

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 24th December 2017

Nazareth is a poor place – then and now. It is a lonely town in the hills, with little enough to recommend it. Finding a home for God is not an easy business. Allowing God to enter humanity is not something that is bland or innocuous. God seeks to be present to humanity but is often exiled by the human tendency to want to forget him and just get on with living. Yet when he knocks on the door and asks us simply to listen, we can often find a courage and a grace that we did not know was there in the poverty of our hearts. If God can come to a poor place to ask a young woman to listen to him and let him enter into her life, then maybe, in these winter days when life runs thin, we might open the door to him in our own lives, listening to his words and opening our eyes to the reign that will never end and to the shadow of the Most High that covers us even in the winter darkness

KILLINA

Sunday: Christmas Eve 10.30am: -----

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

Christmas Day 10.30am: -----

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

Wednesday 27th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 29th 9.00am: -----

Sunday: New Year's Eve 10.30am: Mass for Joe & Mary Monaghan, Screggan Cross

Sunday: New Year's Eve 4.00pm: **Carol Service Church of Ireland, Rahan. All are Welcome**

THE ISLAND

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Daly family, Ballina

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 Family, Ballybrumcullen

Saturday 30th 6.00pm: Mass for P.J. & Nora Leonard, Ballincur

Sunday: New Year's Eve 4.00pm: **Carol Service Church of Ireland, Rahan. All are Welcome**

MUCKLAGH

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm: Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road and also
Month's Memory Mass for Seamus Hanlon, Ballycowan, Tullamore

Sunday: Christmas Eve 9.00am: -----

Sunday: Christmas Eve 12noon: Mass for Pat Joe & Nora Leonard

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

Christmas Day 12noon: Mass for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

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

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Kathleen Monaghan, The Derries

Thursday 28th 9.00am: -----

Friday 29th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 30th 7.30pm: Mass for Kathleen & Frank McEvoy & their son John, daughter Maureen and
John's son Daniel, Mucklagh

Sunday: New Year's Eve 9.00am: -----

Sunday: New Year's Eve 12noon: Mass for Pat Joe & Breda Conroy & their great grandson Patrick, Ballard

Sunday: New Year's Eve 4.00pm: **Carol Service Church of Ireland, Rahan. All are Welcome**

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.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €165.00 The Island €180.00

Mucklagh €720.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €515.00

Mucklagh €1,165.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls **David Lambe**, Leixlip and Canada (son of Noel And Mary, Mountbolus who died on the 9th December in Canada. His funeral took place on the 15th December in the Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip with burial afterwards in Confey Cemetery, **Liam Rowney**, Mountbolus who died on the 18th December. His funeral took place on the 21st December in St. Brigid's Church, Mountbolus with burial afterwards in Lowertown Cemetery and **Stella Horan (nee Murphy)**, Geashill and Ballyfoyle, Kilkenny who died on the 18th December. Her funeral took place on Wednesday 20th December in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore followed by Cremation on Thursday 21st December. May they rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Shay John Larkin**, Clara who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 16th December

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM MUCKLAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE:

December the 29th 2017: Active Retirement are hosting a Community Tea Dance in Mucklagh Community Centre from 8pm until 12 midnight. Entertainment for the evening will be none other than "Rock on Paddy" himself, Paddy Keating. Admission on the night is €5.00 this includes light refreshments and a raffle ticket. A great night NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Annual Parish Christmas Draw: A huge word of thanks to each and every person who contributed greatly to this year's Christmas Draw. The total €5,225 was raised on the day. Expenses will also be paid from this amount. Many thanks to all for your great generosity.

Rahan Community Alert: Wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, be alert at all times and watch out for elderly neighbours. Thanks for your continued support.

Mucklagh Community Development Lotto: numbers drawn were 1-6-15-32. No Jackpot Winner. One match three winner Christine Kenny c/o Willie O'Grady. On behalf of the Lotto Committee I would like to thank you for all your support throughout the year and Wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful new year.

Clodagh Active Retirement: 2018 Calendars now available at a cost of €3 each or two for €5. Please contact Carmel on 087 9530377. Thank you for your support

Community Games: The Community Games will host the annual post Christmas 5k road race/fun run on Wednesday 27th December 2017 at 12:30pm. Registration from 11am in Mucklagh Community Centre. Entry fee for runners will be €10, juveniles €5 and families €15. Prize giving and refreshments served afterwards in the community centre. Further details on Mucklagh, Rahan, The Island Community Games Facebook page.

The ideal Christmas present to send to Friends!: A limited number of Rahan Remembers DVDs are available at www.offalyhistory.com or contact Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Presentation Convent KILLINA 1817-2017: A Celebration of 200 Years of Service. A reminder that this book, which celebrates the bicentenary of the foundation of the convent in Killina, can be purchased for €10. It is available from various outlets, including Kelly's, Flynn's, Mucklagh Community Centre, Doolan's, Killina Sec. School and the sacristies of the three churches in the parish. What a lovely Christmas gift for those at home and abroad!

National Ploughing Association: As the National Ploughing Championships prepares to return to Screggan, Co. Offaly in 2018, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your continued support and business throughout the past year. We look forward to working with you again in the many years to come. Wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. From all at the National Ploughing Association

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 5, 17, 21 & 26. One match 3 wins €200. JJ & Rose Mollin (K O' Meara). No draw next week. Next draw January 1st in Kellys for €4800.

Shamrock's Awards: On the 7th January Shamrock's GAA will be hosting an afternoon in Mucklagh Community Centre at 2pm where there will be a number of awards and medals presented to the boys and girls in the club from U6's up to the minor. All parents and players are very welcome.

Fundraiser: On Stephen's Day Shamrock's will have a married vs singles match. It will be half football and half hurling. Throw in will be at 12pm sharp in Mucklagh GAA pitch. €5 entrance fee. All support is greatly appreciated.

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 2018.

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