

Rahan Parish

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4th Sunday of Advent 18th December 2022



Killina: Sunday 18th: Mass at 10.30am: Michael and Eileen Kearney

Tues 20th: Mass 7.30pm: Patrick & Bridget Foran, son Thomas & relatives, Killina

Thursday 22nd: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners

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

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners

The Island: Saturday 17th: Mass at 6.00pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm: Mass of the Nativity & Blessing of the Crib

Dan & Mary Fogarty and their son Martin Castletown

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am: Pat Higgins and remembering his wife Nan also Ita, Ron, Denis & deceased members of the Higgins and Quinn families

Mucklagh: Saturday 17th: Mass at 7.30pm: Eamon Walsh, St. Colman's Tce

Sunday 18th: Mass at 9.00am: Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Tce and the deceased members of the Egan and Gallagher families

Sunday 18th: Mass at 12noon: Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday 21st: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 22nd: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of Parishioners

Friday 23rd: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00pm: Children's Mass

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

Christmas Day: Mass 9.00am: The Galvin family, Tullamore & the White family, Screggan

Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon: Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

Offertory/Plate: Killina €205 The Island €170 Mucklagh €1,087

Development: Killina and The Island €435 Mucklagh €593

Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursdays 2pm-6pm **Killina:** Mondays 3pm-10pm

Adoration: The Island: Tue 5pm-7pm & Saturday after Mass until 8pm

Please Pray for Michael Nestor brother in law of Frank and Sean Monaghan , Michael Wynne, Cloghan, Margaret Daly Mucklagh Nursing Home



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass In Mucklagh. Christmas Eve 6pm Mass In The Island

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh **Christmas Eve 9pm** Mass in Killina

Christmas Day 9am Mass in Mucklagh **Christmas Day 10am** Mass in The Island

Christmas Day 10.30am Mass in Killina **Christmas Day 12 noon** Mass in Mucklagh

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards now available in Parish Office & Sacristies of our churches. Suggested donation €5 per card All will be remembered at Christmas Masses.

Confessions: Christmas Eve in Killina and Mucklagh from 3-4pm in the Island on this Saturday beginning after mass

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni, Oct 14 - 21 2023, led by Fr Michael Whittaker, 995 euro. To avoid disappointment. Ph 057 93 55050, Mon - Fri, 9am-5pm

Rahan Comhaltas Christmas Table Quiz, Thurs 29th Dec at 8pm in the Thatch pub . All proceeds to raise funds for the organization of Offaly Fleadh in Rahan in April 2023

Shamrock's Lotto: 3, 7, 15. Bonus number 5. Next week €25,000

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 4, 10, 17 & 32. Next week €3,400

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. **Offering Envelopes** will be available at back of church or in yearly box of envelopes.. Thanks for your support

Parish Christmas Draw: takes place on this Sunday 18th December in Rahan Hall at 7.00pm. Prizes of €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 Turkeys, 5 Hams, 5 bottles of Brandy, 5 bottles of Whiskey, 5 Christmas cakes. If anyone wants to donate any **extra** prizes they would be most welcome. **Cards** to be returned at Masses this weekend and to Rahan hall on Sunday evening Thank you for your support

Today's Gospel: Today we find ourselves at the heart of the Christmas story. 'This is how Jesus Christ came to be born,' the Gospel tells us. In the midst of the festive frenzy, it can be easy to lose sight of how our Advent preparation is going. Why not take the time for some quiet prayer today? Spend a few moments in silence reflecting on today's readings, get away from it all with a walk in the great outdoors, or take the younger members of the family to your local church to visit the crib. Perhaps it is a good time to remember the wise words of Ehrmann's Desiderata: 'Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.'

Christmas is a great time for giving and receiving presents. Presents remind us of God's great gift to us of his Son, who is God reaching out with love, care and friendship towards each one of us. At Christmas and all during the year we are invited to unwrap and make visible that love of God through our care and concern for family and those in most need. Among the greatest gifts we can give to another is the gift of our time.

Welcome home to all parishioners who are studying, working or living abroad and who have come home to our parish to celebrate Christmas with families. We welcome all who are visiting our parish for Christmas and those who have made their home in our Parish in the past year.

We invite all to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas time **Thanks** to the children in Junior and Senior Infants in Rahan and Mucklagh schools for the decorations for the Christmas tree in the church.

Rahan Drama Group will present their 10th production 'Stop It Nurse' by Sam Cree, in Rahan Community Hall, on St Patrick's Night next, Friday 17th March 2023 and also on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th March, at 8pm nightly. The large cast of 12 are currently rehearsing this three-act comedy.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.

All churches are now fitted with **webcam** which is a great service for all away from home for Christmas. **Please invite family to tune in on following link**
Mucklagh [https:// www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-colmans,-mucklagh-tullamore](https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-colmans,-mucklagh-tullamore)
The Island <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-patricks-church-tullamore>
Killina <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-carthage-church,-killina,-rahan-rahan>

First Friday calls to the sick and housebound will take place on Wednesday in the Island , on Thursday in Rahan and on Friday in Mucklagh. If anyone would like a visit for Christmas and the New please contact Fr Michael on 087 2900844 or Fr Frank at 057 9378181

Please note extra Mass in Mucklagh on Christmas Eve at 4pm