

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Lent 15th March 2015.

As Christians we are called to be resurrection focused. There are always ways to turn a situation around, to make things right, to strive for life again and again. This is the vision that Jesus gives each of us, to love and hope rather than despair.

KILLINA

Sunday 15th 10.30am:

Mass for Larry & Nellie Marshall, Loughroe.

St Patrick's Day 10.30am:

Wednesday 18th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 20th 9.00am:

Sunday 22nd 10.30am:

Mass for James & Margaret Mc Dermott & their son Patrick, Dernanaugh.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 14th 6.00pm:

Mass for Richard, Nora & Jimmy McLoughlin, Murrough.

Monday 16th 6.00pm:

Annual Mass for the Shamrock's G.A.A. Club.

St. Patrick's Day 10.00am:

Mass for Bernard & Elizabeth Gannon, Ballincur.

Saturday 21st 6.00pm:

Mass for Michael & Bridget Larkin, Kilpatrick.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 14th 7.30pm:

Mass for Lily Martin & Betty Martin Cullen, Dillon Street.

Sunday 15th 9.00am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Egan, Mucklagh and

The deceased members of the Gallagher Family, Athlone.

Sunday 15th 12noon:

Mass for Peter Moore, Screggan.

Monday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for Tom & Mary Minnock, The Derries & also remembering Bernard.

St. Patrick's Day 9.00am:

St. Patrick's Day 12noon:

Wednesday 18th 7.30pm:

Thursday 19th 9.00am:

Friday 20th 7.30pm:

Mass for Tom & Rosie Mc Dermott, & their sons Mick & Stevie & daughters Lily Dignam & Peggie Smith.

Saturday 21st 7.30pm:

Mass for Frances O' Donoghue, Glaschoill.

Sunday 22nd 9.00am:

Mass for the Larkin Family, St. Colman's Terrace.

Sunday 22nd 12noon:

Mass for Rosemary Fletcher, Glaskill.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island - every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Tanya Bryant**, Tullamore and **Andrew Kavanagh**, Tullamore who were married in St. Colman's Church on the 7th March. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €217.00 The Island €150.00 Mucklagh €870.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €125.00 Mucklagh €310.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Fionn Paudie O' Reilly**, Tullamore who was baptised on the 7th March in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh.

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Bill Kirwan**, Mountmellick (father of Jean Egan, Deerpark) who died on the 25th February. His funeral took place in Dublin on the 27th February and **Willie Coyne**, Kilcormac (brother in law of Lizzie Coyne, Brocca) who died on the 10th March. His funeral took place on the 12th March in Kilcormac with burial afterwards in St. Joseph's Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Churchgate Collection: The annual collection for the Organisation of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will take place in the three churches of the parish on the weekend of 21st/22nd March.

1st Penance (Confessions): Congratulations to the Pupils of 2nd Class in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa who made their 1st Confession on Thursday night 12th March in St. Carthage's Church in preparation for their 1st Holy Communion on the 9th May. Pupils from 2nd Class in St. Colman's School, Mucklagh will be on Tuesday evening 24th March at 7.00pm, This is in preparation for their 1st Holy Communion on the 16th May.

Killina Presentation Secondary School at the Bord Gais Energy, Student Theatre Awards: Students and staff from the Resource Centre at Killina Secondary School travelled to Dublin on Wednesday 4th March to attend the Oscars style ceremony at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre, as part of the second annual Student Theatre Awards. The 4th year students were shortlisted in the 'Best Overall School Play' category for their production of **The Wizard of Oz**, which they had performed for parents and guests at the 4th year open day in May 2014. Delegates from the finalist schools from across Ireland were treated to a fantastic ceremony hosted by Simon Delaney with wonderful performances from schools shortlisted in the 'Best Musical Category' and other hugely entertaining acts. Unfortunately, Killina students did not win an award but were presented with a lovely plaque to acknowledge their achievement and took home many wonderful memories of a super day out. Everyone at Killina Presentation Secondary School are extremely proud of the 4th year students and staff for representing the school so well and getting so far. Looking forward to next year's production!

Community Games: Handwriting competition will be run in the schools in the coming weeks for u-10 and u-12s. Training for Draughts will continue in Mucklagh School this Friday from 8:15 - 9:15 pm. Anyone who is interested in Basketball or has any queries relating to the other aforementioned events please contact Ann-Maria Cunningham on 0872261211 or alternatively check out our Facebook page.

Rahan Comhaltas: Congratulations to the Shamrocks team who took part in the Leinster semi-final of Scór Sinsir was held in Birr on Saturday, Brendan Minnock won the Recitation, the Instrumental group, Figure and Set dancers all progress to the Leinster final which takes place in Ballymore on the 29th of March. Also Congratulations to our U17 group who won the Seisiún competition in Tullamore Sunday last. We wish all our members and friends a Happy St Patrick's day.

Rahan Community Alert: Meeting in Rahan Hall next Wed March 18th at 8pm. Everyone with Racecards are asked to return them as soon as possible. They may be handed in at the meeting next Wed or ring Ann and we can collect them. Remember our big Race night is on April 18th in Tullabeg House so don't forget to come along for a good night out. Thanks.

Rahan Social Services: Chiropodist will be on Friday 20th March. People from Mucklagh will be seen between 10.30am and 12.30pm and Rahan people will be seen from 1.00pm onwards. All toes are welcome.

Strictly Come Dancing: Mucklagh Community Development is running Strictly Come Dancing to enable them to raise much needed funds for the Community Centre. It will be held in Tullamore Court on Saturday April 25th.

Rahan Drama Group: Rahan Drama Group present their production of "A Wake in the West", by M.J. Ginnelly on the weekend of 20th, 21st & 22nd March in Rahan Hall. Tickets available from Deirdre @ 086 0886648. Admission €10 Adults & €5 Children. Every success to all involved.

More Rahan Remembers DVDs: available from Tom Doolan's, Blueball, Kelly's Roadhouse, The Fingerboard, Ben Scally's, Fox's Kilbride Street, Trax Bridge Centre, www.offalyhistory.com or by contacting Catherine at 086-0318368. Rahan Remembers tells the story of Rahan with interviews, music, historical photographs and more.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 10/03/15 no's drawn 11-24-26-30. No Jackpot winner No match three winner. Next weeks Jackpot €12,000 next week's Match Three €600. Thanks to all who support our LOTTO.

La Leche League Breastfeeding Support Group: next meeting March 19th at 8pm in the Health Centre Tullamore. Pregnant women babies and toddlers welcome. Contact Eileen (087) 2764382 Caroline (085) 1760632. Find us on Facebook La Leche League Tullamore.

Light the Fire: St Patrick's Day 2015: The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to a candlelight vigil on the Hill of Slane to pray together on the very spot where St Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Event begins at 5 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Smith at 5.30 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music led by the Franciscans of the Renewal. All are welcome. This is an outdoor event, so please dress warm and bring a chair if you'll need to sit. For information or to volunteer, please contact the Franciscan Sisters at 041 9830441

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 4 18, 19, 32. Two match three €200 each. Kathryn Kelly c/o O'Connors & Tom Condrón c/o J. Kearney. Jackpot €5400 next week and the draw will take place in Kelly's. **Colin Dunne Memorial Golf Classic:** Shamrocks G.A.A. Club will hold their annual 'Colin Dunne Memorial Golf Classic' at Tullamore Golf Club on Easter Saturday, 4th April. The format for the golf classic is a three-ball scramble and the entry fee is only €120 per team. Anyone wishing to enter a team or donate sponsorship may contact any member of the organising committee, which includes: Liam Mooney (087 9286701), John Mollin (086 8044993), Brendan Scully (086 8174851), Brendan Minnock (087 7641711), Mossy Clavin (087 6470533) and Tom Buckley (087 7993635). **Scor:** Well done to the Shamrocks representatives who participated in the Leinster Scor semi-finals in Birr last Saturday night, 7th March. Shamrocks were represented in four categories and they all advanced to the Leinster final, which will be held in Ballymore, Co. Westmeath on Sunday, 29th March. Those taking part for the club were as follows:

Instrumental Music: Michael McConigley, Aisling O'Connell, Siobhan Godley, Grace Dunne and Deirdre Byrne.

Figure Dancing: Ciara Hickey, Charlene Minnock, Hazel Guinan, Aine Looby, Katie Looby, Aisling O'Connell, Emer O'Brien and Elaine Monahan. **Set Dancing:** Aisling O'Connell, Karen Monahan, Elaine Monahan, Emer O'Brien, Michael McConigley, Cormac McConigley, Noel Devery and Garrett Delaney. **Recitation:** Brendan Minnock.

Fixtures: Sunday 15th Division 3 hurling, Shamrock's Vs Tullamore in Rahan at 12noon, Tuesday 17th U16 Hurling, Shamrocks Vs Seir Kieran in Rahan at 11am, Wednesday 18th U14 Feile Football, Shamrocks Vs Clara in Clara at 7pm, Friday 20th Division 3 Hurling, Shamrocks Vs Clara in Clara at 8pm, Saturday 21st U16 Hurling, Shamrocks Vs Ballinamere in Rahan at 12noon, Division 2 hurling Shamrocks Vs Lusmagh in Lusmagh at 5pm.