

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2019

The Gospel today presents to us the great figure of St. Joseph – the one chosen by God to be the foster father of the incarnate Son of God, and to protect and accompany the Blessed Virgin Mary. What an incredible mission! We are told in our Gospel that St. Joseph is ‘a man of honour.’ We see him thinking of Mary first: ‘wishing to spare her publicity, he decided to divorce her informally. ‘St Joseph puts the needs of others before his own, even in a time of confusion and uncertainty

KILLINA

Sunday 22nd 10.30am: -----

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 9.00pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day 10.30am: -----

Friday 27th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 29th 10.30am:

Mass for Joe & Mary Monaghan, Screggan Cross

Sunday 29th 4.00pm:

Carol Service Church of Ireland Rahan. All are welcome

THE ISLAND

Saturday 21st 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick & Ellen Kennedy & deceased family members, Clonshanny

Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve 6.00pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity & for Mary Fogarty, Castletown
And deceased family members

Christmas Day 10.00am: Mass for Nan Higgins, Ballybrumcullen & remembering her husband Pat & her daughter
And son in law Ita & Ron Haynes

Saturday 28th 6.00pm:

Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard, Ballincur

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 21st 7.30pm:

Mass for Mary & Pat Nolan, Charleville Road
And also for the deceased members of the Conroy family, Ross

Sunday 22nd 9.00am:

Mass for Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 22nd 12noon: -----

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

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

Friday 27th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 28th 7.30pm: -----

Sunday 29th 9.00am:

1st Anniversary Mass for Timothy Hanlon, Ballycowan, Tullamore

Sunday 29th 12noon:

Mass for Pat Joe & Breda Conroy, Ballard & their great grandson Patrick

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €205.00

The Island €145.00

Mucklagh €795.00

Development:

Killina & The Island €385.00

Mucklagh €610.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes Emily Isabelle Delaney, Kent, England who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 14th December

Sunday 15th 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. The total €6,030 was raised on the day. Expenses will also be paid from this amount and 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

Bake Sale: Many thanks to all who helped with the Bake Sale last weekend for the benefit of the Irish Wheelchair Association. A total of €1315.00 was raised in sales and donations. Fr. Guinan wishes to thank all who baked and a special thanks to all who worked over the weekend on managing the sales. Also, thanks for some very generous donations. God Bless and Heartfelt Thanks

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Rahan Community Alert: Reminder: The monitor alarms and the Bottle in the Fridge are still available and there are still some forms for the Carbon Monoxide alarms. Anyone who has the monitor alarms are reminded to wear them at all times. For more information please contact Ann at 087 9851819

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto Draw for Tuesday December 17th. Numbers drawn. 17-23-26-29. No Jackpot winner. 1 match 3. Darrell O' Dwyer €300. Next week's Draw: **Jackpot is €12,000 match 3 is €150.** Lotto tickets only €2, they can be purchased from any of our lotto promoters, Daybreak, Kelly's, The Fingerboard and Mucklagh Community Centre. Why not give a gift of Mucklagh Community Lotto, 5 draws for €10, 10 draws for €20, 26 draws for €50 and 52 draws for €100. Thanks for your continued support. In appreciation of your continued support for our Lotto Draw, the Christmas Bonus Draw (23rd December) will have additional prizes. All tickets in the draw on 23rd will be placed in the drum and 15 tickets will be pulled from the drum for the following prizes: €500, 4 x €250, Bottle of Gin, Bottle of Whiskey, Bottle of Vodka, Bottle of Baileys, 6 prizes of Wine & Chocolates. Please note the last two draws of the year will be on Monday 23rd and 30th December. **Christmas Lotto Draw takes place in the centre at 8pm on Monday 23rd and Monday 30th December**

January:- Operation Transformation will commence every Tuesday for 8 weeks from 7th January, 6.30pm to 7pm for weigh in and food plans and 7pm to 7.45pm exercise class. All age groups welcome. Contact us for more information and to register. **Coffee Morning:** Why not joins us for a cup of Tea and a chat on Tuesday mornings 9.45 in the centre. **Mens Coffee Morning:** commencing January 16th, a great way for men of all ages to meet for a chat. **Active Age:** will resume in January, every Tuesday 2pm to 4pm, All welcome. **Multi Skillz:** will resume on Friday January 10th 4.45 to 5.45. Contact Maria 086 358 2066. **Music classes:** will resume in January, contact the Centre **Crochet:** Classes will resume on February. €10 per class. If anyone is interested in running a knitting class can you contact us at the centre. **Knitting:** If anyone is interested in starting up a knitting class, contact us in the Centre. **Toddler Group:** Toddler Morning is on Wednesday Mornings at 10am to 11.30am. Parents, grandparents and Childminders welcome. **Irish Grinds:** Irish Grinds for Junior Cert and Leaving cert, higher and lower will continue in the New Year on January 7th, 4.15 for Junior Cert and 5.15 for Leaving Cert. **Walking Soccer :** A great way to keep fit and have some fun takes place in Mucklagh Community Centre on Wednesday evenings, Men's from 7-8 and Women's from 8-9pm and will continue in the New Year. **Sports for All** takes place on Thursday evenings from 7-8 and will continue in the New Year, Contact Brendan for more details 087 980 4357. **For Details** on all of the above or if you wish to book Mucklagh Community Centre please contact us on 057 93 56886 or email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie. Keep up to date on our Facebook page Mucklagh Community Centre or our webpage **Vice Chairperson:** Willie O Grady welcomed everyone to Mucklagh Community Centre for an open meeting. Willie gave a short overview on the development over the last 10 years, from setting out our 5 year plan to the operating of Mucklagh Community Centre today. He gave a short overview on the activities that are taking place in the centre and also how we have addressed household surveys and on line surveys by delivering on request such as, Defibrator training, music lesson, Social dancing, Crochet to name a few. For the future MCD, hope to proceed with development of the car park, to foster groups such as parent & toddler, youth groups and also run education programs. Willie concluded the meeting by thanking all volunteers who have and are still involved with MCD, as it is because of volunteers that Mucklagh Community Centre has become a reality. We welcome people who would like to volunteer in any area in Mucklagh Community Centre.

Shamrock's Notes: LOTTO: The numbers drawn were 5,8,21,22. No jackpot winner. 3 match 3s win €70 each. Maureen Kincaid (L. Manley), Shane Molloy (M. Buckley) & Martin Hctor (Lees). Jackpot next week €7200 and the draw is in Kelly's. **Results:** Well done to the U15 footballers last Monday night with a supper win over St.Broughans in the division 3 league final. It wasn't easy going out and playing in extremely cold conditions but the lads got stuck in and dominated the game from the start. Well done to everyone involved. Full time score - Shamrocks 5-08 St.Broughan's 2-05. **Management 2020:** Shamrock's GAA club wish to announce that we have appointed new hurling and football management for the 2020 season. Mark Rooney is our new manager for our Senior footballers. Jimmy Conway is our new manager for our Intermediate hurling team. We wish all management teams and players the very best for the coming season. **Fundraiser:** On Stephen's Day Shamrock's will be having a fundraising match with present and retired Shamrocks players. Not only will it be a fundraiser for the club but also a day to mark the 25th year of Shamrocks. So why not come down and watch some of those players who first played for Shamrocks show the young lads how it's really done. Throw in will be at **11am** sharp in Shamrock's Mucklagh GAA pitch. €5 entrance fee. All support is greatly appreciated. **Shamrocks Lotto:** It's that time of the year when a large number of the yearly lotto tickets are due for renewal. If you would like pay directly into the clubs lotto account please e mail your request to shamrocksgaa@ outlook.com and we will send on our details. **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 2020

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

Parish Office Christmas Opening Hours: The Parish Office will be open on Monday 23rd December from 9am-5pm and Monday 30th December from 9am-5.00pm. Thank You