

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 20th December 2020

Over the coming days, in the lead up to Christmas day, each of us is likely to have our own moments of disturbance and concern. We may experience them as an intrusion or a welcome distraction but what a pity if we allow them distract us from the great invitation of Christmas. The savior born of Mary seeks to come again to us, to make his home with us, share life with us

KILLINA

Sunday 20th 10.30am: Mass for Kathleen & Paddy Monaghan, The Derries & Mrs Scott, The Derries

Tuesday 22nd 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Catch Foran, Cappaloughan, Rahan

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 7.00pm: Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity & Mass for Nellie Dunne & deceased members of the Hickey family, Roscore and John & Anne Buckley, Golodsmith's Lot

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

Christmas Day 10.30am: -----

Sunday 27th 10.30am: -----

THE ISLAND

Saturday 19th 6.00pm: Month's Memory Mass for Martin Fogarty, Castletown

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm: -----

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 4.00pm: Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity

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

Christmas Day 10.00am: -----

St. Stephen's Day Saturday 26th 6.00pm: -----

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 19th 7.30pm: Mass for Mary & Pat Nolan, Charleville Road, Bill & Anne Coonan, Beechmount Park
And James & Brigid Keegan, Ballykeenaghan

Sunday 20th 9.00am: Mass for Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Terrace & for the deceased members of the Egan & Gallagher families & remembering Tom Gallagher, Charleville Road

Sunday 20th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Gerry Murray, Charleville View & Ballymacward, Ballinasloe
And remembering especially his deceased wife, Eileen

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm: -----

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 5.30pm: Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 7.30pm: Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity and for Niamh, Ciara, Patrick & Josephine Glackin, Ross Road, Screggan

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

Christmas Day 12noon: Mass for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

St. Stephen's Day Saturday 26th 7.30pm: -----

Sunday 27th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 27th 12noon: Mass for Breda & Pat Joe Conroy & their great grandson Patrick, Ballard

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €175.00	The Island €92.00	Mucklagh €255.00
Development:	Killina & The Island €354.00		Mucklagh €383.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Eileen Murray (nee Doran)**, wife of the late Gerry, Charleville View, Tullamore and Taughmaconnell, Co. Roscommon who died on the 13th December. Her funeral took place on the 17th December in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh followed by burial in the adjoining Old Cemetery. May she rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Jake Ryan Melia**, Lynally Grove, Mucklagh who was baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 12th December, **Seamie Troy**, Roscore, Blueball who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 12th December, **Cathal John Recks**, St. Colman's Terrace who was baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 13th December and **Ava Maria Dunne**, Killina, who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 13th December

Adoration: Mucklagh: There will be no Adoration in Mucklagh on Christmas Eve

Adoration: Killina: On Mondays from 3.00pm-10.00pm. All are very welcome

Webcam – Killina Church: This year we are thinking of many people who through this difficult time of the Covid 19 Pandemic are unable to attend Christmas Masses. Also, family members and friends all over the world will also be unable to come home with difficulties of flights and regulations during this time. It was planned to have the Masses live streamed over the Christmas period for people who cannot attend. We have good news, through the generosity of a local business person a Webcam will now be installed in Killina Church. We are very grateful for this very generous donation. It is hoped now that we can live stream all Masses from Killina Church to people from this area and parish to places all over the world, over the Christmas period and for the future and we look forward to having a connection online with many people for the future. It is hoped that the webcam can be located at www.rahamparish.ie and further details will follow next week.

Rahan Parish Christmas Masses: Due to the Covid-19 restrictions this year, Christmas Masses and weekend Masses are limited to a number of 100 people for each Mass in Mucklagh Church, 50 people for each Mass in Killina Church and 50 people for each Mass in The Island Church. Extra Masses will take place for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Killina Church: Christmas Eve 7.00pm & 9.00pm. Christmas Day 10.30am

Mucklagh Church: Christmas Eve 5.30pm & 7.30pm. Christmas Day 9.00am & 12noon

The Island Church: Christmas Eve 4.00pm & 6.00pm. Christmas Day 10.00am.

Tickets are needed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in the Parish of Rahan. Tickets can be booked for the Christmas Masses in the Parish Office through Suzanne at 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30-5.30pm and Fr. Martin on 087 9774828. All other Masses have also to be booked for weekends and weekdays with the same limited number of people in the three churches of the parish

Christmas Confessions: Will take place this year with Covid-19 precautions and face masks necessary before and after all Masses this weekend. A distance of 2 metres must also be kept in place between people coming to confession. We look forward to giving the opportunity to people for their Christmas Confession. Many thanks to one and all.

The AGM of Rahan Hall: will be held in Killina Church on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 8.30pm

This is to elect a new Committee and update the community on what has been happening with the hall and plans for the future. Please attend.

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: The lotto took place in Mucklagh Community Centre on 15/12/2020. Numbers drawn 1, 24, 26 & 30. No Jackpot winner. 1 Match 3 Winner. Damien Bryant C/O Daybreak, wins 300 euro. Christmas draw winners were Lucy Pennick C/O Frances Pennick, Paddy Dunne C/O Margaret Dunne, Ellen Grogan C/O Catch Grogen, Alise Burke online through Clubforce, Fr John McEvoy C/O Fiona Murray. Next draw will take place 22/12/2020 in Mucklagh Community Centre. **Jackpot is €12,000.** Match 3 numbers is €150. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Mucklagh Community Centre, Day Break, The Fingerboard, Kelly's Off licence or any of our promoters. For €2 you could win or share our Jackpot for €12,000 or play 5 weeks for €10.

Mucklagh Community Centre Caretaking /Maintenance vacancies: 2 Part-time positions, 19.5 hour per week on Community Employment Programme are available in Mucklagh Community Centre through Kilcormac Development Association. For more details go to <https://jobsireland.ie/en-US/job-Details?id=2162848> . Job Ref #CES-2162848.

Christmas Present: Give the present of Mucklagh Community Centre Local Lotto to a loved one at home or away for Christmas €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886 or email: adminmcc@mucklagh.ie . Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Meals on wheels: As part of Covid -19 Supports: Mucklagh Community Centre is providing Meals on wheels services. Dinners cost €5 per dinner & dessert, delivered to your door. If you would like to avail of meals on wheels in the community Contact Mucklagh Community Centre by email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone 057 93 56886.

Irish Grinds: Junior Cert and leaving Cert Grinds available in Mucklagh Community Centre. 6 Weeks €90. Small classes. 4:15pm for Junior Cert and 5:30pm for Leaving cert.

Computer Classes: Learn how to use ipad, android phone, email, shopping online, internet banking, tax your car, download apps, use whatsapp etc. Computer classes will start in January. Booking is essential. Contact by email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone 057 93 56886.

Mucklagh Community Centre will close for the Christmas period on Friday 18th December 2020 until 4th January 2021.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2, 9, 21,26. No jackpot winner and one match 3 winner. Well done to Brendan Spillane c/o J. Kearney wins €200. Jackpot next week is €15000 and draw on Monday 21st .

Happy Christmas Happy Christmas to one and all. Thanks for all your support over the last year. Looking forward to lots of success on the pitch in 2021

Christmas Offerings: *The Christmas Offerings will be 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. Thank You*