

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Advent 16th December 2018

There can be no substitute sources for Christian joy in either the Advent or Christmas seasons. Attempts to find other avenues to this happiness will prove themselves counterfeit. It is telling that a certain mid-January day, when the financial impact of seasonal excess is said to confront us, has become known across the western world as 'Blue Monday'. Its annual recurrence may only be challenged when we choose a radically new approach to Christmas and begin to retrieve something of its true mystery and promise. Advent is the time for such an approach to begin

KILLINA

Sunday 16th 10.30am: Mass for Johnny & Molly Monaghan, Tullabeg

Tuesday 18th:-----**Kindly Note: No Evening Mass**

Wednesday 19th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 21st 7.30pm:----- Mass for Bernie Cunningham, Killina (**Kindly Note: No Morning Mass**)

Sunday 23rd 10.30am: Mass for Joe & May Monaghan, Screggan Cross

THE ISLAND

Saturday 15th 6.00pm: Mass for P. J. & Nora Leonard, Ballincur

And Lil & Joe Daly & their daughter Kathleen, Ballina

Mass for Joseph & Catherine Hickey & their sons Michael & Joseph, Brockagh

Saturday 22nd 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 15th 7.30pm: **Rahan Parish Christmas Carol Singing Mass. All are very Welcome**

Sunday 16th 9.00am: Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan

Sunday 16th 12noon: Mass for Bill & Ann Coonan, Beechmount Park

Tuesday 18th 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 19th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 20th 9.00am: -----

Friday 21st 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 22nd 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Conroy family, Ross and Month's Memory Mass for Dolores Nolan, Charleville Road & Australia
1st Anniversary Mass for Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 23rd 9.00am:

Sunday 23rd 12noon: Mass for Thomas & Susan Guinan, St. Colman's Tce & Oliver O' Reilly, Portarlington

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.

Offertory/Plate 8th & 9th Dec:	Killina €165.00	The Island €135.00	Mucklagh €985.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €215.00		Mucklagh €665.00

Christmas Carols: The Christmas Carols will take place this year at the 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 15th December with choirs of the parish and members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann taking part. All are very welcome and many thanks to everyone for all the preparations for the night

Church of Ireland Carol Service: The Carol Service takes place in the Church of Ireland, Rahan at 4.00pm on Sunday 30th December. All are very welcome

Sunday 16th December: The Annual Rahan Parish Christmas Draw will take place in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa Newtown at 2.00pm (Please note time change from 3.00pm to 2.00pm). Two tickets were distributed to each house in the parish. And many thanks to all who help with the draw and thanks to those who distributed the tickets to all areas of the parish. The usual prizes of €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 turkeys, 5 hams, 5 bottles of whiskey, 5 bottles of brandy, 5 boxes of biscuits, 5 boxes of sweets will be in the draw and many other donated prizes are very welcome. Tickets can be returned to the parochial houses and to the sacristies at the weekend Masses. Many thanks to everybody for your great support

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Bridget Milner (nee Cleary)**, Walsh Island & Rochfortbridge (mother of William Milner, Mucklagh who died on the 9th December. Her funeral took place on the 12th December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Walsh Island followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery and **Josie Lyttle (nee Brennan)**, Clara (mother of Joe Lyttle, Killina Presentation Secondary School) who died on the 9th December. Her funeral took place on the 11th December in St. Brigid's Church, Clara followed by burial in The Monastery Cemetery. May they rest in peace

Booking Masses: Due to the large amount of people who are booking Masses for the Parish of Rahan it is a fact in the future, people may be asked to share a Mass in the three churches of the Parish. Due to the demand for Masses to be said for our deceased loved ones, we would like to facilitate all families who request a Mass. Also, we usually give priority for a 1st Anniversary Mass and a Month's Memory Mass to families who have had a recent bereavement. In these cases families who have booked a Mass for a particular day may be asked to share their Mass with another family. Many thanks to one and all for your great and wonderful support for the Parish of Rahan throughout all the years

Rahan Community Alert: Reminder: Now that we are back in the long dark evenings we remind people who have the monitor alarms to wear them at all times. Also, anyone who thinks they might be entitled to get one of these alarms please contact Ann on 087 9851819 for an application form and for more information

Clodagh Active Retirement: We have 8 heavy duty folding tables available for hire for any of your occasions which needs extra display area. Contact 087 9530377

Memories of Rahan: Copies of Aidan Grennan's book *Memories of Rahan* are available in Cards 'n Things and Midland Books (Tullamore); Kelly's, Mucklagh and Flynn's Shop, Fingerboard. Also from Aidan himself on 087 3153434. The book costs €12. Email is: aidangrennan1709@gmail.com.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 11, 12, 22, 24. No Jackpot winner, 2 match 3 Ray White c/o Willie O Grady, Ann Dunican c/o Philip Barron, €75 each, Thank You for your continued support and The centre will be closed on 22nd December and reopened on January 3rd **Tuesday 9.30 to 11.00am:** Coffee Morning 2.00pm to 4.00pm Active Age, **Wednesday 4.30pm to 5.30pm RINKA kids fitness.** Contact mucklaghcd@gmail.com for information and bookings.

Mucklagh Community Development would like to advise promoters and customers of a change in date for the Christmas week and New Year draws. The Christmas week draw, which would normally fall on Christmas night, will be held on Sunday 23rd. The first draw of the New Year, which would normally fall on New Year's Day, will be held a day later on Wednesday 2nd January. Would promoters please ensure that tickets are dropped in to Kelly's by 7pm on both nights. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this draw, the proceeds of which are used to pay down the building loan. Your support is very much appreciated. Happy Christmas from the Directors and Committees of Mucklagh Community Centre.

We would like to thank everybody who supported the Christmas Fair & Wheel of Fortune last Sunday. To all who helped out in preparing the Centre, selling tickets on the day, donating vouchers, cakes etc a very sincere thank you. We hope you all enjoyed the day and we wish you all a very happy & peaceful Christmas.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2019: Bishop Deenihan will lead the 2019 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 4th – 12th. Full details will be available shortly. Enquiries to MAP Travel at 01 8783111, patricia@maptravel.ie or Gerry MacCormack info@kingscourtparish.ie 042 9667314.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 11,16,23,27. Two match 3's win €100 each. Lisa Flaherty (Kelly's) & Claire and Co, A Moore (L. Manley). Jackpot €12,600 and draw in Kelly's next week.

Results: AIB Leinster Championship Shamrock's vs Two Mile House Final Score - Shamrocks 0-10 Two Mile House 1-08. On behalf of the club, the Senior Footballers and Management Team, we would like to thank everyone for all their support over the last few months and especially to all the local businesses who very kindly gave sponsorship. Gerry Buckley of NIS, Adian Flynn and Centra Fingerboard, Tom Buckley of Offaly Boiler & Plumbing Services, Pius Grennan of Conveyor Belt Vulcanizer and Repairs, Pat Buckley, distributor of sand and gravel, Emmet Kirwin of K & O Windscreens, Michael Bracken & Sons Ltd, former Chairman and 2018 President - Building & Civil Contractors, Kilsaran, Tullamore Credit Union, Heatwise, Tullamore Hardware & Condron Concrete. All support was greatly appreciated

Club Officers for 2018: President: Martin Manley, **Chairperson:** Liam Mooney, **Vice Chairperson:** Derek Lambe, **Secretary:** Brendan Minnock, **Assistant Secretary:** Paddy Guinan, **Treasurer:** Hugh Byrne, **Assistant Treasurer:** Morgan Byrne, **P.R.O:** Lynne Hutchinson, **Registrar:** Brian Kearney, **Health & Safety:** Tom Buckley

Underage Committee: Chairperson: Sean O'Rourke, **Secretary:** Lynne Hutchinson, **Child Welfare Officer:** Roger Molloy