

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 18th December 2016

Advent is drawing to a close. Maybe not the hard penitential trudge of Lent, but no easy journey either: sorting out Christmas, whatever that involves for each of us, has still to be attended to, surviving the Big Christmas Sell which has invaded our senses for weeks on end. We need to stay grounded now in these final days before Christmas, tending to the humdrum and the ordinary, what the American poet, Robert Hayden has called 'Love's austere and lonely offices', providing for our families, minding our relationships, attending to our various responsibilities. This is probably the most important preparation of all: never giving up on the ordinary, unglamorous slog that constitutes our daily lives. Through the ordinary and the everyday as we grow into the kind of rounded human beings that the Lord always intended us to become. Mary and Joseph are good exemplars. Both might have chosen otherwise. That they did not, changed their lives. Ours too.

KILLINA

Sunday 18th 10.30am: Month's Memory Mass for Sr. Joan Bland, Presentation Convent, Killina & Portlaoise

Tuesday 20th 7.30pm: **Kindly Note: No evening Mass**

Wednesday 22nd 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 23rd 9.00am: -----

Christmas Eve 9.00pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity**

Christmas Day 10.30am:

THE ISLAND

Saturday 17th 6.00pm: Mass for Lil & Joe Daly, Ballina

Christmas Eve 6.00pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity** and also

Mass for Mary & Dan Fogarty & deceased Family members, Castletown

Christmas Day 10.00am: -----

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 17th 7.30pm: Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road

Sunday 18th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 18th 12noon: Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan

Sunday 18th 3.00pm: **Devotions & Blessing of the Graves in Lynally Cemetery**

Tuesday 20th 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 21st 7.30pm: Mass for John, Margaret & Richard Larkin, Ross, Screggan & The Bonney Family

Thursday 22nd 9.00am: -----

Thursday 22nd 10.00am: **Mass for St. Colman's National School. Kindly Note: Adoration will start at 11.00am**

Friday 23rd 7.30pm: Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard

Christmas Eve 7.30pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity**

Christmas Day 9.00am: Mass for The Galvin Family, Tullamore & The White Family, Screggan

Christmas Day 12noon: Mass for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

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 €120.00	The Island €160.00	Mucklagh €712.00
Offertory/Plate 8th Dec:	The Island €88.00	
Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €250.00		Mucklagh €470.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Oscar Derek Carroll**, Kilcormac who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 10th December, **James Lee Berry**, St. O' Hara's who was baptised in The Island Church on the 10th December, **Ryan Pauric Finneran**, Screggan who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 11th December and **Victoria Joyce Marsden**, Tullybeg, Rahan who was baptised in Killina Church on the 11th December

Christmas 2016 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: Christmas Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place Saturday Evening and Sunday 17th/18th December before and after all Masses in the three Churches of the Parish

Christmas Tree The Island Churchyard: Well done to all who put together the Christmas Tree and lights around the church this year. Your great work is much appreciated

Killina Christmas Tree & Lights: Many thanks to all involved for the lighting of the Christmas Tree and lights around the church. All efforts are much appreciated.

Mucklagh Christmas Tree: Well done to all involved in Mucklagh for the Christmas Tree. Many thanks for all the great efforts to one and all.

The Three Churches: Many thanks to all who put up the cribs and to all involved in the Christmas decorations and flowers of the three churches of the parish. Well done to all for the huge efforts

Christmas Carol Service: A huge word of thanks to the very large team of people who put together this year's Rahan Parish Community Carol Service in The Island Church on the 11th December. Each and every person involved made great and wonderful efforts. Well done to all the choirs involved and members of the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and all musicians and to the many many people involved in making the night such a huge success.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Aileen Kavanagh B:A in fine Arts local artist from Screegan has expressed interest to teach art classes in our community centre, if you are interested please contact 0851261216 or email Mucklaghd@gmail.com for more details, all welcome. Also we would like to invite you all to a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre after 9am Mass in Mucklagh until 11.00am every Tuesday morning. €1 for tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

Rahan Community Alert: Monitor alarms are still available and we now have three Carbon Monoxide alarms available to anyone in need of them, very important at this time of year with stoves and fires etc etc. Thanks again and remain alert especially for our elderly.

Rahan Comhaltas News: It's cold around Rahan these days but the sound of Music still reverberates around the village on Friday evenings during music classes. The Kids are learning new tunes and looking forward to the Christmas break. Rahan Comhaltas will be involved in a Carol Service on the 11th of December at the Island Church where we hope to enter into the Christmas spirit. Rumour has it also that Santa will arrive one Friday to see the Kids so we all look forward to that.

Community Games: The Community Games 5K Road Race (fund raiser) will take place on Tuesday 27th December starting at 12:30pm sharp. Registration from 11am in the Mucklagh Community Centre. This is an AAI registered event, but is open to everyone for a fun run or walk. Entry fees will be €10 for runners, €5 for juveniles and €15 for families. Refreshments and prize giving afterwards in the Community Centre. Further details available on our facebook page.

Mucklagh Community Lotto: draw 13/12/16 numbers drawn 11/14/17/20. No jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot €12,000, 1 match three winner €150, Toni Monaghan c/o Martin Condon. Thanks for all the continued support.

Mucklagh Community Development: As we approach the end of another year, Mucklagh Community Development would like to thank all of our Lotto Supporters. This is the primary source of funding to pay off the building loan and we are very grateful for your continued support. Following the main draw this week, all tickets will be placed back into the drum and we will be drawing a number of tickets for spot prizes on the night. Thank you and wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Mucklagh Active Retirement Group: Do you like a game of Cards, indoor bowls, gentle exercises or just like to sit and chat? Then come along to Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesdays at 3.00pm. All welcome. Mucklagh Community Centre is closing on the 23rd of December till the 9th of January for Christmas. We would like to wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Strictly Come Dancing, Castletown-Geoghegan Parish: Local priest Fr. Barry Condon, Parish Priest of Castletown-Geoghegan and Tyrellspass and Michael Connolly who took part in the show would like to thank the people of Rahan, Mucklagh & the Island Parish for their support on the night and those who subscribed to sponsor cards and all who helped out in any way from our parish to raise a nice percentage of a whopping €52,000 leaving a balance of €41,000 for this cause. Many thanks to everyone involved

Social Dance Classes in Ballinamere GAA Hall: Learn to dance the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quick Step & Jive. Every Friday night at 8.30pm. No partners needed. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gerry on 087 7745909

Family Carers Ireland: are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available. For more info contact the training unit on 0579322920.

Senior Help Line: Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: 8,24,25,30. 2 match 3s win €100 ea. Ray Grennan (Kellys) & John McLoughlin (J Kearney). Jackpot is €13000 & draw is in Tullybeg next Monday.

Club Officers for 2017: President: Maureen Kincaid, Chairperson: Roger Molloy, Vice Chairperson: Ollie Byrant, Secretary: Brian Lowry, Assistant Secretary: Brendan Minnock, Joint Treasurer: Hugh Byrne & Louise Manley, P.R.O: Lynne Hutchinson, Registrar: Brian Kearney, Culture Officer: Breda Grennan, Health & Safety: Tom Buckley **Minor Board:** Chairperson: Sean O'Rourke, Secretary: Martin Minnock, Child Welfare Officer: Jennifer Gleeson

Monster Bingo: The Monster Bingo is back on Sunday 22nd of January at 2pm in Mucklagh community centre. A double book for €25, a single book for €20 or a half book for €10 would make a great stocking filler this Christmas. Anyone interested contact a committee member to purchase some.