Committee would like to thank everyone for the very generous response to our Church gate collection last weekend at all of the churches of the parish. Our long term aim now is to erect CCTV cameras at strategic points which may help pick out vehicles used by criminals. Thanks again.

Rahan CCE: This week we are running up to Christmas and looking forward to a break from music classes and the routine of everyday life. The members of Rahan Comhaltas hope to take part in the hunt for the Wren on St. Stephen's day and prepare for the Mummers Festival 2016 competition in New Inn, Co. Galway in the first weekend of January 2016. The Mummers is a great competition in its 38th year. The festival takes place in New Inn and celebrates music, song, dance, and storytelling tradition of Irish culture and we hope to support it with both Junior and senior entries. The Rahan Comhaltas Committee would like to thank all our members, supporters, and friends for making 2015 such a successful year and would also like to reflect and remember all our past members both living and those who have passed away. Their memory lives on in the music we play. Happy Christmas from Rahan Comhaltas.

Shamrock's Ballad Group: Best wishes to Shamrock's Ballad Group who will take part in the Leinster Semi Final of Scór na nÓg this Sunday the 13th in Arklow. Thanks to Alo Looby who is their coach for his hard work and efforts with the group.

Novena: To Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kilcormac Church will take place each Monday at 7.30pm from 2nd November to 14th December. All Petitions and Thanksgivings included in each Mass. Blessing of congregation with Blessed Sacrament on 30th November. Confessions with visiting Priests on 14th December. All welcome.

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

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 1, 15, 20, 28. Three match 3s €70 each. K Dwyer (K Dwyer), W Geraghty (Smyth's) & A Malone (R. Molloy). Next week's jackpot is €6400 and the draw will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse. **Lotto Tickets:** If you are having trouble thinking of a Christmas present to get your loved ones why not get them a Shamrock's yearly lotto ticket. A ticket for the year costs €100 and you are in with a chance every week of winning that jackpot. Anyone interested please contact a committee member. **Offaly Lotto:** Could all members that purchase Offaly County Board Lotto tickets on a yearly basis please renew/buy through the Shamrocks Club as the Club benefits through relief on annual levies. Please contact [087 2498026](tel:0872498026) if interested. **Come dine with me:** A huge thank you to all the hosts who prepared a feast of gorgeous food in their homes and to all the guests who enjoyed eating it. Thank you to Daithi Regan for presenting the county medals to the Junior team in Tullamore golf club after. It was great to see so many people come together and enjoy themselves in what was a great night of eating, dancing and singing. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of it all. **Shamrocks Ladies:** We would like to say a huge congratulations to shamrocks ladies football club on being awarded juvenile club of the year 2015. This is down to the hard work, dedication and players commitment throughout the year. Well done to all involved.