RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Easter 10th April 2016

We all have experience of friendships and relationships that break down. When that happens it feels like death – we grieve, we get angry, we have regrets, we wonder 'what if?' Three times Peter denied Jesus and today we hear Peter express his love for Jesus three times. Jesus welcomes Peter back into community with him. Peter experiences Resurrection; he is given new life. There is no situation, no matter how terrible, that Jesus cannot transform, forgive, welcome back, restore. Peter says to Jesus – 'Lord you know everything' and we too must remember that Jesus knows our hearts, as He knew Peter's heart. The questioning here is perhaps so that Peter can hear it for himself. The relationship is restored and we, like Peter, are once more invited in to 'Follow me!'

KILLINA

Sunday 10th 10.30am: Mass for the Carroll Family, Glaskill.

Tuesday 12th 7.30pm: Mass for Tom, Kathleen & Canice Cantwell & deceased family members, Tully

Wednesday 13th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 15th 9.00am: ------

Sunday 17th 10.30am: Mass for Paddy Monaghan, Derrycooley

THE ISLAND

Saturday 9th 6.00pm: Mass for Jim & Kathleen Rigney, The Island & deceased family members.

Saturday 16th 6.00pm: Mass for John & Agnes Sammon, Clonshanny

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 9th 7.30pm: Mass for John Joe & Elsie Lambe, Roscore Sunday 10th 9.00am: Mass for Isaac & Bridget Bryant, Cloonagh

Sunday 10th 12noon: Mass for Paddy Bracken, Roscore

Tuesday 12th 9.00am: Mass for Edwin & Catherine White & the deceased members of the

White & Daly families, Mucklagh

Wednesday 13th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Gabe Neville, Lynally

Thursday 14th 9.00am: ------

Friday 15th 7.30pm: Mass for Thomas, Mary & Bernard Minnock, The Derries

Saturday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for Joseph (Snr) & Elizabeth Galvin & their sons Patrick & Joseph (Jnr)

& their daughter Mary Teresa, Cloonagh

Sunday 17th 9.00am: Mass for James & Margaret Kilroy & their son Sean, Mullingar

Sunday 17th 12noon: Mass for Kevin Smyth, Charleville View

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 €260.00The Island €130.00Mucklagh €685.00Dev Fund:Killina & The Island €185.00Mucklagh €360.00Trocaire to date:Killina & The Island €1,670.00Mucklagh €2,680.00

Divine Mercy Sunday Collection: For Rahan Lourdes Fund: €450.00

<u>In Memory:</u> Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Gerard Connolly Dublin**, (brother of Cordelia Conroy), Mucklagh who died on the 23rd March. His funeral took place in Tullamore on the 25th March with burial afterwards in Clonminch Cemetery and **Kathleen Dillon**, Wigsboro, Fivealley, Birr (sister in law of Tim Dillon, Mucklagh) who died on the 31st March. Her funeral took place in Eglish on the 2nd April with burial in the adjoining cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes Jaxon James Tiomthy Doyle, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 2nd April and **Michael Malachy Delaney**, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 6th April. **Vocations Sunday:** Next Sunday 17th April will be Vocations Sunday. The annual collection for the support of students will be taken up after all Masses.

Anam Cara: The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 13th April from 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. The guest speaker for the evening is Peter Hanlon, who facilitates the family bereavement camps at Barretstown Castle. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday, 12th April or call us on 01 404 5378.

<u>Fr. Johnny Fiji Cyclone Appeal:</u> A meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th April in the meeting room of Mucklagh Church at 8.00pm. All welcome

<u>Commemoration Day:</u> Rahan Hall Committee, would like to invite the whole Parish Community, to a Commemorative Ceremony to raise the National Flag, in commemoration of the 1916 Rising, and also reading of the Proclamation, on Sunday 24th April at 5pm, on the green area outside Rahan Community Centre. Refreshments later. "<u>Sisters of the Rising":</u> Written by Offaly-born comedian and playwright, Christiane O' Mahony, Ross Road is coming to Birr Theatre on April 16 at 8.00pm.

Rahan Drama Group: A massive thanks and well done to everyone, for the enormous success of our play, 'My Wife's Family'. Almost 700 people saw the comedy last weekend, in Rahan Community Hall. As a result of the great turn-out, the Drama Group are in a position to financially support some local groups. Details will appear in next week's bulletin. **Mucklagh Community Development:** Lotto: draw 05/04/16. Numbers drawn 4-7-19-28. No jackpot winner. One match three winner (rollover) €300 Nicola Mannion c/o Alison O'Kelly. Next week's Jackpot €12,000 and Match 3 win/share €150. Thanks for all the continued support.

<u>National Ploughing Championships:</u> First Local Organising Committee Meeting for Ploughing'16 will be held in Mucklagh Community Centre on Monday night 18th April at 8.30pm. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more information please come along. National Ploughing Championships will take place on 20th, 21st, & 22nd September in Screggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. If you would require any further information please contact me: Anna Marie McHugh 059-8625125

Rahan Comhaltas News: Its spring time around Rahan and the longer evenings have people concentrating on other issues not just music. However the Offaly Fleadh Cheoil is getting closer and music practice over the next few weeks for all contestants will be more important than ever. Rahan Comhaltas music classes return after the Easter break for a final few weeks and will see us making plans for the Annual Sessiún over the summer months. On Saturday 2nd April we had our first monthly session for beginners and advanced musicians at Eskers Golf Club. The first hour was for beginners and those learning to play in a group and the second hour and later was for all musicians at any level. Many thanks to the advanced musicians who sat in and played with the beginners it takes patience but it is great to see the more experienced musicians play alongside the younger kids who just love to play and show us their ability. Rahan Comhaltas hope to host these sessions on the first Sunday of each month in Esker Golf club at 4pm with the emphasis on getting the younger musicians and beginners of all ages to play in a friendly and controlled environment. Our first session was a great evening and we hope it will become a regular event and thanks to Eskers Golf Club for the use of their excellent facilities. Congratulations to Daingean Senior Scór contestants who took part in the All Ireland Senior Instrumental Music competition on the 2nd of April. Many of the participants are either members of or good friends of Rahan Comhaltas and though they did not win the final they did us proud. Rahan Drama Group did Rahan proud over the weekend of the 2nd of April with their play "My Wife's Family". Congratulations to all involved.

<u>Mucklagh Tidy Towns:</u> As April is Spring Clean month Mucklagh Tidy Towns would encourage people to please organise litter picks in their own area to keep Mucklagh and surrounding areas tidy and litter free, if anyone would like to organise a litter pick and need Bags or litter pickers please feel free to contact Maureen Lawless on 0863056700. Please keep Mucklagh tidy.

Community Games: The local community games swimming gala will be held on Sunday 10th April in the Aura Leisure Centre, Tullamore. Registration at 4:30pm and to commence at 5pm. Entry fee will be €2 per participant. Draughts training will continue on Fridays, 8:15pm - 9:15pm in Mucklagh National School Prefab. Basketball training will be held on Saturdays 5pm - 6pm in Killina school gymnasium. Please check out our Facebook page for all updates. Mucklagh Community Development: Plans for Auction, which takes place on Saturday April 30th are going well. If you have Saleable goods, from electric, electronics, garden, household, agriculture vouchers or services you would like to donate for our auction you may do so by contacting Alison O Kelly 087, 754 8981, Philip Barron,087 362 5409, Sammy Mc Morris, 086 105 5720, John Leahy 087 207 3226. Email: mucklaghcd@gmail. com or call to our centre from Monday - Friday 9.30 − 12.30. Also we are calling on people who bake to donate cakes / breads to the cake stand on the day. All funds raised will go towards Mucklagh Community centre.

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday:</u> Many thanks to all who came along and supported and organised, a great day had by all. <u>Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome:</u> August 19th-27th 2016. Led by Bishop Michael Smith. Reservations to Mullingar Travel, Austin Friar Street, Mullingar, or contact 044 9340587.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: invites all Parishioners on a special Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 24th April. There is a full programme organised for Adults, Teens and Children. The launch of a National Crusade of Prayer for Vocations will take place at the 3 pm Mass. The programme begins at 11.30am. Bishop Kevin Doran is the chief celebrant and homilist Fr Declan Hurley will give a talk on 'Gazing at the face of Mercy 'at 1.30pm in the Basilica. Local contact for transport is 057 93 51367 or 057 93 51923. Anyone intending to travel, give in your names by the 17th April.

<u>Life in the Spirit Seminar:</u> Day Chapel Church of the Assumption, Tullamore. Begins Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm for 7 Wednesdays. Contact number 087 9144872/086 3790728

<u>Open Day at the National Learning Network, Tullamore:</u> Free Training Courses Available. Date: Friday, May 6th 2016 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Location: National Learning Network, Tanyard, Tullamore Co. Offaly. All are welcome. For more information please contact the centre on 057 931 8300 or email: <a href="mailto:tullamore@nln.iemailto:tullam

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 3-20-28-29. No Jackpot Winner. 2 Match 3s €100 each. Nellie Comerford (Lisa c/o Flynn's) & Peader Rosney (J Kearney). Jackpot €9,800 next wk. Draw in Tullybeg. Fixtures: Sunday 10th April Molloy Environmental Systems Senior Hurling Championship Shamrock's vs Coolderry in Banager at 1.30pm. Monday 11th Minor Football League Shamrock's v St Vincent's in Mucklagh at 6.45pm. U14 Féile Hurling League Shamrock's v CRC Gaels in Rahan

5.30pm. Underage Training : U6, U8 & U10 boys begins with hurling on Tuesday 12 th April at 6:30pm in Raha	an.