

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Temperance Sunday) 27th February 2022

On this Temperance Sunday, we pray for that virtue of doing things in moderation. Whether it is alcohol intake or excesses in other areas of our lives, we need to avoid extremities. As Oscar Wilde said: 'Everything in moderation, including moderation.' This also applies to condemning the faults of others. How easily we blame others for our own shortcomings

KILLINA

Sunday 27th 10.30am:

Mass of remembrance for Martin Minnock, Tully

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm:

Mass in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

Wednesday 2nd: Ash Wednesday 7.30pm:

Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm:

Friday 4th 7.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Sunday 6th 10.30am:

Mass for Margaret & James Mc Dermott, their son Patrick & daughter in law Anne Dernanaugh, Rahan

THE ISLAND

Saturday 26th 6.00pm:

Mass for Brenda Mulpeter, Clara

Wednesday 2nd: Ash Wednesday 6.00pm:

Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

Friday 4th 6.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Saturday 5th 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 26th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Tony Claffey, Blueball, Tullamore

Sunday 27th 9.00am:

Sunday 27th 12noon:

Mass for Rosemary O' Brennan, 'Rose Cottage', Clonaslee & Glaskill

Wednesday 2nd: Ash Wednesday 7.30pm:

Mass & Blessing & Distribution of Ashes for Matt Hayes & deceased of the Smith & Lynam families, Rahan Road. Tullamore

Thursday 3rd 9.00am:

Friday 4th 7.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Saturday 5th 7.30pm:

Sunday 6th 9.00am:

Mass for Patrick Carroll, Freagh, Kilcormac

Sunday 6th 12noon:

Mass for Chris & Ina Glynn, Mucklagh and also for Colin Dunne, Roscore, Marie Farrell, Dublin & Geraldine O' Brien, Agall

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €136.00

The Island €94.00

Mucklagh €268.00

Development:

Killina & The Island €146.00

Mucklagh €157.00

Adoration: Mucklagh: 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

Adoration: The Island: On Tuesdays from 5.00pm-7.00pm & Saturday after Mass until 8.00pm. All are very welcome

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes Michael Christopher Casey & Anthony Oliver Casey, Kilcruttin, Tullamore who were baptised in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 19th February and Farrah Patricia Duffy, Tegan Court, Mucklagh who was baptised on the 20th February in St. Colman's Church Mucklagh,

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Fr Frank Guinan, April 29th - May 3rd. Cost is €535.00 all inclusive. Please phone Kieran or Laura on 057 93 55050, mornings only.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fully Escorted Trip 1st June 2022. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Henry. Visiting: Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tiberias and more. Cost: €1895.00 HB_Details from: Travalue.ie, Navan Travel 0818 333990 www.travalue.ie

Readers for Mucklagh Church: We are looking for volunteers to do readings at the weekend Masses in Mucklagh. For more information please contact Fr. Martin or Fr. Frank

Lough Derg: Exciting employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. Applications are invited for an **Operations Manager** which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or mary@loughderg.org

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Next Wednesday, we begin our celebration of Lent. It is now two years since the COVID pandemic struck our country and, as you know, COVID impacted heavily on our churches. For example, in April it will be three years since we will have had the opportunity to gather for the Easter ceremonies in our churches. As restrictions lift and are disappearing, there is an opportunity for the people of the Diocese of Meath to enter into the Season of Lent 2022 with a renewed sense of our identity as the People of God, joyful in our gathering in His name, confident in His mercy and hopeful in the power of His grace to transform our lives. That is what church is! Our Lenten pilgrimage this year will have the added element of the Synodal Pathway. I echo the invitation of Pope Francis to each member of the Christian community in the Diocese of Meath to join in this moment of listening as we prayerfully discern together what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church in this diocese at this time. It is important that we have this discussion about the local church or what we call parish. This discernment must be relevant to our local parishes and influence our local parishes. This discernment must be practical, not theoretical, and must influence what we do in the years ahead. It will be a discernment guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in faith. The synodal meetings that have been organised at deanery level throughout the Diocese on the Tuesday evenings of Lent are an opportunity for all the Baptised in the Diocese of Meath to have a meaningful say in the universal Synod that will be held in Rome in 2023. By asking us to reflect on our experience of *communion*, *participation*, and *mission* in the life of our Church at parish level, Pope Francis is calling each of us to play our part in bringing about a new springtime for our Church. I thank the priests in the deaneries and the many lay people who have accepted the role of facilitator for their work in making this possible. To those of you who love your Church, I say, "tell your story!". Do not be afraid to articulate how you experience belonging to the Community of the Disciples of Christ; do not hesitate to express how your faith transforms your life and offers you hope and meaning on the journey of life. Equally, do not be afraid to express in love your concern for the future of your Church, your fears for the faith of your children and your longing for a vibrant parish community that will sustain your faith. To those of you who at best feel that you are on the margins of the Church, or at worst feel excluded from the Church, I say, "the Church needs to hear your voice!" I ask for your honesty. Do not be afraid to share your pain or to articulate that which you seek in the Church but do not find. You are part of the Church by your Baptism and in this synodal process the voice of every baptised person is equal. Ask the Holy Spirit who dwells in your heart to give you the words that your Church needs to hear. While this synodal process during Lent is looking towards the Synod in Rome in 2023, the Church in Ireland intends to harvest the findings of this stage of the process in order to move ahead on a synodal pathway of our own. Over the next few years, we will continue to walk this pilgrim path together, listening to each other and listening to the Lord who accompanies us always as he accompanied the disciples on the road to Emmaus, opening the Scriptures to us and revealing himself to us in the Eucharist. May the ashes that will mark our foreheads on Ash Wednesday mark us out as the People of God on a journey, pilgrims seeking to discern God's will. And may Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Finian, our teacher of the faith, guide our steps in the way of faith, hope, and love. ✠ **Tom Deenihan. Bishop of Meath.**

Lost & Found: A key was found in St. Colman's Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 057 9321892 for more information

EmployAbility Midlands: Do you have a disability, illness or injury and would like help to find a job? If the answer is yes, you can contact Liam on 086 387 3047 or Patricia on 086 145 1074 and we will be happy to tell you more about how we can help you find that job. We are funded by the Department of Social Protection to support people with disabilities and illnesses to find and maintain employment in the open labour market.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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.

Offaly Volunteers: If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation or becoming a volunteer contact 083 - 0154669 for more information or register on www.volunteeroffaly.ie

Mucklagh Community Centre: **Lotto: 22/02/2022.** Numbers drawn by Clubforce App 5 9 27 & 31. 2 match 3 winners €75 ea. won by Claire Cahill C/O Clubforce and C Ennis C/O Mucklagh Community Centre. No Jackpot Winners. Next Draw Tuesday March 1st. Jackpot € 9,600. Match 3 € 150. Thank you for your continued support. **The Lotto Team.**

Shamrock's Notes: **Lotto:** Shamrock's lotto numbers drawn this week were 6,10, 16 and bonus no.2. There was no jackpot winner and no match three winners. Well done to Peter Leonard, Pat Kearney, Noel Coughlan and Emma Egan who each win €25. Next week's jackpot is €19,600 with €500 for a match 3. **Membership:** With the majority of teams now back training, we would like to remind everyone that membership is now due. You can purchase membership on the ClubForce, or by asking any member of the committee.

Diocese of Meath Safeguarding Website: www.meathsafeguarding.ie