

# Rahan Parish

## KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

In these last few hectic days before Christmas, practical help is worth anything. Everyone is so busy, even small gestures of kindness can be a treasure. Families will value the baby-sitter who will mind young children while the elders go out, to socialize or to buy presents, or to prepare a good reception for Santa Claus. In these short few days, people have so much to do, there can be less time for civility, less time for thoughtfulness. The Gospel this Sunday suggests a kinder approach. It describes Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as cousin, and helper

### KILLINA

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am: Mass for Eric Frawley, Daingean Road, Tullamore

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm: -----

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 9.00pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity** & for Ellen Dunne, Roscore  
And deceased members of the Hickey family, Roscore & also for John & Anne Buckley, Goldsmith's Lot

Christmas Day 10.30am: -----

Sunday: St. Stephen's Day 10.30am: -----

### THE ISLAND

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm: Mass for Liam Maher, The Derries & Melbourne, Australia

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 6.00pm: **Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity** & for Mary, Dan & Martin  
Fogarty & deceased family members, Castletown

Christmas Day 10.00am: -----

Sunday: St. Stephen's Day 10.00am: -----

### MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: 1st Anniversary Mass for Eamon Walsh, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am: Mass for Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 12noon: Mass for Sean Healion & his parents Joe & Ellen Healion, Spollenstown and also for  
Jack & Annie Daly, Mountbolus

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am: -----

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

Christmas Day 9.00am: Mass for the deceased members of the Galvin family, Tullamore  
And also for the White family, Screggan

Christmas Day 12noon: Mass for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

Sunday: St. Stephen's Day 9.00am: -----

Sunday: St. Stephen's Day 12noon: Mass for Breda & Pat Joe Conroy & baby Patrick & the deceased members of  
The Conroy family, Ballard

Offertory/Plate:	Killina: €89.00	The Island: €98.00	Mucklagh: €325.00
Development:	Killina & The Island: €490.00		Mucklagh: €476.00

**Please Note:** On Christmas Night 25<sup>th</sup> December & New Year's Night 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 which are **Saturday Nights**, there will be no Vigil Masses for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022. Mass will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022 in The Island Church at 10.00am & Killina Church at 10.30am & Mucklagh Church at 9.00am & 12noon. A Rahan Parish Mass for World Peace, will take place at 11.00am in Mucklagh Church on New Year's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022. All very Welcome

Many Thanks to one and all

**Adoration: Mucklagh:** 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

**Adoration: The Island:** On Tuesdays from 5.00pm-7.00pm & Saturday after Mass until 8.00pm. All are very welcome

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Annie Fletcher (nee Craven)**, (wife of the late Patsy) Glaskill, Screggan, Tullamore who died on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Her funeral took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh followed by burial in the adjoining Old Cemetery and **Kathleen Ring**, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, (mother of Catherine Whittaker) who died on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. May they rest in peace

***Christmas Offerings: Are taken up at the Masses during the Christmas period. You are requested to use the White Envelope in your family box. If using an ordinary envelope kindly put your name and number on it. The priests would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your constant support over the past year and for your thoughtfulness at this time. To all who helped out preparing our churches and ceremonies for Christmas we are very grateful and appreciative***

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to **Hazel Kinahan**, Kilpatrick, The Island & **Kevin Egan**, Ballinacurragh, Fivealley, Birr Who were married in The Island Church on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. We wish them many happy years together

**Mucklagh Church:** Volunteers needed for the cleaning and hoovering of Mucklagh Church and well done to all involved at the moment in keeping the church looking so well. Many thanks to one and all. Please contact Aine on 086 0875490 or Margaret on 087 9244379

**Christmas Preparations in the Churches:** Many thanks to each and every person for the huge dedicated work and great support in the three churches of the Parish of Rahan, inside and outside in preparation for the Christmas Ceremonies. The massive work of one and all is greatly appreciated

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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.

**Offaly Volunteers:** If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation or becoming a volunteer contact 083 – 0154669 for more information or register on [www.volunteeroffaly.ie](http://www.volunteeroffaly.ie)

**Mary's Meals: WANTED:** Your loose change to feed a child in school in the Third World. It only costs €18.30 per school year to feed a child. Buckets for donations are available in Flynn's Centra, The Fingerboard, Hanlon's Butcher's, Tyrrell's Cake Shop and Galvin's for Men, Tullamore. For more information please contact Rose on 087 2393853.

**Thank You from Mary's Meals, Offaly**

**Raffle for Hamper:** To support Mary's Meals Offaly. Tickets can be purchased in **Cafe 4 You in the Bridge Centre** or from **Rose on 087 2393853**. Thank You for your support

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 14/12/2021:** Numbers drawn by Clubforce App 1, 13, 26 & 32. 1 match 3 winner Grainne Kelly wins €600. No jackpot Winner. Next Draw Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Jackpot € 7,600 Match 3 €150

**Christmas Lotto Draw Prize Winners:** Lenovo Tablet Winner Darrell Dwyer, Hamper + €100 Turkey & Ham Voucher Winner Deidre Horan, Versa 2 Fitbit Winner Mark O' Grady, Hamper Winner Ellen Sheridan, €100 Rafters Cafe Voucher Winner Ca & Fra, €100 Annual MCC Lotto Ticket Winner Lorna & Joe Dooley, Drill & Screwdriver Set Winner Tony Hickey, €50 One for All Voucher Winner William Neville, Castle Paints Voucher Winner Patrick Dunne, 6 Month MCC Lotto Ticket Winner Dorothy Galvin, Garden Seat Winner Martina Casey, Mucklagh Soccer Car Raffle Entries x 3 Winner Majella Nolan. **Thank You for Your continued Support. The Lotto Team.**

**Shamrock's Notes: Lotto:** Shamrock's lotto numbers this week 9,19,20, bonus 6. No jackpot or match 3 winners. 4 lucky dip winners, Aine Cusack, Darren Meacle, Mandy Hall and Louise Manley each winning €25. Jackpot next week €17,600 and €500 for match 3.

**Leinster Junior Hurling Championship:** Well done to our intermediate hurlers who had a one-point win over Maynooth in the Leinster Junior Hurling Championship semi-final. They will play Mooncoin of Kilkenny in the Leinster Final, and that game is scheduled to take place on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours:** The Parish Office will be open on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 9am-5pm and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December from 9am-5.00pm. Thank You

**Rahan Parish Christmas Draw: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** A huge word of thanks to each and every person who bought tickets and those who contributed greatly to this year's Christmas Draw. A total of €7,315 was raised on the day. Expenses of €2,480.80 were also paid from this amount. The total amount after expenses was €4,834.20. Many thanks to all who gave of their time and energy in the running of the draw and the distribution of tickets. Many thanks also for your great generosity

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