

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December 2014.

Another Sunday in Advent so another instalment from the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete* Sunday. We can think about becoming joyful, the end is in sight, we are over the hump. Isaiah in the First Reading is certainly looking forward, looking to the Lord making integrity and praise spring up. Saint Paul in the Second Reading is thinking about joy and he is also looking forward. He is telling us to be happy. His recipe for happiness is to pray and give thanks. We all know how appreciated we feel when somebody says thanks to us. Paul is also telling us that God has called us and he will not fail us. It is God who will keep us safe and blameless for Christ.

KILLINA

Sunday 14th 10.30am: Mass for Pat, Joseph & Mervyn Guinan, & family and also David Finnamore, Cappaloughan.

Tuesday 16th 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 17th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 19th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 21st 10.30am: Mass for Mary & Joe Monaghan, Screggan.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 13th 6.00pm: Mass for Patrick, Ellen & James Kennedy, Clonshanny.

Saturday 20th 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Daly Family, Ballina Cross.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 13th 7.30pm: Mass for Betty & Peter Owens, Beechmount Park.

Sunday 14th 9.00am: Mass for Camillus Claffey & the deceased members of the Claffey family, Mucklagh.

Sunday 14th 12noon: Mass for Paddy Walsh, Charleville Forest.

Tuesday 16th 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 17th 7.30pm: Mass for Thomas & Catherine Conlon, Adam's Villas.

Thursday 18th 9.00am: -----

Friday 19th 7.30pm: Mass for Jack Rigney, Screggan.

Saturday 20th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross.

Sunday 21st 9.00am: Mass for Pat Lacey, Ballybrittas.

Sunday 21st 12noon: Mass for Margaret Murphy, Charleville View.

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 €210.00	The Island €115.00	Mucklagh €445.00
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Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €190.00	Mucklagh €160.00
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In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Mary Dowling (nee Condrón)**, Keilighmore, Killeigh who died on the 9th December and who's funeral Mass took place in Mucklagh Church on the 11th December with burial afterwards in Mountmellick Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Month's Memory Mass for Fr. Nicholas Walsh: will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sun Dec 14th (today) in St. Colmcille's Church, Durrow, Co Offaly

Churchgate Collection: The annual collection for Laois/Offaly Spina Bifida Disability will be held next weekend 20th & 21st Dec at all Masses.

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in Mucklagh for December: 13th/14th, 20th/21st & 27th/28th, **7.30pm Mass**, Mary Mc Donnell, Teresa Mc Mahon & Tom Cunningham. **9.00am Mass**, Jo Kelly & M. White. **12noon Mass**, Kathleen Kenaney, Tony Reynolds & Margaret Thompson.

Christmas 2014 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: People can avail of the opportunity to go the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Evening and Sunday (next weekend) 20th/21st December before and after all Masses in the parish.

Parish Christmas Draw: Will take place today in Newtown Primary school at 3.00pm Prizes:€500, €300, €200, €100, Turkeys, Hams, Whiskey, Brandy, Cakes, Biscuits & other prizes. Tickets will be available from this weekend at the church doors. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: The annual Parish Carol Service this year for the Parish will take place in Killina Church at 7pm on Tuesday 16th December. Many thanks to those who have given their time for the preparation and co-ordination of the carol service. Choirs from the Parish will take part on the night. All are very welcome.

Ecumenical Carol Service: An Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St. Carthage's Church of Ireland, Rahan on the 28th 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: We will be hosting a festive 5k fun run/walk on Sunday 28th December in Mucklagh. Registration at 1.30pm and run/walk starts at 2pm sharp from Kelly's Roadhouse car park. Entry fee: Adults €5.00, Children €3.00, Family of 4 €15.00. A fun day out for all the family.

Scoil Chartaigh Naofa Christmas Craft Fair: Crafts, food, carol singing etc... on Wednesday 17th December from 4.30pm-6.30pm. All welcome, please support.

Aerobics/Fitness Classes: are taking place in Rahan Hall on Thursday nights from 8.00pm-9.00pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Fiona Phelan on 087 7459073.

A Documentary Film: called "Rahan Remembers" will be showing in Rahan Parish Community Hall, this Sunday, 14th December, at 5.30pm. It covers the history of Rahan from monastic times to modern times. It includes interviews with Rahan people recalling, with fondness, their memories of growing up in the 30s, 40s and 50s. All are welcome.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO: **Tuesday 9th December** numbers drawn 2-10-20-31. No Jackpot Winner. One match three Winner Kathleen Hayden. Next week's Jackpot €12,000 and next week's match three €150. Thanks to everyone for the continued support

Rahan Community Alert: We would like to thank all for your generosity at our Church Gate collection last Sunday. Local farmer arrived home last week at 2-45 in morning to find two youths trying to steal his tractor by 'wiring' it up. So it's important to keep vigilant at all times and ring Garda if you notice anything suspicious.

Rahan Community Market: Rahan Community Market takes place every Saturday from 10am to 1pm, at Rahan GAA Car Park. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the market since its relocation and look forward to welcoming new faces.

Rahan Comhaltas: Best of luck to Shamrocks GAA Scór na nÓg teams competing in the Leinster semi final in the Bailéad Ghrúpa agus Léiriú competitions which take place in Parnells GAA club in Coolock village, Dublin this Sunday 14th of December. Congratulations to two members John Gaffey and Breda Mann who were elected County Chairman and County PRO at the recent County board AGM, we wish them every success during their term of office. Also we are looking forward to taking part in the annual Christmas Carol service which takes place in Killina church this year on the 16th from 7 PM. We wish all our students, members and friends a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. You can always catch up with all our news and events www.rahamcomhaltas.com.

St Colmans National School Mucklagh: The children of St. Colman's National School under the Musical Guidance of Majella Killeen and class teachers have recorded their very first CD "play the moments rewind the happiness" featuring 18 songs in total. These CD's can be purchased from the St. Colman's School please contact Claire on 0579341244 or alternatively contact Alison on 0877548981.

A Gala Christmas Concert: will be held in the Church of the Assumption in Tullamore on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30pm. The concert is in aid of Teen Aware a local charity which promotes positive mental health amount our teens. Acts on the night include the Tullamore Academy Chamber Choir, Band 2 Band Brigade and voice of Ireland winner Brendan McCahey. A great night will be had so come along and support, tickets only €10 for adults and €5 for teens.

Talk on 'The Redefinition of Marriage and the Rights of Children': on Tuesday 16th Dec 7:30pm at the Ardboyne Hotel in the The Tara Suite By Breda O'Brien of the Iona Institute. All welcome!

A Pilgrimage to Medjugoire: will take place with a Spiritual Director and Larry Cummins from 20th -27th of May 2015. Departing from Dublin. Special offer of €519 if paid in full before December 10th Details available from Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto Results: The numbers drawn were 8, 21, 23 & 26. There was no match three winners. Next week match three win/share €400. The jackpot next week will be €2,800 and the draw will take place in Tullybeg. Christmas draw next week for cash prizes.

