

# *Rahan Parish*

**KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND**

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Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection, she is the first to bring this *Good News* to others, the first preacher of the Resurrection. 'It was still dark...' when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning, like the first warm day of Spring. We can all recall situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel. But the Easter story shows us that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away

## **Rahan Parish Webcam Mass: on [rahanparish.ie](http://rahanparish.ie)**

**Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Easter Vigil 7.30pm: Mass of the Resurrection**

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am: Mass of the Resurrection and Intentions**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm: Mass in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorge**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am: Parish Mass and for other Intentions**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm: Divine Mercy Mass & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be recited at 2.45pm**

Many thanks to one and all for your great support. Although the office is closed to the public, masses for the Webcam Masses and anyone who needs to get a certificate of any kind can be booked through the office on Wednesdays with Suzanne on 057 9321892 and also text or ring Fr. Martin on 087 9774828.

## **Parish of Rahan**

**Development 28<sup>th</sup> March: €67.00**

**Trocaire: €70.00**

**Adoration: Mucklagh:** Continues as usual 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

**Trocaire Boxes** can be handed in to Killina Church before or after all of the ceremonies or to the Parish Office or the Parochial Houses over the Easter Season. **Please do not leave the boxes in the churches.** Many thanks to one and all for your great generosity

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Mary (Bunny) Byrne (nee Yeats)**, Ave Maria, Kilcormac (mother of Fiona Byrne, Rahan Demesne and sister of Eamonn Yeats, Roscore) who died on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. Her funeral took place in The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kilcormac on the 27<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kilcormac, **Larry Galvin**, Horseleap, (brother of the late Christina Conroy, Deerpark) who died on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral took place in Horseleap on 28<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial in Horseleap Cemetery, **Bridget Murphy**, Beechmount Park who died on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. Funeral arrangements later. **Nuala English (nee Brady)**, The Elms, Tullamore & Formally Adam's Villas & Kilcormac (wife of the late Michael English) who died on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. Her funeral took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> March in The Church of the Assumption, Tullamore followed by burial in Clonminch Cemetery, **Jodie Flaherty**, Beechmount Park who died on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral ceremony took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh followed by burial in the adjoining New Cemetery and **Colman Mooney**, Florida & Lynally (brother of Pat, Tommy Joe & Ger Mooney) who died on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. His memorial Mass will take place in Florida on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April and his ashes will be returned to Ireland later. May they rest in peace

**Divine Mercy Sunday: April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Novena of Chaplets starts on Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in honour of devotion to the Divine Mercy. The Divine Mercy Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April in Killina Church (via Webcam). Devotions begin at 2.45pm.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of 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

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto 30/03/2021.** Numbers drawn by Clubforce 14, 18, 27 & 30. No Jackpot Winners. 1 Match 3 winner, Louis Maher on line. Next Draw Tuesday **06/04/2021**. Next Week Jackpot is €8,000 and Match 3 is €150. Annual Tickets are now on sale, €100 for 52 draws. Thank You for your Continued Support. The Lotto Team Please check our Facebook page Mucklagh Community Centre.

**Mucklagh Community Centre Meals on Wheels:** Mucklagh Community Centre has teamed up with KDA for meals on Wheels. Hot Dinners with a dessert are delivered three times per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Cost is €5 per meal. For more information ring 086 836 4523 or 057 93 56885

**Shamrock's Notes: Lotto:** The numbers drawn were 3,10,21,25. No jackpot winner. One match 3, Congratulations to: Michael Kenaney (c/o M. Kenaney) who wins €600. Next week's jackpot is €15,000 and the draw is on April 5th. Thanks for your continued support.

**Grand Canal Walk:** Well done to our representatives Patrick Dunican, Padraig Cantwell and Jack Bryant and to everyone else involved in the Offaly GAA Walk for Club and County on Saturday. We would like to thank everyone who donated and supported the club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Last Man Standing:** Our last man standing begins this weekend (3<sup>rd</sup> April). If you are interested in entering, please contact any member of the senior panels and committee or contact Eoin on 0857409463.

**Sympathies:** Shamrock's GAA would like to extend their condolences to Eamon Yeats on the death of his brother in law Jimmy Byrne and Eamon's sister and Mark's Aunt Bunny Byrne, who passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy to the Byrne and Yeats family on their devastating losses. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

**Reflection:** This is our second year to be locked down – or up, or in – to celebrate Easter! Consigned to the screen for meeting, working and worship. A virtual gathering, another paradox, observing the ritual, with our online community. A spiritual gogglebox where we can flick from church to church.

If there is a time for every purpose, this time allowed us to befriend ourselves again, to reflect on what is essential, to accept limitations, and appreciate those who live restricted lives. Anecdotally, it is reported to have brought prayer back into homes at Christmas, for local funerals, and just to link with the parish on Sunday. Others were frustrated, and hungered for participation in their communities. Communion, for some, has no substitute. Easter, like the Spring flowers, bursts open demanding attention, 'Celebrate me!' 'Alleluia!'

Easter Day is not just a comfort to soften the hard truth of human frailty and the profound sorrow in the nature of things, but it is the lens for reading the human story. Today's Gospel text is from John but echoes something common to all the resurrection accounts: *Till this moment they had failed to understand* (Jn 20:9); An insightful moment when perspective is completely altered, and what has been painful is experienced now as redemptive. A realisation that no singular event or happening captures completeness. Something is always left to fulfil.

**Easter Offerings:** Will be taken up for the next few weekends. Please use the special white colour envelope in your box for this. If you use another envelope please write your Envelope number, name and address on it. Thanking you again for your kindness and generosity.

***Easter Good Wishes: A very Happy & Peaceful Easter to one and all at this special time in our lives from Fr. Martin & Fr. Frank***

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