

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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3rd Sunday of Lent 8th March 2015.

Jesus is overcome with fierce love and passion in today's Gospel because of the injustice he sees before him. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could meet the requirements to be 'closer' to God. This model needed challenging. They have turned what should be a place where what is important is monetary value. What temples have we turned into market places today? Our world is driven by consumerism and profit at the expense of the resources of the world's poorest people. The Book of Creation is now speaking to us to stop making this house a market place. Climate change is having adverse effects on our weather systems here in Ireland and in the poorest regions of the world. Let us pray this Sunday that *'zeal for Your house will consume'* us, that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a more sustainable world for all.

KILLINA

Sunday 8th 10.30am:

Mass for James & Mary Kate Lynam, Ballincloughan.

Tuesday 10th 7.30pm:

Wednesday 11th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Thursday 12th 7.00pm:

1st Confessions for the children in 2nd Class in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa.

Friday 13th 7.30pm:

Sunday 15th 10.30am:

Mass for Larry & Nellie Marshall, Loughroe.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 7th 6.00pm:

Mass for Nora Molloy & deceased family members, Deerpark.

Saturday 14th 6.00pm:

Mass for Richard, Nora & Joseph McLoughlin, Murrough.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 7th 7.30pm:

Mass for Stephen & Annie Dunne & Jack & Katie Egan, Roscore.

Sunday 8th 9.00am:

Mass for George, Mary & Paddy Walsh, Healy Street, Tullamore.

Sunday 8th 12noon:

Mass for Farrell Dunne, Cloonagh.

Tuesday 10th 9.00am:

Wednesday 11th 7.30pm:

Thursday 12th 9.00am:

Friday 13th 7.30pm:

Mass for Paudge Condron, Glaskill.

Saturday 14th 7.30pm:

Mass for Lily Martin & Betty Martin Cullen, Dillon Street.

Sunday 15th 9.00am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Egan, Mucklagh and

The deceased members of the Gallagher Family, Athlone.

Sunday 15th 12noon:

Mass for Peter Moore, Screggan.

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 €215.00 The Island €125.00

Mucklagh €995.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €240.00

Mucklagh €325.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Jim Corcoran**, Dernagun, Ballycumber (husband of Bridie nee Kelly) who died on the 24th February. His funeral Mass took place in St. Manchan's Church, Boher, Ballycumber on the 27th February with burial in adjoining cemetery, **Michael Reynolds**, Banagher (brother of Geraldine Grennan, Tegan Court, who died on the 25th February. His funeral took place on the 28th February in Banagher with burial in St. Rynagh's Cemetery, **Patricia (Patsy) Ward**, Durrow (sister of the late Phil Hussey, Cloonagh) who died on the 28th February. Her funeral took place on the 3rd March in St. Colmcille's Church, Durrow with burial afterwards in adjoining cemetery and **Joe Gath**, Kilcormac (father of Gabriel Gath, Bunatarn) who died on the 1st March. His funeral took place in Kilcormac on the 5th March with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Zoey Bethany Berry-Quigley**, Churchill, Tullamore who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 28th February.

Alan “Murph” Mullan visits Killina: The student Council in Killina Presentation Secondary School were delighted to welcome Alan Mullan the youngest leader from Operation Transformation to Killina on Thursday last 26th Feb. Alan was invited to join the school community by the student council to share his experiences over the last few weeks. His advice and straight talk was well received by all the students and they look forward to meeting him again. Alan will join students and teachers Wednesday 4th March on the schools own Operation Transformation weekly “Walk, Jog Run” initiative. This initiative is being led by the schools PE department in order to promote and highlight the importance of healthy mind, body and spirit.

Buttons & Bows: This year’s Glamour’s Buttons & Bows will be held in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sunday 1st March (today). Proceeds in aid of Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group. Admission €5.

Community Games: Handwriting competition will be run in the schools in the coming weeks for u-10 and u-12s. Training for Draughts will continue in Mucklagh School this Friday from 8:15 - 9:15 pm. Anyone who is interested in Basketball or has any queries relating to the other aforementioned events please contact Ann-Maria Cunningham on 0872261211 or alternatively check out our Facebook page.

The Migraine Association of Ireland: has arranged an 'Approaches to Migraine Management' seminar to which you, your parishioners and families are invited. It will take place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone on the evening of Wednesday the 11th of March from 7 - 9 pm. Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be served on arrival. Admission is free. Information on a variety of Complementary Therapies and Practices will also be available. Should anyone wish to attend please ask them to call us on 01 894 1280 or email us at info@migraine.ie to register.

Rahan Comhaltas: Congratulations to Shamrocks GAA Scór Sinsir teams, who cleaned up in County final in Banagher last Saturday. Remember the our Traditional Irish Music and dance workshop takes place in Coláiste Choilm from 10am on Saturday March 7th, followed by an open seisiún together with our tutors in Clonmore house at 7:45pm all welcome. Then to kick off Seachtain na Gaeilge we are holding a Seisiún competition Tullamore takes place on the following Sunday, from 7pm. Group size should be 4 to 6 persons. Each group will be asked to perform for 45 min – one hour and each session group will be assigned a performance location in Tullamore. - more information and entry forms can be downloaded from at: <http://www.rahamcomhaltas.com/seisiun-competition>, Contact James on 087 9422853. You can access more information from the events section of our website www.rahamcomhaltas.com.

Rahan Parish Gun Club: The A.G.M. for Rahan Parish Gun Club will be held on Monday 9th March at 9.00pm in Rahan Hall. Anyone interested in joining the club must attend. All welcome.

Rahan Social Services: Chiropodist will be on Friday 20th March. People from Mucklagh will be seen between 10.30am and 12.30pm and Rahan people will be seen from 1.00pm onwards. All toes are welcome.

Rahan Better Health Club: Opening hours Monday to Friday 9.00am-1.00pm & 6.00pm-10.00pm. Membership only €20 per month. Classes starting soon.

Lough Boora Parklands: 5K Walk/Jog and 10K Race. Sunday 29th March in aid of Irish Autism Action and Offaly Dochas Cancer Support Group.

Strictly Come Dancing: Mucklagh Community Development is running Strictly Come Dancing to enable them to raise much needed funds for the Community Centre. It will be held in Tullamore Court on Saturday April 25th.

Rahan Drama Group: The Rahan Drama Group is working very well on their upcoming production of “A Wake in the West”, by M.J. Ginnelly. The production will take place on the weekend of 20th, 21st & 22nd March in Rahan Hall. Many thanks for all the great support. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets available from Deirdre @ 086 0886648. Admission €10 Adults & €5 Children.

More Rahan Remembers DVDs: available from Tom Doolan’s, Blueball, Kelly's Roadhouse, The Fingerboard, Ben Scally's, Fox's Kilbride Street, Trax Bridge Centre, www.offalyhistory.com or by contacting Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 03-03-15 no's drawn 01/17/28/29 No Jackpot winner. No match three winner. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. Next Week's Match Three €450. Thanks to all who continue to support our LOTTO.

Athlone Midlands Samaritans: Athlone Samaritans need additional volunteers to maintain their befriending service. No experience necessary as training provided. If interested please call or text 085 2845010 or email athlonevols@gmail.com The Samaritans provide 24 emotional support on Freephone 116 123.

Light the Fire: St Patrick's Day 2015: The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to a candlelight vigil on the Hill of Slane to pray together on the very spot where St Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Event begins at 5 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Smith at 5.30 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music led by the Franciscans of the Renewal. All are welcome. This is an outdoor event, so please dress warm and bring a chair if you'll need to sit. For information or to volunteer, please contact the Franciscan Sisters at 041 9830441

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 10,28,29,31. No match three. Jackpot €5200 next week. Draw next week in Kelly's. €400 for match 3. **Membership:** Club membership for seniors has to be paid by March 31st. They will receive a shamrocks car sticker when paid in full. Management will not be in a position to play players if membership is not paid. **Club Phone:** is back up and running so please ensure the club has your number in order to receive texts about training and fixtures. **Shamrocks** lost to Ballinamere in the U21 Hurling 1-11 to 13 points. **Senior Hurling League Fixtures:** Shamrocks V St. Rynaghs Saturday 14th March at 2pm. **Sunday Junior Hurling League:** Shamrocks V Tullamore at 12noon on Sunday 15th March.