

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Advent 13th December 2020

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter.

KILLINA

Sunday 13th 10.30am: Month's Memory Mass for Tommy Lowry, Newtown

Tuesday 15th 7.30pm: Mass for Margaret & Patrick Hughes & Tommy Duncan & Mary Walsh, Killina

Thursday 17th 7.30pm: -----

Sunday 20th 10.30am: Mass for Kathleen & Paddy Monaghan, The Derries

THE ISLAND

Saturday 12th 6.00pm: Mass for Joseph & Lil Daly & their daughter Kathleen & her husband John, Ballina, Ballycumber

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 19th 6.00pm: Month's Memory Mass for Martin Fogarty, Castletown

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 12th 7.30pm: Mass for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds, Ballard & the deceased members of the Reynolds And Derham families and also for Sean Healion & his parents Joe & Ellen, Spollenstown, Tullamore & Jack & Annie Daly, Mountbolus

Sunday 13th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 13th 12noon: Mass for John O' Donoghue, Lynally Grove

Tuesday 15th 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for Ann Tourtellotte (nee Conolly), Patrick Street, Tullamore

Thursday 17th 9.00am: -----

Friday 18th 7.30pm: Mass for Jack Rigney, Screggan

Saturday 19th 7.30pm: Mass for Mary & Pat Nolan, Charleville Road, Bill & Anne Coonan, Beechmount Park And James & Brigid Keegan, Ballykeenaghan

Sunday 20th 9.00am: Mass for Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 20th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Gerry Murray, Charleville View & Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €133.00	The Island €67.00	Mucklagh €280.00
Development:	Killina & The Island €702.00		Mucklagh €455.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Jack Patrick Darcy**, Ross, Screggan who was baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 6th December and **Tadhg Carthage Mullen**, Clara who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 6th December

Adoration: Mucklagh: On Thursdays from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome and more adorers would be very much appreciated

Adoration: Killina: On Mondays from 3.00pm-10.00pm. All are very welcome

The AGM of Rahan Hall: will be held in Killina Church on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 8.30pm

This is to elect a new Committee and update the community on what has been happening with the hall and plans for the future. Please attend.

Christmas Confessions: Will take place this year with Covid-19 precautions and face masks necessary before and after all Masses on the weekend of the 19th & 20th of December. A distance of 2 metres must also be kept in place between people coming to confession. We look forward to giving the opportunity to people for their Christmas Confession. Many thanks to one and all.

Rahan Parish Christmas Masses: Due to the Covid-19 restrictions this year, Christmas Masses and weekend Masses are limited to a number of 100 people for each Mass in Mucklagh Church, 50 people for each Mass in Killina Church and 50 people for each Mass in The Island Church. Extra Masses will take place for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Killina Church: Christmas Eve 7.00pm & 9.00pm. Christmas Day 10.30am

Mucklagh Church: Christmas Eve 5.30pm & 7.30pm. Christmas Day 9.00am & 12noon

The Island Church: Christmas Eve 4.00pm & 6.00pm. Christmas Day 10.00am.

Tickets are needed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in the Parish of Rahan. Tickets can be booked for the Christmas Masses in the Parish Office through Suzanne at 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30-5.30pm and Fr. Martin on 087 9774828. All other Masses have also to be booked for weekends and weekdays with the same limited number of people in the three churches of the parish

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.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: The lotto took place in Mucklagh Community Centre on **08/12/2020. Numbers drawn **20,22, 29 & 30**. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 Winners. Next draw will take place **15/12/ 2020** in Mucklagh Community Centre. **Jackpot is €12,000.** Match 3 numbers is **€300 Christmas Lotto will also take place on 15/12/2020.** There will be an extra 5 X €100 on prizes. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Mucklagh Community Centre, Day Break, The Fingerboard, Kelly's Off licence or any of our promoters. For €2 you could win or share our Jackpot for €12,000 or play 5 weeks for €10.**

Christmas Present: Give the present of Mucklagh Community Centre Local Lotto to a loved one at home or away for Christmas €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886 or [email: adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie) . Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Meals on wheels: As part of Covid -19 Supports: Mucklagh community Centre is providing Meals on wheels services. Dinners cost €5 per dinner & dessert, delivered to your door. If you would like to avail of meals on wheels in the community Contact Mucklagh Community Centre by email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone 057 93 56886.

Irish Grinds: Junior Cert and leaving Cert Grinds available in Mucklagh Community Centre. 6 Weeks €90. Small classes. 4:15 for Junior Cert and 5:30 for Leaving cert.

**Computer classes. Learn how to use ipad, android phone, email, shopping online, internet banking, tax your car, download apps, use whatsapp etc. Computer classes will start in January
Booking is essential. Contact by email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone 057 93 56886.**

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2,9,20,32. No jackpot winner. 2 match 3 winners each win €100. Well done to Cian Hickey (J. Hennessy) and Fiona Kinahan (Clubforce app). Jackpot next week is €15000. Thanks for your continued support.

Lotto Syndicate: With the support of Shamrocks GAA club Rahan community alert are again doing the Euro millions Lotto syndicate The Syndicate gives ticket purchasers the opportunity to participate in two weekly Euro millions draws for an entire year for only €30. A great opportunity to participate in the syndicate and maybe purchase a handy Christmas present also. If you wish to purchase a ticket please text [0877993869](tel:0877993869) or contact a member of Shamrocks committee or the Rahan alert committee. All support greatly appreciated.