RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Lent 11th March 2018

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance entiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness

KILLINA

Sunday 11th 10.30am: Mass for Larry & Nellie Marshall, Loughroe

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm: Mass remembering the past and present members of the I.C.A.

Wednesday 14th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Thursday 15th 6.30pm: 1st Confession for the pupils of Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown Friday 16th 9.00am:-----Kindly Note: No Morning Mass

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Sunday 18th 10.30am: Mass for James & Margaret McDermott, Dernanaugh, their son Patrick & daughter in law Anne

THE ISLAND

Saturday 10th 6.00pm: ------

Friday 16th 6.00pm: Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day 10.00am: Mass for Bernard & Elizabeth Gannon, Ballincur Saturday 18th 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 10th 7.30pm: Mass for Stephen & Annie Dunne & Jackie & Kate Egan, Roscore

Sunday 11th 9.00am: Mass for Gabriel Neville, Lynally

Sunday 11th 12noon: Mass for Patrick Carroll, Freagh, Kilcormac

Tuesday 13th 9.00am: ------

Tuesday 13th 6.00pm: 1st Confession for the pupils of St. Colman's N.S., Mucklagh

Friday 16th 7.30pm: Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day remembering the deceased members of Shamrock's GAA Club

and also Mass for Thomas & Catherine Conlon, Adam's Villas & their sons Eugene & Tommy

St. Patrick's Day 9.00am: Mass for Joseph & Mary Egan, Mucklagh & Thomas & Nora Gallagher, Athlone

St. Patrick's Day 12noon: Mass for Peter Moore, Screggan Cross

Saturday 17th 7.30pm: ------

Sunday 18th 9.00am: Mass for Thomas & Mary Minnock & also Bernard Minnock, The Derries

Sunday 18th 12noon: Mass for Rosemary Fletcher, Glaskill

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm. The Island - postponed until further notice.

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Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers and Grandmothers

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm. **Holy Hour** Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

 Offertory/Plate 25th Feb:
 Killina €180.00
 The Island €100.00
 Mucklagh €650.00

 Dev Fund 25th Feb:
 Killina & The Island €220.00
 Mucklagh €220.00

 Offertory/Plate 4th March:
 Killina €175.00
 The Island €00.00
 Mucklagh €665.00

 Dev Fund 4th March:
 Killina & The Island €80.00
 Mucklagh €375.00

<u>A Special Mass:</u> Will take place on Sunday 25th March at 9.00am in St. Colman's Church for those who have passed away through Suicide and their families

<u>Our Parish Christian Community:</u> Welcomes **Tadhg Derek Nestor**, Ballycumber who was baptised in The Island Church on the 4th March

<u>Eucharistic Ministers on duty in The Island for March</u>: 10th Mar: A. Minnock, 17th Mar: M. Minnock, 24th Mar: A. Minnock, 29th Mar: (Holy Thurs) K. Looby, 30th Mar: (Good Fri) M. Minnock, 31st Mar: (Holy Sat) A. Minnock & M. Minnock

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Rita Kelly (Nee Cunningham), Ferbane 7 native of the Derries (predeceased by her husband Paddy & son Joe) who died on the 22nd February. Her funeral took place on the 25th February in St. Mary's Church Ferban with burial in Kilrehan Cemetery, Bridget Carley (nee Maguire), Mullingar who died on the 23rd February. Her funeral took place on the 27th February in St. Joseph's Church, Rathwire with burial in the local cemetery, Desmond Walsh, Charleville Road, Tullamore who died on the 23rd February. His funeral took place on the 26th February in Tullamore with burial afterwards in Clonminch Cemetery, Edward (Ned) Bracken, Castletown, Ballycumber who died on the 28th February. His funeral took place on the 10th March in The Island Church with burial afterwards in the Monastery Cemetery, Clara, Brian Carthy, Athlone, (devoted partner of Maggie Whelan, Killina Presentation Secondary School) who died on the 1st March. His funeral took place on the 5th March in St. Mary's Church, Athlone with burial afterwards in Coosan Cemetery and Philomena Feehan (nee Hennessy), Portarlington, (wife of the late Joe, The Derries) who died on the 5th March. Her funeral took place on the 7th March in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. May they rest in peace

<u>Rahan Drama:</u> Just two weeks to go now, until we find out who exactly robbed the local bank! The play is called Anyone Could Rob A Bank, and was written by Tom Coffey. Our Director is Geraldine Buggy and the cast are: Michael Gleeson, John Gaffey, Carol Robbins, Eddie Grennan, Karen Monahan, Aidan Grennan, Liam Byrne and Martin Minnock. Tickets are on sale from any of the above or by contacting 086 0886648.

Mucklagh Community Centre Lotto Results: Numbers drawn on Tuesday 06-03-2018 were 8. 12, 14, & 16. no Jackpot winner and No match 3 winners. Next week's Lotto jackpot is €12,000. Match 3 numbers and you could win €300. thank You for your continued support.

Mucklagh Active Age: is hosting a Musical Afternoon on Tuesday 13th March 2018 in the local Community Centre from 3.00pm-5.00pm. We have local Musicians & Singers coming in to entertain us & light refreshments will be served. The 'Session' is open to everyone & all are welcome. So please come along. & join us on the day. Also, on Tuesday 20th March 2018 we have a talk on Mindfulness, Relaxation & Managing Stress with Imelda & Julie. This talk is also open to everybody & again all are welcome to come along. Light refreshments will be served. So please feel free to come along on the day

Rahan Community Alert: We have an upcoming fundraiser for our CCTV – Race night in Tullabeg Golf Clubhouse on the 19th May. Monitor Alarms available. Those who have them please wear and use them if necessary. Bottles in Fridge also available from Ann on 087 9851819. Be alert and report anything suspicious to 057 9327600

<u>Scoil Charthaigh Naofa Parent's Association:</u> Would like to thank parents, teachers and the wider community for all their help and support for their American Dinner Dance fundraiser which was a fantastic success

The Annual Glamorous Buttons and Bows: is on Sunday the 18th March in the Tullamore Court Hotel. This fundraiser is for Dóchas Offaly Cancer Support Group. I would appreciate if you would mention this upcoming event in your newsletter please. Admission is only €5, with a free entry to a draw for a surprise weekend away compliments of the Tullamore Court Hotel.

PPN (**Public Participation Network**) **Municipal District meetings:** Birr: 14th March at 6.00pm in the Civic offices, Edenderry 21st March at 6.00pm in the Edenderry Library, Tullamore 29th March at 6.00pm in the Tullamore Library. **Topics:** Funding Applications, Do you wish to avail of the following training?, Establishing groups that are representative of specific issue in the following areas: Community Dev: Social Inclusion: Environmental: Contact Offaly PPN @ 0871198591 info@offalyppn.ie

<u>Accord Tullamore:</u> Are looking for Facilitators for their Marriage Care Service. Professional training provided. If interested, please contact ACCORD Tullamore, 0579341831 or <u>accordfull@eircom.net</u> More information on <u>www.accord.ie</u>

<u>Starting your own Business Course (Tullamore):</u> Commencing in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Thursday 22nd March followed by 29th March, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th April from 7.00-10.00pm. Course fee only €70 or free to JSB or JSA payment recipients. For more information and to reserve a place, contact Local Enterprise Office Offaly on 057 9357480 or visit our website <u>www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly</u>

<u>Community Games:</u> Art and handwriting competitions are taking place at the moment through our local schools. Closing date for all entries is Thursday 15th March.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 16, 24, 26 & 30. One match three wins €200. Mairtin Keenan (c/o M Kenaney). Jackpot €6800 next week and the draw is Kelly's.

Colin Dunne Memorial Golf Classic At Esker Hills On Easter Saturday: Plans are well underway for the annual Colin Dunne Memorial Golf Classic, organised by Shamrocks GAA Club. This year, the event takes place at Esker Hills Golf Club on Easter Saturday, 31st of March. Generous prizes are on offer and, as usual, the winning team will be presented with the Colin Dunne Memorial Cup and a special memento, compliments of the Dunne family. The format for the Golf Classic is a three-ball scramble and the entry fee is €120 per team. This price includes a meal for each player in the club house. Anyone wishing to provide sponsorship for the Golf Classic may do so for €50. Each donation will be highlighted at a tee-box and also on a board at the golf course on the day. For further information, contact any member of the organising committee, which includes Liam Mooney (087 9286701), Brendan Minnock (0877641711), Mossy Clavin (0876470533) Gerry Buckley (087 9290722)