

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace 1st January 2017

Mary the Mother of God. An awesome title bestowed on Mary, the girl from Nazareth, discovering at a young age that she was not only to give birth but to give birth to God's Son. Do we sometimes have unrealistic expectations of our young people today? How can we support them in living good lives?

KILLINA

New Year's Day 10.30am: **Feast Day of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** for Michael Kearney, Tully
Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm: **Mass in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace** for Violet Lowry, Newtown
Wednesday 4th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent
Friday 6th 10.30am: **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord for all those on the List of the Dead**
Sunday 8th 10.30am: **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** for Jim McLoughlin, Murrrough

THE ISLAND

New Year's Eve 6.00pm: Mass for William & Mary B. Kinahan, their sons Harry & Peter & Henry O' Rourke
And deceased family members, Kilpatrick
Thursday 5th 6.00pm: **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord for all those on the List of the Dead**
Saturday 7th 6.00pm: **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
1st Anniversary Mass for Marion Cantwell, Aughadonagh

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

New Year's Eve 7.30pm: Mass for Pat Joe & Breda Conroy & their Great Grandson Patrick, Ballard
New Year's Day 9.00am: **Feast Day of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
New Year's Day 12noon: **Feast Day of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
And Month's Memory Mass for Jack Flanagan, Cloonagh West

Tuesday 3rd 9.00am: -----

Wednesday 4th 7.30pm: Month's Memory Mass for Con Dunne, Roscore, Blueball

Thursday 5th:

Please note no morning Mass

Thursday 5th 7.30pm: **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & Month's Memory Mass** for John O' Reilly, Kilbride

Friday 6th 9.00am: **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Friday 6th 12noon: **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord for all those on the List of the Dead**

Saturday 7th 7.30pm: **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Peter & Mary Geraghty, Killurin & Month's Memory Mass for Helen Clavin, Lynally

Sunday 8th 9.00am: **Feast of The Baptism of the Lord** for Sean McIntyre, Ballard

Sunday 8th 12noon: **Feast of The Baptism of the Lord** for Frank & Kathleen McEvoy, their son John,
daughter Maureen & John's son Daniel

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 €705.00	The Island €675.00	Mucklagh €2,013.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €1,755.00		Mucklagh €1,500.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Daniel James Comerford**, Charleville View, who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 29th December.

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Noreen Veronica Burke** (mother of Colm Burke, Tegan Court) late of Woodvale Road, Beaumont, Cork who died on the 28th December in St. Carthage's Nursing Home, Mucklagh. Her funeral took place on the 31st December in the Church of the Holy Cross, Mahon, with burial afterwards in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Skibbereen. May she rest in peace

Christmas Celebrations in the Parish: A huge word of thanks to a very large group of people who prepared the three churches of the parish inside and outside for all of the Christmas Celebrations. Each and every effort is greatly appreciated and thanks to one and all for your great and wonderful efforts and for enhancing the church environment for a great Christmas Celebration.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group: The monthly Mass in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace will take place on the first Tuesdays of each month and we begin on the 3rd of January at 7.30pm in Killina Church. Many thanks for all the prayers and for the great attendance for the prayer group. Please keep the prayer of the rosary always close at hand

Monthly Children's Mass: Please note that the Children's Mass will take place on the 26th January, the last Thursday of the month

Church of Ireland Carol Service 30th December 2016: Well done to all involved with the music and singing, and especially members of the Luby family and Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, and many thanks for all the efforts and for making the occasion such a great success.

Rahan Comhaltas News: If you have the energy after the Christmas and New Year's festivities we plan to take part in our first event of 2017 on January 7th and 8th at the Mummings festival in New Inn Galway where we will dust off the instruments and participate in the annual event which kick starts the year in style. If you have not attended the Mummings festival before, it is a great event and we would love to have you if you can play an instrument, Sing, Dance or tell a story. May the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co.Cork: Vocations Day for women discerning a contemplative vocation. Saturday 7th January 2017. Please contact Mother Prioress: Tel: 021 4811 354 or [e-mail:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com)

Mucklagh Active Retirement Group: Do you like a game of Cards, indoor bowls, gentle exercises or just like to sit and chat? Then come along to Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesdays at 3.00pm. All welcome. Mucklagh Community Centre is closed until the 9th of January for Christmas. We would like to wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year

Community Games 5K Road Race: Well done to all the committee members for organising a great event on Tuesday 27th December and also a special word of thanks to all who took part in the Road Race. A great day was had by all.

Senior Help Line: Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 1,8,22 & 32. One match three wins €200. Pat & Bridget Conway c/o Kelly's Roadhouse. Jackpot is €13,000 and draw is in Tullybeg next week. **Golden Jubilee Reunion:** On the 6th of January Shamrock's are having a night to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the U21 Football team in Tullamore Golf Club at 8.30pm. Tickets are €10 which include a buffet meal and music. Anyone wanting a ticket please contact a committee member. **Happy New Year:** Happy New Year to all our members and supporters. Thank you for all your support in 2016 and looking forward to your continued support in 2017.

Dates for your Diary 2017:

Tullamore Show: Sunday 13th August 2017

National Ploughing Championships: Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September 2017

Message from his Holiness Pope Francis for World Day of Peace: At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life. This is the fiftieth Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed all peoples, not simply Catholics, with utter clarity. "Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order". He warned of "the danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces." Instead, citing the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of his predecessor Saint John XXIII, he extolled "the sense and love of peace founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love". In the intervening fifty years, these words have lost none of their significance or urgency. On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms. "All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers". In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace".

***Fr. Martin & Fr. Frank would like to wish all the Parishioners and Visitors a
Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year***