

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Advent 17th December 2017

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today, and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John's voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out

KILLINA

Sunday 17th 10.30am: Mass for Pat O' Brien & deceased family members, Goldsmith's Lot
Sunday 17th 3.00pm: **Rahan Parish Christmas Draw, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown. All Welcome**
Sunday 17th 7.00pm: **Rahan Parish Christmas Carol Service. All are very welcome**
Tuesday 19th 7.30pm: Mass for Bernie Cunningham & remembering her husband Pat, Killina
Wednesday 20th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent
Friday 22nd 9.00am: -----
Sunday: Christmas Eve 10.30am: -----
Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 9.00pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity**

THE ISLAND

Saturday 16th 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Kennedy Family, Clonshanny
Sunday 17th 3.00pm: **Rahan Parish Christmas Draw, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown. All Welcome**
Saturday 23rd 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Daly family, Ballina
Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 6.00pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity**
and for Mary Fogarty & deceased family members, Castletown

MUCKLAGH

Saturday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for Jeremiah & Bridget Mooney, Lynally
Sunday 17th 9am: -----
Sunday 17th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Peggy Walsh & remembering her husband Paddy, Charleville Forest
Sunday 17th 3.00pm: **Rahan Parish Christmas Draw, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown. All Welcome**
Tuesday 19th 9.00am: -----
Wednesday 20th 7.30pm: Mass for the Kerrigan family, Margaret Casey & John Ward, Kilcruttin
Thursday 21st 9.00am: -----
Friday 22nd 7.30pm: Mass for Ann & Bill Coonan, Beechmount Park
Saturday 23rd 7.30pm: Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road and also
Month's Memory Mass for Seamus Hanlon, Ballycowan, Tullamore
Sunday: Christmas Eve 9.00am: -----
Sunday: Christmas Eve 12noon: Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard
Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 7.30pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity**

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.

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €180.00	The Island €100.00	Mucklagh €690.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €185.00		Mucklagh €295.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Jim Cullen**, Scarsdale, New York and Munny, Kilcormac who died on the 8th December and whose funeral took place in Kilcormac Church on Monday 18th December and burial in the New Cemetery, Mucklagh and **Sean Healion**, Spollenstown, Tullamore (husband of Maureen and father of Suzanne Keegan, Ballykeenaghan) who died on the 11th December. His funeral took place in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 14th December with burial afterwards in the New Cemetery, Mucklagh. May they rest in peace

Christmas Confessions: Will take place in the parish before and after all weekend Masses this weekend 16th & 17th December. Many thanks to one and all

Annual Christmas Carol Service: The Annual Christmas Carol Service for the Parish this year will take place in Killina Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 17th December. The Carol Service was postponed due to the bad weather last Sunday. Many thanks to all the choirs and members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and to all who have helped to make the evening a great success. We would also like to invite people to bake if possible as refreshments will be provided in Killina Presentation Secondary School after the Carol Service. Many thanks to all who are helping with the cup of tea. Apologies for the change of date and many thanks to all for your cooperation. A very Happy Peaceful Christmas to one and all

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM MUCKLAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE:

December the 19th 2017: Active Retirement is hosting a Christmas Flower arranging evening from 3pm to 5pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. Noelle from Ferbane Florist will demonstrate, how to do some fabulous festive arrangements. Admission is €5.00 which includes Tea and a free Raffle. All welcome.

December the 29th 2017: Active Retirement are hosting a Community Tea Dance in Mucklagh Community Centre from 8pm until 12 midnight. Entertainment for the evening will be none other than "Rock on Paddy" himself, Paddy Keating. Admission on the night is €5.00 this includes light refreshments and a raffle ticket. A great night NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Carol Service Church of Ireland: The annual carol service will take place in the Church of Ireland, Rahan on Sunday 31st December at 4.00pm. All are very welcome

Parish Draw: Many thanks to all who have helped with the distribution of tickets and the great support of all on the day for the parish draw.

Mucklagh Community Lotto: Stuck for Christmas Gift Ideas? Why not give the gift of a multidraw/Annual Ticket for your local Lotto. Multidraw tickets from €10. Annual Ticket €100. All proceeds to your local Community Centre. Gift Certs available from Centre. Thank You for your support and a very Happy Christmas to All

Mucklagh Community Development lotto: numbers drawn were 4,14,17,18 no jackpot winner. Three match three winners: Peter, David and Chloe Coyne c/o Noel Cleary. Damien Bryant c/o Damien Bryant. Shane Monaghan c/o Martin Condron. Thanks to all for their continued support.

St. Colman's National School: The principal, Teachers and Parents Association of St Colman's National School would like to express their sincere thanks to all who helped out and supported our recent Gala Concert that took place in St. Colman's Church Mucklagh. A great night was had by all.

Mucklagh Active Retirement: are finished up now for Christmas and they will resume in January 2018.

Clodagh Active Retirement: 2018 Calendars now available at a cost of €3 each or two for €5. Please contact Carmel on 087 9530377. Thank you for your support

Community Games: The Community Games will host the annual post Christmas 5k road race/fun run on Wednesday 27th December 2017 at 12:30pm. Registration from 11am in Mucklagh Community Centre. Entry fee for runners will be €10, juveniles €5 and families €15. Prize giving and refreshments served afterwards in the community centre. Further details on Mucklagh, Rahan, The Island Community Games Facebook page.

Mojo: is an evidence based mental health and wellbeing group programme for men, 18 years or older who are motivated to make changes in their lives. The programme is for men who are distressed and/ or experiencing employment related issues. The next 12 week programme commences on the 24th and 25th of January in Offaly Local Development Company, Main Street in Tullamore. For further information log on to mojo.ngo or contact Caroline on 087-6028801.

The ideal Christmas present to send to Friends!: A limited number of Rahan Remembers DVDs are available at www.offalyhistory.com or contact Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Presentation Convent KILLINA 1817-2017: A Celebration of 200 Years of Service. A reminder that this book, which celebrates the bicentenary of the foundation of the convent in Killina, can be purchased for €10. It is available from various outlets, including Kelly's, Flynn's, Mucklagh Community Centre, Doolan's, Killina Sec. School and the sacristies of the three churches in the parish. What a lovely Christmas gift for those at home and abroad!

Shamrock's Notes: The numbers drawn were 4,7,8,14. 3 Match 3s win €70 each. The boys (T. Connolly), Dympna/Brian/Alan (E. Yeates) & Sean Boland and Roho (Tullybeg). Jackpot €4600 next week and the draw is in Tullybeg.

Club Officers for 2017: President: Michael Bracken, 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: Roger Molloy, Health & Safety: Tom Buckley

Underage Committee: Chairperson: Sean O'Rourke, Secretary: Lynne Hutchinson, Schools Liaison: Ollie Bryant, Coach Coordinator: Ronan Moran, Child Welfare Officer: Jennifer Gleeson

Christmas Offerings: *The Christmas Offerings will be taken up at the Masses during the Christmas period. You are requested to use the White Envelope in your family box. If using an ordinary envelope kindly put your name and number on it. Thank You*