

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 23rd December 2018

Have you ever wondered why Mary travelled to visit Elizabeth? At first it is the excitement that comes through. Caught up in her wonderment at being pregnant and the news that her cousin is also expecting. Mary hurries off as quickly as she can. Perhaps the journey gives her time to reflect on everything that is happening. The precious moment when Elizabeth greets her is a lovely glimpse of the close friendship between the two women. With just two days to go until Christmas it is a busy time. But also a time that offers many opportunities to reach out, whether it is to build bridges with family members, offer our time to someone who is lonely, or support a friend or neighbor who finds this time of year difficult

KILLINA

Sunday 23rd 10.30am: Mass for Joe & May Monaghan, Screggan Cross

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

Christmas Day 10.30am: -----

St. Stephen's Day 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 28th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 30th 10.30am: -----

Sunday 30th 4.00pm: **Carol Service Church of Ireland Rahan. All are welcome**

THE ISLAND

Saturday 22nd 6.00pm: Mass for Joseph & Catherine Hickey & their sons Michael & Joseph, Brockagh

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

And for Mary Fogarty & deceased family members, Castletown

Christmas Day 10.00am: Mass for Pat Higgins, his wife Nan and deceased members of the Higgins & Quinn families, Ballybrumcullen

Saturday 29th 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Daly family, Ballina Cross

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 22nd 7.30pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Conroy family, Ross and Month's Memory Mass for Dolores Nolan, Charleville Road & Australia

Sunday 23rd 9.00am: 1st Anniversary Mass for Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Terrace

Sunday 23rd 12noon: Mass for Thomas & Susan Guinan, St. Colman's Tce & Oliver O' Reilly, Portarlinton

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 the White family, Screggan and also for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

Christmas Day 12noon: Mass for Michael & Kathleen O' Hanlon, The Fingerboard, their parents
And deceased family members

St. Stephen's Day 7.30pm: Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard, Ballincur

Thursday 27th 9.00am: -----

Friday 28th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 29th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Bill Rock, Mucklagh

Sunday 30th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 30th 12noon: Mass for Breda & Pat Joe Conroy, Ballard & their great grandson Patrick

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.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €250.00 The Island €135.00 Mucklagh €530.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €525.00 Mucklagh €325.00

Church of Ireland Carol Service: The Carol Service takes place in the Church of Ireland, Rahan at 4.00pm on Sunday 30th December. All are very welcome

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Brian Hughes**, (infant son of the late Mona & Joseph Hughes, Charleville View) who died on the 17th April, 1971 and who was buried in Meedin Cemetery, Co. Westmeath and who was reinterred in Mucklagh Cemetery with his parents on the 17th December, 2018, **Noreen Duffy**, Ballinahown, Co. Offaly (niece of Mary Buckley, Newtown, Rahan) who died on the 15th December. Her funeral took place on the 17th December in St. Manchan's Church, Boher Ballycumber followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery and **Michael Kennedy**, Lorrha, Nenagh (uncle of Geraldine Cannon Carroll, Mucklagh who died on the 18th December. His funeral took place on the 21st December in Lorrha Church followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. May they rest in peace

Sunday 16th December: A huge word of thanks to each and every person who contributed greatly to this year's Christmas Draw. The total €5,775 was raised on the day. Expenses will also be paid from this amount. Many thanks to all for your great generosity.

Booking Masses: Due to the large amount of people who are booking Masses for the Parish of Rahan it is a fact in the future, people may be asked to share a Mass in the three churches of the Parish. Due to the demand for Masses to be said for our deceased loved ones, we would like to facilitate all families who request a Mass. Also, we usually give priority for a 1st Anniversary Mass and a Month's Memory Mass to families who have had a recent bereavement. In these cases families who have booked a Mass for a particular day may be asked to share their Mass with another family. Many thanks to one and all for your great and wonderful support for the Parish of Rahan throughout all the years

Rahan Community Alert: Reminder: Now that we are back in the long dark evenings we remind people who have the monitor alarms to wear them at all times. Also, anyone who thinks they might be entitled to get one of these alarms please contact Ann on 087 9851819 for an application form and for more information

Clodagh Active Retirement: We have 8 heavy duty folding tables available for hire for any of your occasions which needs extra display area. Contact 087 9530377

Memories of Rahan: Copies of Aidan Grennan's book *Memories of Rahan* are available in Cards 'n Things and Midland Books (Tullamore); Kelly's, Mucklagh and Flynn's Shop, Fingerboard. Also from Aidan himself on 087 3153434. The book costs €12. Email is: aidangrennan1709@gmail.com.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 14, 16, 24, 32. No Jackpot winner. 3 match 3, Teresa Flanagan c/o Margaret Dunne. Kevin Casey c/o K Casey. Denis Condron c/o Liam Mooney. €50 each.

Can you please note a change of date for the Christmas and New Year Lotto Draws. **The last Tuesday of the year is Christmas night, so the draw will be held two days earlier on Sunday 23rd December in the Community Centre.** We would love if you could join us from 8pm for some refreshments and a chat, to say thank you for your support during the year. **The first Tuesday in the New Year falls on New Year's night, so the draw will be held on Wednesday 2nd January in Kelly's.** Annual tickets in gift wallets are now available if you wish to promote these for gifts throughout the year. Contact any promoter or the office. Hope to see you at the Centre next Sunday evening. Many Thanks from the Lotto Committee. Thank You for your continued support and we wish you All a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2019: Bishop Deenihan will lead the 2019 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 4th – 12th. Full details will be available shortly. Enquiries to MAP Travel at 01 8783111, patricia@maptravel.ie or Gerry MacCormack info@kingscourtparish.ie 042 9667314.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 7,17,24,32. No jackpot or match 3 winners. Jackpot €12,600 and match 3 €400 next week. **Draw SUNDAY (23rd) at 8pm in Tullybeg.** The lotto draws will be on the next two Sunday nights at 6pm. Can all tickets please be in before this.

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 2019.

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*