

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations) 17th April 2016

Vocations Sunday: God's call to each person is individual. Some He invites to lay life. Others He calls to priesthood and religious life. The temptation is to grade and compare these invitations. Comparison destroys the appreciation of uniqueness. Today, we can focus on those called to priesthood. At a time when there is much social change and much questioning of the role of the priest in present day society, it is valuable to focus on a core role of the priest today. Priesthood is a gift of God to his people to enable us, as a community, to share fully in the Eucharist and through it to grow in an awareness of God's presence in every aspect of our lives. It is not given for the priest himself, but is a gift given for all through one individual. The world sees such a call as foolhardy and futile. To a person of faith, the call is one of love and mutual trust. We pray that God's call may be answered in many hearts this year.

KILLINA

Sunday 17th 10.30am:

Mass for Paddy Monaghan, Derrycooley

Tuesday 19th 7.30pm:

Mass for the deceased members of the Mollen Family, Agall

Wednesday 20th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 22nd 9.00am:

THE ISLAND

Saturday 16th 6.00pm:

Mass for John & Agnes Sammon, Clonshanny

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm:

Mass for Michael, Pat, Andrew & Joe Birmingham & their sister
Mary Flanagan & Mick Delaney, Kilpatrick

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for Joseph (Snr) & Elizabeth Galvin & their sons Patrick & Joseph (Jnr)
& their daughter Mary Teresa, Cloonagh

Sunday 17th 9.00am:

Mass for James & Margaret Kilroy & their son Sean, Mullingar

Sunday 17th 12noon:

Mass for Kevin Smyth, Charleville View

Tuesday 19th 9.00am:

Wednesday 20th 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Paddy Kubacki, Church Hill, Tullamore

Thursday 21st 9.00am:

Mass for Michael & Kathleen Connolly & their daughter Carmel & son Gerard,
Patrick Street, Tullamore

Friday 22nd 7.30pm:

Mass for Patsy & Kathleen Rigney & their daughter in law Maura, Killina

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Peter & Elizabeth Coughlan & their son Ambrose, Cloonagh

Sunday 24th 9.00am:

Sunday 24th 12noon:

Mass for Michael O' Reilly, The Fingerboard

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.

Vocations Sunday: The Annual collection for the support of students will be taken up after all Masses today.

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €140.00 The Island €145.00

Mucklagh €781.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €405.00

Mucklagh €315.00

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Elaine O' Brien**, Goldsmith's Lot and **Brian McEllin**, Rathfarnham, Dublin who were married in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 9th April. We wish them many happy years together.

Fr. Johnny McEvoy Fiji Cyclone Appeal: A Churchgate Collection will take place at the three churches of the parish on the weekend of 30th April and 1st May (Saturday & Sunday). Envelopes will also be available for this appeal from this weekend and will be at the back of the churches until the weekend of the 7th May. Many thanks to all who are helping in any way in supporting the people of Fiji in this recent disaster.

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season: opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

Commemoration Day: Rahan Hall Committee, would like to invite the whole Parish Community, to a Commemorative Ceremony to raise the National Flag, in commemoration of the 1916 Rising, and also reading of the Proclamation, on Sunday 24th April at 5pm, on the green area outside Rahan Community Centre. Refreshments later.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 12/04/16. No's drawn 1 - 19 - 21 - 30. No jackpot winner, one Match three winner €150 Annie Carroll c/o Sammy Mc Morriss. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and match three win/share €150. Thanks for all the continued support.

Rahan Community Alert: The Mini Marathon is looming large in June and our Chairperson Ann is doing the trip as a fundraiser for our community based CCTV, we are looking for sponsorship and our agents will be calling to doors from now until May 9th. At a fiver a line it's not too bad and we hope everyone gives generously for Ann's great effort. Thanks again for your continued support and report any suspicious goings on.

Rahan Drama Group: The Rahan Drama Group have donated some of the profits from their very successful play, to the following: Rahan Lourdes Invalid Fund, Killickfehan Cemetery Committee, Fijian Cyclone Disaster Fund (Fr Johnny McEvoy), Mucklagh Community Centre and the Killina Secondary School Resource Centre. The Drama Group intend returning in the Autumn, to begin rehearsals for their 2017 production!

Big Maggie: Tullamore Amateur Dramatic Society (T.A.D.S.) will present "Big Maggie" (a play by John B. Keane) in the Sacred Heart School Hall, Daingean Road, Tullamore from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th April inclusive at 8.30p.m. each night. Admission €10.00 (Concession €8.00)

National Ploughing Championships: First Local Organising Committee Meeting for Ploughing' 16 will be held in Mucklagh Community Centre on Monday night 18th April at 8.30pm. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more information please come along. National Ploughing Championships will take place on 20th, 21st, & 22nd September in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. If you would require any further information please contact me: Anna Marie McHugh 059-8625125

Mucklagh Tidy Towns: As April is Spring Clean month Mucklagh Tidy Towns would encourage people to please organise litter picks in their own area to keep Mucklagh and surrounding areas tidy and litter free, if anyone would like to organise a litter pick and need Bags or litter pickers please feel free to contact Maureen Lawless on 0863056700. Please keep Mucklagh tidy.

Community Games: The local community games swimming gala will be held on Sunday 10th April in the Aura Leisure Centre, Tullamore. Registration at 4:30pm and to commence at 5pm. Entry fee will be €2 per participant. Draughts training will continue on Fridays, 8:15pm - 9:15pm in Mucklagh National School Prefab. Basketball training will be held on Saturdays 5pm - 6pm in Killina school gymnasium. Please check out our Facebook page for all updates.

Mucklagh Community Development: Plans for Auction, which takes place on Saturday April 30th are going well. If you have Saleable goods, from electric, electronics, garden, household, agriculture vouchers or services you would like to donate for our auction you may do so by contacting Alison O Kelly 087, 754 8981, Philip Barron, 087 362 5409, Sammy Mc Morris, 086 105 5720, John Leahy 087 207 3226. Email: mucklaghcd@gmail. com or call to our centre from Monday - Friday 9.30 – 12.30. **Also we are calling on people who bake to donate cakes / breads to the cake stand on the day.** All funds raised will go towards Mucklagh Community centre.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome: August 19th-27th 2016. Led by Bishop Michael Smith. Reservations to Mullingar Travel, Austin Friar Street, Mullingar, or contact 044 9340587.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: invites all Parishioners on a **special Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** to Knock Shrine on **Sunday 24th April.** There is a full programme organised for Adults, Teens and Children. The launch of a National Crusade of Prayer for Vocations will take place at the 3 pm Mass. The programme begins at 11.30am. Bishop Kevin Doran is the chief celebrant and homilist Fr Declan Hurley will give a talk on 'Gazing at the face of Mercy' at 1.30pm in the Basilica. Local contact for transport is 057 93 51367 or 057 93 51923. Anyone intending to travel, give in your names by the 17th April.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Day Chapel Church of the Assumption, Tullamore. Begins Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm for 7 Wednesdays. Contact number 087 9144872/086 3790728

The Children of Lir: Sunday 1st May at 8.00pm in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore. All proceeds in aid of Dochas Cancer Support. Tickets €10 from Parish office 057 9321587 & Teach Dochas, Offaly Street 057 9328268.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 5-11-15-29. No Jackpot Winner. 2 x Match 3's €100 each Mary Buckley (T Buckley) and M. Kelly (Ger White). Jackpot €10,000 next week. Draw in Kelly's. **Fixtures:** Sunday 17th U14 Féile Hurling League Shamrocks vs Ballyskenagh/Killavilla in Ballyskenagh at 11am. Tuesday 19th Division 3 Hurling League Shamrocks vs Clara in Clara at 7.00pm. **Senior Hurling:** The Senior Hurling team started off their championship last Sunday against last year's champions Coolderry. Final score Shamrocks 0-11 Coolderry 2-12. **U16 Football:** Our u16 footballers had a good challenge match Tuesday night against a strong St Vincents team who have recently won the Leinster U16 league. Shamrocks missing a few regulars due to soccer and rugby commitments still gave a good account of themselves. **U16 Hurling:** Our u16 hurlers had a comfortable win over Ballyskenach/Killavilla in round 3 of the league. Final score Shamrocks 4-13 Ballyskenach/Killavilla 2-3. **Registration:** Shamrock's underage registration evening was a great success. Thank you to all parents. The winner of the club Jersey was Padraig Cantwell from Rahan. **Championship Group Draws: Senior B Football:** Shamrock's, Durrow, Cappincur & St. Bridget's. **Junior A Football:** Clara, Shamrock's, Ballycommon & Clodaigh Gaels. **Junior Hurling:** Shinrone, Belmont, Shamrock's, Clodaigh Gaels & Kinnitty.