

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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5th Sunday of Easter 29th April 2018

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit

KILLINA

Sunday 29th 10.30am: -----

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 2nd 9.00am: Mass in the Convent

Friday 4th 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & 1st Anniversary Mass for Pat Cooper, Ballykeenaghan

Sunday 6th 10.30am: Mass for James Buckley & deceased members of the Buckley Family, Newtown

THE ISLAND

Saturday 28th 6.00pm: Mass for John & Moira Ryan, Birr, their son Harry, Sr. Josephine Grimes & the deceased Members of the Ryan Family, Birr & the Grimes Family, Kinnitty

Friday 4th 6.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Saturday 5th 6.00pm: 1st Anniversary Mass for Hubert Healy, Ballina, Ballycumber

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 28th 7.30pm: Mass for Michael O' Reilly, The Fingerboard

Sunday 29th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 29th 11am: Please Note Time Change: Mass for Joe, Margaret & Karl McGee, Dublin

Sunday 29th 1.00pm: Ceremony of Confirmation Rahan Parish. We welcome Bishop Michael Smith to our Parish

Tuesday 1st 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 2nd 7.30pm: Mass for The Doyle Family, Holmshill

Thursday 3rd 9.00am: -----

Friday 4th 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & for Ann Craven Dillon, Mucklagh

Saturday 5th 11.30am: 1st Holy Communion Ceremony for the children of St. Colman's National School

Saturday 5th 7.30pm: Mass for Peter & Betty Owens, Beechmount Park

Sunday 6th 9.00am: Mass for Kathleen White, Screggan

Sunday 6th 12noon: Mass for Mary O' Meara, Killina, her parents Henry & Margaret Corrigan & their daughter Helen

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 €180.00	The Island €135.00	Mucklagh €660.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €285.00		Mucklagh €305.00
Vocations Collection:	Killina & The Island €410.00		Mucklagh €920.00

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: in Mucklagh Church every Thursday. Adorers urgently needed for the hour 11.00am-12noon or any hour. For more information please contact 057 9351923 or 057 9351367

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Angela Bollard (nee Keena)**, Rochfortbridge (mother of Anne Marie Coughlan, Ross Road) who died on the 20th April. Her funeral took place on the 23rd April in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochfortbridge followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery and **Joe Sammon**, Brocca, The Island & Clara (father of Gerard, The Island) who died on the 20th April. His funeral took place on the 22nd April in Clara with burial afterwards in the Monastery cemetery May she rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Daithi Joseph Bermingham**, Killeranny who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 21st April

Confirmation Day: Today we welcome Bishop Michael Smith to our Parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Mucklagh Church. A huge congratulations to all of the 53 young people and their families from our two primary schools. Well done to the teachers and children of 6th Class who prepared very well for this great event. Many thanks also to the children and teachers who provided the choir for the day. Thanks also to those who worked so hard in decorating the church inside and outside with flowers and bunting and flags. It was a great and wonderful event for the whole Parish Community of Rahan.

Chiropodist: Will be in Rahan Hall on Friday 4th May from 10.30am to 12.30pm and from 1.00pm onwards. All toes are welcome

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in the Island Church for May: 5th May: A. Minnock, 12th May: K. Looby, 19th May: M. Minnock, 26th May: A. Minnock

Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 29th April: There will be a bus leaving Tullamore at 8.30am from the Parochial House, Tullamore, if you would like to go on this pilgrimage. Please contact P.J. on 087 6386270

Scoil Charthaigh Naofa Newtown: Are now enrolling for the 2018/2019 school year. Please contact the office on 057 93 55393

Churchgate Collections: Killina Presentation Secondary School: will have a Churchgate Collection this weekend, at all Masses in the Island, Killina and Mucklagh Churches. Proceeds in aid of the Parent's Council for the school. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Irish Wheelchair Association: will be holding their Churchgate collection on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th May 2018. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

The Irish Cancer Society: will hold it's Annual Churchgate Collection in Rahan Parish on the 26th and the 27th May. We are looking for collectors for Mucklagh. If you are in a position to help please contact Mary at 021 484 0597 or email mmorrish@irishcancer.ie.

Mucklagh Community Development Lotto: 24th April. The numbers drawn; 4,10,14,30. There was no Jackpot winner, 3 match 3 winners.; 50 euro each....; Frances Dolan c/o Paddy Tyrell, Tony Hickey c/o Philip Barron & Declan Kelly Snr c/o Philip Barron. Congratulations to All.

Weekly Classes & Activities in the Centre: Step or Circuit Classes, Contact Maria Lambe on 0863582066, **Pilates Classes,** Contact Tanya Dempsey on 0863532240, **Pilates Classes,** Contact Elaine Carroll on 0863892882. **Active Age...** Tuesdays 3pm to 5pm...all welcome, **Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 9am to 11am all welcome. Contact the centre for any queries on 057 93 56886

Mucklagh Community TXT Alert: A public meeting will be held in Mucklagh Community Centre on **Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 8pm** with a view to setting up TXT Alert in Mucklagh & the surrounding areas. This is an essential & effective way of helping to reduce rural crime. This can only be done with the full co-operation of the community and so we are appealing to residents from Mucklagh Village & all the surrounding areas to attend. The service cannot be provided by just one or two volunteers. Sgt. Graham Kavanagh & Garda. Claire Comerford will be in attendance on the night to outline how the service works. So please come & do your bit to help make our Area a safer place to live.

Rahan Drama Group: DVDs of the play 'Anyone can Rob a Bank' (costing €8) can be ordered through Aidan Grennan on 087 3153434.

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA: Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17 June 2018. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. **Contact Denis Humanitarian Volunteers on 086 8520271.**

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2-7-25-31. No Jackpot Winner. 1 x Match 3 wins €200. Annie Fletcher (Breda Mooney). Jackpot €8,200 next week. Draw in Tullybeg.

Results: Senior Football Championship: Shamrock's vs Ballycumber. Shamrock's 0-23 Ballycumber 2-11

U13 Football League: Shamrock's vs Tullamore. Shamrocks 3-03 Tullamore 1-09

U14 Feile Hurling: After 3 tough matches last Saturday in the Feile our u14 hurlers put in 2 excellent performances at the Faithful Fields. In an exciting Semi-Final they overcame Kinnity/Lusmagh by a single point. Then in the final they put in another great display and only went down to a strong finish against Clara/Brosna Gaels. Well done to the lads.

Bishop Smith appoints Fr Declan Hurley as Vicar General: Fr Declan Hurley, Administrator of St Mary's Parish, Navan will succeed Bishop Dermot Farrell as Vicar General of the Diocese of Meath. Fr Hurley was born in June 1968 in the parish of Bohermeen, Co. Meath. Following the completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Maynooth, Bishop Smith sent him to the Institut Catholique de Paris for a year and subsequently to the Pontifical Irish College, Rome. Having been ordained a priest in his native parish in 1993, he returned to Rome to undertake the Licentiate, specialising in Biblical Theology. His first assignment in the Diocese of Meath was as a Curate at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar in 1994. The following year he was appointed as Diocesan Secretary, a post he held for 8 years, while also remaining as a Curate at the Cathedral. In 2003, Fr Hurley commenced a Doctorate in Sacred Scripture at the Institut Catholique de Paris, specialising on the Book of Job. He was also that year appointed by the Irish Episcopal Conference as Chaplain to the Irish Community in France and resident chaplain at the Centre Culturel Irlandais and the Chapelle Saint Patrick. After 5 years, Fr Hurley returned to the Diocese of Meath, taking up an appointment first as Curate in St Mary's Parish, Navan and, 2009, as Administrator. This year Fr Hurley will celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.