

# *Rahan Parish*

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

There are constant references to down and up movements in John's gospel. The Son of God came down from above to our level of life in order to raise us up to share in his divine life. The reason behind this is that God loved the world so much. This outreach of God's grace needs only one condition...we must accept it by believing in Jesus and committing our lives to living in the light of his teaching.

## **Rahan Parish Webcam Mass: on [rahanparish.ie](http://rahanparish.ie)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass and for other Intentions**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass for The Feast Day of St. Patrick and for other Intentions**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 11.00am: Parish Mass and for other Intentions**

Many thanks to one and all for your great support. Although the office is closed to the public, masses for the Webcam Masses and anyone who needs to get a certificate of any kind can be booked through the office on Wednesdays with Suzanne on 057 9321892 and also text or ring Fr. Martin on 087 9774828. **Kindly Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (St. Patrick's Day). It will be open on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Thank You**

## **Parish of Rahan**

**Development 7<sup>th</sup> March: €406.00**

**Adoration: Mucklagh: Continues as usual on Thursdays until further notice from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome**

**Adoration: Killina: On Mondays from 3.00pm-10.00pm. All are very welcome**

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Teresa (Tess) Murray (nee Hennessy)**, Killooly, Mountbolus (sister of Mollie Minnock, The Clover, Rahan) who died on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Her funeral took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> March in St. Brigid's Church, Mountbolus followed by burial in Lowertown Cemetery, Mountbolus, **John Condrón**, Scrubb, Killeigh (brother of Carthage Condrón, Loughroe) who died on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and **Jimmy Byrne**, Ave Maria, Kilcormac (father of Fiona Byrne, Rahan Demesne) who died on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral took place in The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kilcormac on the 10<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kilcormac. May they rest in peace

**Welcome Back:** To all of our primary school pupils who will return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We wish all of them a happy and a safe return

**Welcome Back:** To our Leaving Cert Students in all of the local schools. Every good wish in all of your preparations for this year's exams

**Mother's Day: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021: A very Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers and Grandmothers**

**Trocaire Boxes: Are now available in the three churches. Many thanks for your great generosity in supporting the wonderful work of Trocaire**

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 09/03/2021.** The numbers drawn were 1, 7, 21 & 22. There was no Jackpot Winners. 1 Match 3 winner. Carmel Healion c/o Liam Mooney wins €600. Next Draw Tuesday 16/03/2021. Next Week Jackpot is €7,400 Match 3 is €150

**Annual Tickets are now on sale, €100 for 52 draws.** Tickets can be purchased from Daybreak Mucklagh, Centra Fingerboard, Mucklagh Community Centre or any of our promoters. Why not give a **Birthday or Thank You present** of Mucklagh Community Centre Local Lotto. €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. The Lotto supports the running of Mucklagh Community Centre. All support is greatly appreciated. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886, 086 836 4523 or email: [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). Postal Service available. Thank You for your Continued Support. The Lotto Team.

**Mucklagh Community Centre Meals on Wheels:** Mucklagh Community Centre has teamed up with KDA for meals on Wheels. Hot Dinners with a dessert are delivered three times per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Cost is €5 per meal. For more information ring 086 836 4523 or 057 93 56885

**Zoom Pilates Classes:** Pilates classes for intermediates are taking place through Zoom on Wednesday mornings. Booking is essential. To book your place email [adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). For more information, please ring 057 93 56886 or 086 836 4523.

**Shamrock's Lotto: Lotto:** The Shamrock's lotto numbers drawn by the Clubforce app were 2, 8, 12, 18. There was no jackpot winner. There were 5 match 3 winners each winning €40.

**Congratulations** to A. Lawless c/o R. Molloy, Grainne Hickey c/o Clubforce, Tom Buckley c/o T. Buckley, Philip Barron c/o Lucy, The Fingerboard and Sam Thomas c/o J. Kearney. Next week's draw takes place on March 15<sup>th</sup> for a jackpot of €15,000. Thanks for your continued support.

**Walk for club and county:** Offaly GAA are holding a walk for club and county fundraiser where a representative will walk/run a 5k on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, with raised funds being split 50-50 between club and county. Paddy Dunican will represent Shamrocks. All donation big or small are greatly appreciated.

**Reflection for the 3rd Week of Lent:** Today we celebrate 2 separate things – *Domingo Laetare* / “Rejoice Sunday”, and “Mother’s Day”.

In the Mass we are invited to take a break from the penitential nature of Lent. We find some very encouraging words in each of the readings.

The First Reading quickly runs through the Old Testament, focussing on the Jewish people’s exile in Babylon – seen as a punishment for their sins and failures. However, they are freed to return to Jerusalem and, re-build their lives and religious practices: a major “Good News” story in their history.

We learn in the Second Reading that “God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ.” Also, “We are God’s work of art” – what a beautiful privilege!

In the Gospel, John says. “God loved the world so much that he GAVE his only Son for us.” Much-needed words of encouragement, well worth reflecting on in these times of Covid-related struggle and suffering.

Today is also “Mother’s Day”. The one thing we all have or have had is a mother. But each relationship between mother and child is unique. And today, we remember our Mothers, living and deceased