

## ***Rahan Parish***

***KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND***

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Clearing out the temple was a judgement on a religious system which had lost its way and its right to stand. The temple was meant to be the most sacred place of meeting God but it had come to resemble a reeking abattoir and noisy market. Do our church rituals and prayer practices help or hinder our encounter with the Lord? Has lifeless liturgy prevented people from developing a sense of worship? Prayers may be an obstacle to prayer. Have we lost our way in administration without charity, dogmas without devotion, liturgies without life? Stone walls to be knocked down before we find the Risen Lord?

### **Rahan Parish Webcam Mass: on [rahanparish.ie](http://rahanparish.ie)**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass for all those on the List of the Dead and for other Intentions**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass and for other Intentions**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass for The Feast Day of St. Patrick and for other Intentions**

Many thanks to one and all for your great support. Although the office is closed to the public, masses for the Webcam Masses and anyone who needs to get a certificate of any kind can be booked through the office on Wednesdays with Suzanne on 057 9321892 and also text or ring Fr. Martin on 087 9774828.

<b>Development 21<sup>st</sup> February:</b>	<b>Parish of Rahan €831.00</b>
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**Adoration: Mucklagh:** Continues as usual on Thursdays until further notice from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome

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

**Trocaire Boxes:** Are now available in the three churches. Many thanks for your great generosity in supporting the wonderful work of Trocaire

<b><u>Candlemas/February Offerings:</u></b> Will be taken up for the next few weekends. Please use the special envelope in your box for this. If you use another envelope please write your name and address on it so it can be recorded to your envelope number. They can be handed into the parochial houses. As always Thank You for your great support and huge generosity
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<b>Diocese of Meath Safeguarding Website: <a href="http://www.meathsafeguarding.ie">www.meathsafeguarding.ie</a></b>
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**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: 02/03/2021.** Numbers drawn 4, 13, 18 & 32. No Jackpot Winners. No Match 3 winners. Next Draw Tuesday 09/03/2021. Next Week Jackpot is €7,200 Match 3 is €600

**Annual Tickets are now on sale, €100 for 52 draws.** Tickets can be purchased from Daybreak Mucklagh, Centra Fingerboard, Mucklagh Community Centre or any of our promoters. Why not give a **Birthday or Thank You present** of Mucklagh Community Centre Local Lotto. €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. The Lotto supports the running of Mucklagh Community Centre. All support is greatly appreciated. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886, 086 836 4523 or [email: adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). Postal Service available. Thank You for your Continued Support. The Lotto Team.

**Mucklagh Community Centre Meals on Wheels:** Mucklagh Community Centre has teamed up with KDA for meals on Wheels. Hot Dinners with a dessert are delivered three times per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Cost is €5 per meal. For more information ring 086 836 4523 or 057 93 56885

**Virtual Dance Classes:** Mucklagh Community Centre is running Free Virtual Dance Classes for Children from 8 to 14 years through Zoom. Next class is Tuesday 9 March, 10-11am. A variety of music genres and moves to be covered. Limited number of places. Booking is essential. To book your place email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). For more information, please ring 057 93 56886 or 086 836 4523.

**Zoom Pilates Classes:** Pilates classes for intermediates are taking place through Zoom on Wednesday mornings. Booking is essential. To book your place email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). For more information, please ring 057 93 56886 or 086 836 4523.

**Shamrock's Lotto: Lotto:** Shamrocks lotto numbers drawn on March 1st 8, 14, 22, 29. There was no jackpot winner. There were 2 match 3s winning €100 each. Well done to: Noleen Fletcher Lynch c/o B. Mooney and Diane Thorntan c/o N. Thorntan. Draw next week on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for €15000 jackpot. Thanks for your continued support

**Club Competition:** Well done to Jennifer Boland who was the winner of our jersey competition on social media, sponsored by KC sports.

**Best of Luck:** Best of luck to all Leaving Cert, and primary school children who are returning to school this week. Well done to parents, students and teacher who have worked extremely hard under challenging circumstances the last number of weeks.

**Tarsus Scripture School - for Lent and Easter 2021:** Easter: Weaving the Tapestry of Death and New Life: 9 pre-recorded lectures; 1 webinar; 1 meditation (€30). "Behold my servant": the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah (Jessie Rogers), "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself": Easter in John (Sean Goan), "Dying and raised to new life in Christ": Salvation in Romans. (Kieran J. O'Mahony). For registration and further details, please go to: [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie). Enclosed in the email is a poster which you may like to send to friends or to display.

**Reflection for the Third Week of Lent: The Covenant with Moses Sunday, March 7, 2021:** "So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank." Numbers 20: 9, 11 Hope does not disappoint. Really, even this year? Hope does not disappoint? Wildfires scorch the earth. A virus disrupts the world. Friends reject us. Families fall apart. It can be hard to hear the words, 'Hope does not disappoint.' Bad things happen that can't be stopped or reversed. How does hope not disappoint? What kind of promise is this? The Israelites are not overly enthused with the results of the promises that have led them out of slavery. Surely, they were not expecting to wander thirsty, hungry and tired in a wasteland for years on end. Similarly, in this endless pandemic season, we have been called to let go of our expectations: we settle for more screen time, more faces disguised by masks in hallways, more changed holidays and traditions. Perhaps like our own, Moses' frustration is clear: "What shall I do with these people?" What are we supposed to do with this reality? When the next step makes no sense or the solution is murky at best, it is only reasonable to feel disappointed, abandoned. Moses struggles with a people who expect their exodus from slavery to look different, too: to have less wandering and, to simply have water to drink. How does one find water, sustenance when there simply isn't any? How can you trust you won't die of thirst if you don't even know where to find what you seek? Except, we don't always know everything God has placed in front of us. Truthfully, who in a million years would expect water to flow from a rock? Perhaps Moses hoped for a roadmap to a well or a spring. Instead, he is told to strike the rock and, sure enough, water. In the Gospel, we see Jesus and the Samaritan woman at a reliable source of water. Jesus says to the woman at the well, "If you knew the gift of God" — if only you knew what God knows. The conversation is nothing she expected, and like her, God gives us what we need, whether we know it or not. Be it water to nourish our bodies for a journey for which we don't know the end, or perhaps not water at all, but Living Water