

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Catholic School's Week) 31st January 2021

January has been a liturgically turbo-charged month!! We have had World Day of Prayer for Peace, The Solemnity of the Mother of God, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Sunday of the Word of God and Catholic School's week. A month on from our Christmas celebrations and in Catholic Schools Week, it is timely to appreciate that God's gift to us at Christmas is the gift of relationship, not just a human relationship, but a relationship to God our Father. We learn from the man possessed by the unclean spirit. He shouts his recognition of Jesus. He publicly declares his faith: 'I know you are the Holy One of God' (Mk 1:24 This is what Catholic School's week is about: to stay alert in the almost unbearable present moment where Jesus is – rather than look to an unreal future or take refuge in an imaginary past

Rahan Parish Webcam Mass: on rahanparish.ie

Sunday 31st 11.00am: Parish Mass and Intentions

Monday 1st 7.30pm: Feast Day of St. Brigid

Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm: Presentation of the Lord, Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje & Feast Day of St. Blaise

Sunday 7th 11.00am: Parish Mass for all those on the List of the Dead and 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.

Parish of Rahan

Development 17th January: €415.00

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

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Olive Guinan (nee Dempsey)**, Derrooley, Rahan who died on the 21st January. Her funeral took place in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 24th January followed by burial in Rahan Cemetery and Theresa Murphy (nee Navin), Newtownforbes, Longford and Westport, Co. Mayo (sister of Clare McGee, Tegan Court) who on the 23rd January. Her funeral took place on the 27th January in St. Mary's Church, Newtownforbes followed by burial in Newtownforbes Cemetery. May they rest in peace

Feast Day of St. Blaise: Due to the ongoing restrictions, unfortunately there will be no Blessing of the Throats this year

Candlemas/February Offerings: Will be taken up from the 1st weekend in February (next weekend). 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 support and generosity

PRAYER TO SAINT BLAISE: O Blessed St Blaise, you received from God the power to protect people from throat diseases and other illnesses. Take away the illness that afflicts me, keep my throat healthy and perfect so that I can talk correctly and be able to proclaim and sing praises to God. I promise you, St Blaise, that the words coming from my mouth will always speak: The truth and not lies; justice and not calumnies; goodness and not harshness; comprehension and not intransigence; forgiveness and not condemnation; pardon and not accusation; respect and not disparagement. Conciliation and not intrigue; calmness and not irritation; unselfishness and not egotism; edification and not scandal; enthusiasm and not defeatism; conformity and not complaint; love and not hate; joyfulness and not sadness; faith and not disbelief; hope and not despair. St Blaise, keep my throat free from illness so that I can praise God, my Creator, and thank you, my protector. **Amen.**

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: 26/01/2021. Numbers drawn were 24 27 29 & 32. No Jackpot Winners. No Match 3 winners. Next Draw Tuesday 02/02/2021. Next Week's Jackpot is €6,200 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. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre [057 93 56886](tel:0579356886), [086 836 4523](tel:0868364523) 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 Virtual Dance Classes for Children from 8 to 14 years in February. Limited number of places. Booking is essential. To book your place email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie. For more information, please ring 057 93 56886 or 086 836 4523.

Shamrock's Lotto: Lotto: Shamrock's Lotto numbers drawn were 8, 9, 13 and 30 with no jackpot winner.

There were no match 3 winners either. Draw next week will take place Monday 1st February for €15,000 jackpot.

Thanks for your continued support

Sympathies: Deepest sympathies to Claire McGee (Tegan Court) and the McGee family on the passing of Claire's sister Theresa and also to the Guinan and Dempsey families on the passing of Olive (Derrooley, Rahan). Ar dheis Dé go raibh an-anamacha

Prayer of Hope: Dear God, You remind us over and over in your Word that you are always with us. You tell us not to fear and you draw us close into your Presence. You're the only place we find refuge in the storms that surround us right now Lord. You're the only place we can find peace and strength. So we ask you for your words of truth and power to strengthen us in our inner being and lift our hearts to you. Thank you for your goodness, thank you that you know the way we are and to know that you have a plan. We look to you today our Lord and Savior, it's your face we seek. ***"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..." Psalm 46:1-2***