

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th February 2015.

One short sentence strikes me in today's Gospel: 'Of course I want to!' It is Jesus' response to the leper who asks to be cured, and it shows us Jesus' generosity of spirit. He was not just carrying out his duty – he was touched by the man and really wanted to help and to heal him. What if we were to live by this simple phrase? You may have heard of people taking on an experiment whereby they said 'yes' to everything they were asked in a particular day. Some people make new year's resolutions to say 'yes' more or to be more positive. Why not make 'Of course I want to!' our motto today? We might find ourselves more prepared to respond to requests for help. We might spend more time playing with our children, or visit our loved ones more often. We may be able to approach our work with more enthusiasm, or go along to Mass with more of a sense of joy than habit.

KILLINA

Sunday 15th 10.30am: Mass for Fr. Seamus Dunican P.P. Rahan.

Tuesday 17th 7.30pm: -----

Ash Wednesday 18th 7.30pm:

Blessing & Distribution of Ashes. Please note no morning Mass in Convent.

Friday 20th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 22nd 10.30am:

Mass for John Cummins, Dernanaugh.

Sunday 22nd 2.00pm:

Mass - Senior Citizens Party in Killina Presentation Secondary School.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 14th 6.00pm: Mass for Jimmy Kinahan, his parents Paddy & Teresa & his brothers Aidan & Niall.

Ash Wednesday 18th 6.00pm:

Blessing & Distribution of Ashes.

Saturday 21st 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick & Mary Daly, Ballybrumcullen.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 14th 7.30pm: Mass for Tom Lawless & his parents Molly & Tom, Clonminch, & High Street, Tullamore.

Sunday 15th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 15th 12noon:

Mass for Moss & Josephine Dunne & Thomas & Mary Ellen Dunne, Roscore & Edward & Mary Kelly, Lynally.

Tuesday 17th 9.00am: -----

Ash Wednesday 18th 10.00am: **Blessing & Distribution of Ashes (Children of Mucklagh School will be present)**

Ash Wednesday 18th 7.30pm:

Blessing & Distribution of Ashes.

Thursday 19th 9.00am: -----

Friday 20th 7.30pm: -----

Saturday 21st 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Brigie Molloy, Morrough.

Sunday 22nd 9.00am: -----

Sunday 22nd 12noon:

Month's Memory Mass for Ina Glynn, Mucklagh & remembering her husband Chris & also for Patrick & Elizabeth Lambe & their daughters Sr. Pacifique, Sr. Albert, Josie & Their sons Gussie, Pat & Josie, Glasshouse, Blueball.

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.

Lent and The Annual Trocaire Box Collection: These boxes can be had at the Church Doors this weekend. This year's theme is **Climate Change** and how it is affecting communities around the world. We can all work together to be the solution to climate injustice.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €215.00 The Island €126.00 Mucklagh €850.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €200.00 Mucklagh €275.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Margaret (Bunty) Recks**, Clara and formally The Island who died on the 7th February. Her funeral took place in Clara on the 9th February with burial afterwards in the Monastery Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **John Colm Daniel O'Brennan**, Tullamore and **Fionnuala Nan Weathers**, New Hampshire, U.S.A who were baptised in Killina on the 7th February and **Vivienne Ellen Healion**, Spollenstown who was baptised in Mucklagh on the 8th February.

Community Games: Anyone interested in basketball please contact Ann-Maria Cunningham on 0872261211.

Used Clothing Collection: In aid of the children of St. Patrick's Parish, Kitui, Kenya will take place on Tuesday 17th Feb in St. Carthage's Church Carpark, Killina 9.00am-12 noon on the day. Just leave bags at the collection point. Thank You

Rahan Comhaltas: Scór na Óg: Best of luck to Ellen Buckley, Éanna Murry, Liadhan Murry and Thomas Britton of Shamrocks Quiz team who are competing in the All Ireland final which takes place in City West Hotel this Saturday 14th February. **Scór Sinsir:** Local round takes place in Rahan hall on Friday the 20th, all who are interested in competing in the following disciplines: Figure/Céilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Instrumental Music, Recitation/Scéalaíocht, Ballad Group, Novelty Act, Question Time and Set Dancing, please contact Breda on 086 1097153. Music and Dance classes last term before Summer break. The new term for lessons will commence Friday February 13th and so the class and instrument rental fees for the new term are due by that date. Upcoming events: performance during the GAA annual senior citizens party in Killina on the 22nd. Keep the 7th and 8th of March free as we have multiple events running over the weekend to kick off Seachtain na gaeilge. You can access more information from the events section of our website www.rahancomhaltas.com.

Lough Boora Parklands: 5K Walk/Jog and 10K Race. Sunday 29th March in aid of Irish Autism Action and Offaly Dochas Cancer Support Group. 10 week training programme at Lough Boora Parklands- Programme started Sunday 18th January at 9.15am. €20 for 10 weeks, Runners, Joggers welcome.

Rahan Community Alert: Preparations are well underway for our big Race night on Sat 18th of April in Tullabeg House. Officers have already been out in some areas and report a great response from people giving their support. All areas will be visited soon so have a name ready for your horse and remember monies raised is going towards new Text Alert signs with Townslands name also. All will help to deter the thieves and protect our area. Be on the Alert at all times and report anything suspicious. Thanks.

Rahan Drama Group: The Rahan Drama Group is working very well on their upcoming production of “A Wake in the West”, by M.J. Ginnelly. The production will take place on the weekend of 20th, 21st & 22nd March in Rahan Hall. Many thanks for all the great support. Every good wish to all involved.

More Rahan Remembers DVDs: available from 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 10/02/15 numbers drawn were 8-9-11-12. No Jackpot Winner. One Match Three Winner Noel Lynch. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. Next week's Match Three €150. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

St. Colmans National School: Tesco Tullamore have chosen Lann Eala, the Autistic Unit as one of their Community Fund recipients for the next six weeks. Please take your blue token when you complete your shopping and use it to vote for Lann Eala. Huge Thanks to Elaine for all her hard work in making this possible.

The Ballycumber Area Defibrillator Scheme: AGM took place last Wednesday night (February 4th). Many thanks were expressed by Liam Hackett, Chairman, for the work carried out over the past 12 months and for the continued support from groups and individuals in the local community, in particular Ballycumber GAA club for the on-going use of the meeting rooms when required. A new Committee was elected and plans made for 2015. Huge progress was made in the Cardiac First Responder Scheme in 2014. Our Responders were alerted to over 30 calls and the number of Responders has doubled to 12. Respond 2015 (The National Responder Conference) will take place next month in Tullamore and the Scheme will have delegates in attendance. Monthly update training will continue to take place the first Wednesday of every month in the GAA Centre Meeting rooms at 8p.m. The 2015 **Committee is as follows:** Liam Hackett (Chairperson); Dermot McLoughlin (Secretary); Alex McCabe & Rodney Dunican (Treasurers); Liam Nolan (PRO)

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: 1, 14, 15, 18. 1 match 3. Ann Malone (Roger Molloy). €200. Next week's jackpot is €4,600 with draw in Tulabeg Golf Club. **Senior Citizens Party:** The Shamrock's Senior Citizens Party is on again this year on February 22nd. It will be held in Killina School starting with mass at 2pm. Mass will be followed with a meal and entertainment will be provided by Comhaltas. It is always a great day and this year promises to be no different. The invites will be out over the coming days. If however you have not received an invite and would like to attend you are more than welcome. If you want further details contact Grainne on [087 2395659](tel:0872395659) or any member of the committee. **Congratulations Shamrocks ladies:** A massive congrats to a number of Shamrocks Ladies who have been chosen to represent Offaly for 2015. **U14** Becky Bryant, Eileen Bracken, Stephanie Coughlan, Emma Flaherty and Niamh Flanagan. **U16** Abbie Dunne, Niamh Glackin, Cliodhna Monohan, Danielle Flaherty and Ellen McLoughlin. **U18** Orlaith Redmond and Rachael Bryant. **Intermediate** Michelle Guinan. Well done girls great to see all your hard work paying off. Also a big congrats to the Mucklagh u12 soccer girls on a great win in the Leinster Competition they now qualify for the Leinster final in March!

Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2015: “Make your hearts firm” (Jas 5:8) Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a “time of grace” (2 Cor6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. “We love because he first has loved us” (1 Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront.