

RAHAN PARISH

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick) 11th February 2018

Jesus, in today's gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society, and still today there are many people in our own society who are completely alienated and stigmatized. Jesus is moved with pity for this man. What moves you with pity? Who do you pity? What alienates you from others? Who is alienated in our communities? Who is it that we need to reach out to? Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. It is the religious of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing, Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us

KILLINA

Sunday 11th 10.30am: Mass for Josie & Katie Corcoran, Aughadonagh

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm: -----

Ash Wednesday 14th 7.30pm: Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes (No Morning Mass in the Convent)

Friday 16th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 18th 10.30am: -----

THE ISLAND

Saturday 10th 6.00pm: Mass for Jimmy Kinahan & deceased family members, Kilpatrick

Ash Wednesday 14th 6.00pm: Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

Saturday 17th 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 10th 7.30pm: -----

Sunday 11th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 11th 12noon: Month's Memory Mass for Eileen Bracken, Roscore

Tuesday 13th 9.00am: -----

Ash Wednesday 14th 10.00am: Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes (With children of Mucklagh School)

Ash Wednesday 14th 7.30pm: Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

Thursday 15th 9.00am: Mass for the deceased members of the Cleary Family, Rathcabbin

Friday 16th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for P.J. Barron, Charleville, Tullamore

Saturday 17th 7.30pm: Mass for Tom Lawless & his parents Tom & Molly, Clonminch

Sunday 18th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 18th 12noon: Mass for Josie & Pat Lambe, Glasshouse, Blueball

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 €185.00	The Island €195.00	Mucklagh €755.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €875.00		Mucklagh €295.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Evie Sofia Ponisi**, Brocca Road, Mucklagh who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 3rd February

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2018: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew. During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

World Day of the Sick 11th February: On Sunday 11th February we think of the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes and we think of all who are sick all over the world. May the Lord give strength to all who are suffering in any way.

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

Coffee Morning in Mucklagh Community Centre: Every Tuesday Morning after 9AM Mass, €1 for Tea/Coffee & toast All Welcome.

Mucklagh Active Retirement: are in action from 3pm to 5pm every Tuesday. All Welcome.

Date for your Diary: Card game In Rahan Hall on Good Friday night. More details will follow

Kilcormac Development: Currently have the following vacancy: Administrator, Mucklagh Community Centre. **Job ref number 2063459.** Please contact your local Employment Services to inquire if you are eligible for this position For more information contact the Community Employment Office 05791-35512.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: Numbers drawn were 15-21-29-30. No Jackpot winner and no Match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and match three is €300.00. Thank you for your continued support

Parents Association of Scoil Charthaigh Naofa: 'Mochuda Unit' invite you to an 'American Dinner Dance' on Saturday 24th February in Rahan Parish Hall. Drink reception at 7.30pm followed by Buffet dinner & Dancing to 'The Vows'. Also bring your own drink. Tickets €25. Book now on 057 9355393 or 087 2749147. Strictly over 18's ONLY

World Meeting Of Families: Dublin: With our Holy Father Pope Francis 21st-26th August 2018: Apply to volunteer call 01 567 6800 or visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer or volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie

World Meeting of Families 2018 - Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help?: Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily. Email: hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call 01 567 6800.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Clara. Commencing Thursday 8th February with Mass at 8.00pm. All welcome

Ballycumber area Defibrillator Scheme: will hold its AGM on the Wednesday 7th February at 8:30pm all are welcome to attend as we look ahead to the coming year with regards to training of local people to provide them with the skills in CRP and the use of an AED.

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage: Visiting Eucharistic Miracle Santarem and St. Anthony's shrine in Lisbon. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tony Gavin, Tubber, Moate. 10th-17th September, 2018. 7 nights full board, Hotel Santo Amaro €799pps. Single room supplement €160 (limited availability). Deposit to secure a place - €100 by Friday 4th May 2018. For further details contact Mrs. Anna Condron (090) 6482228

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land 2018: Our 17th Annual Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Meath to the Holy Land in association with MAP Travel, led by Fr. Gerry Mac Cormack, Sr. Consilio Rock and Fr. Dwayne Gavin takes place from 16th – 24th April 2018. Bookings with MAP Travel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Phone 01 8783111 or email: patricia@maptravel.ie

Lenten Retreat: For young adults 18-40. Saturday 24th February in Dalgan Park, Navan from 9.30am-5pm. For more information contact Fr. Joe on 086 6036506, Mary 086 8473900, Sr. Una 090 64 8166 or visit youthretreats@gmail.com

Rally to save the 8th: A public rally will take place in Dublin to save the 8th Amendment in the Constitution on Saturday 10th March at 2.00pm in Parnell Square. All are very welcome to attend.

Ark of Divine Mercy Athlone: Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will depart from Dublin Airport on Thursday 24th May 2018 for 7 Nights with J.W.T. Spiritual Director Fr Jim Candon. Cost €719.Full details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

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. 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 13, 14, 22 & 29. Two match three winners receive €300 each. Jimmy Hanlon (C. Healion) & Darren Dunne (D. Dunne). Jackpot €6000 next week and draw in Kelly's.

Results: Well done to the u13 Footballers last Sunday winning the 1st round of the Leinster Cross County League against Ratoath. Final score Shamrock's 3:8, Ratoath 0:11. Next game against Roundtowers of Kildare this coming Saturday.