

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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The Ascension of the Lord 17th May 2015.

The fear experienced by the women and the disciples at the end of the Gospel of Mark shows us that even when we have profound spiritual experiences, fear can often force us into silence. The account of the ascension in Mark which read today urges us not to be afraid but to go out. The Gospel of Mark is a Gospel for hard times, for those who are struggling. This ending aims to empower us and give us courage even when the world around us tells us otherwise. It urges us to 'Go' and tell.

KILLINA

Sunday 17th 10.30am:

Mass in Honour of St. Carthage with May Eucharistic Procession

Mass for Dinny Kelly, Goldsmith's Lot

Tuesday 19th 7.30pm:

Wednesday 20th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 22nd 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Paddy Monaghan. **(Please Note: No morning Mass)**

Sunday 24th 10.30am:

THE ISLAND

Saturday 16th 6.00pm:

Mass for James & Annie Boland, Deerpark & deceased family members.

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm:

Mass for Nan Higgins & remembering her husband Pat & deceased members of the Higgins Family, The Island.

Cemetery Sunday Mass in Mucklagh this year on Sunday 7th June at 6.00pm.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for Billy Scully, St. O' Hara.

Sunday 17th 9.00am:

Mass for James & Margaret Kilroy & their son Sean, Mucklagh.

Sunday 17th 12noon:

Mass for Michael & Kathleen O' Hanlon, The Fingerboard their parents & deceased family members.

Tuesday 19th 9.00am:

Mass for Rose & Jack Larkin, Glaskill & their nephew Tommy Carroll.

Wednesday 20th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Paddy Kubacki, Church Hill, Tullamore.

Thursday 21st 9.00am:

Friday 22nd 7.30pm:

Mass for Noel Bryant, St. Columba's Place, Tullamore.

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Bernie & Francie Dunne, Roscore.

Sunday 24th 9.00am:

Mass for Colm & Christina Mc Dermott, Beechmount Park.

Sunday 24th 12noon:

Mass for James, Catherine & Gerry Daly, Healy Street.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island - every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Our Parish Christian Community:

Welcomes **Christian Butnickis**, Tully, Rahan who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 10th May.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €190.00 The Island €125.00 Mucklagh (to be published next week)

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €395.00 Mucklagh (to be published next week)

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Michael Walsh**, Screggan who died on the 9th May. His funeral took place in St. Colman's Church on the 11th May with burial afterwards in the New Cemetery, **John Conroy**, Ross, Screggan who died on the 9th May. His funeral took place in St. Colman's Church on the 12th May with burial afterwards in the Old Cemetery, **Joe Deegan**, Kilcormac who died on the 10th May. His funeral took place in Kilcormac on 13th May with burial afterwards in Kilcormac and **Tadgh (Tim Joe) Collins**, Clara Road, Tullamore (brother-in-law of Breda Condron) who died on the 12th May. His funeral took place on the 14th May in Tullamore with burial afterwards in the Old Cemetery, Mucklagh. May they rest in peace.

Nepal Earthquake Disaster: A special collection will take place next weekend at all Masses in the parish for all who would like to give a donation. The proceeds of this collection will then be sent to Bishop Michael Smith who will forward the collection to the Papal Nuncio of Nepal and India where he will ensure that the appropriate areas of the disaster will benefit from the funds collected. Collections will take place at the doors of the churches at the end of all Masses.

Holy Communion Mucklagh: Congratulations to the 40 children who received their 1st Holy Communion from St. Colman's N.S. Mucklagh today. Thanks to all who helped especially the school choir, the readers and a special thanks to their class teacher, Ms Molloy, who put endless work into the preparation for this day.

Responding to the Nepal Earthquake Disaster: Bishop Smith has a close connection with Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, who currently serves as Papal Nuncio to Nepal and India. If any parishes or parishioners wish to help the humanitarian response on the ground (providing food, medicines and shelter), Bishop Smith can ensure that 100% of the donations will go directly to the people in Nepal whose lives have been devastated by this natural disaster. Donations can be sent to the Bishop through the local parish. An update on the work of the Church in Nepal to respond to the disaster is available at www.dioceseofmeath.ie Please be careful not to include any Nepal donations in the Lenten appeal returns which parishes are currently sending to this office.

Clodagh Active Retirement: We are going on a day-trip to The Trade & Tourism Show, in The Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway, on Tuesday 26th May. Show opened by Anne Doyle. Paintings, Gardening, Cooking, Exercise, Fashion, Food & Gifts, Clothes & Jewellery, Arts & Crafts, Health & Wellness, Antiques Roadshow, 90 Exhibits Stands. All are welcome. The bus costs €10 and get your own lunch etc. For details call Carmel on 087 9530377 and also remember that the Safe-T lights are now available at €20 each. Great in a power-cut, use as night light also. Contact Carmel on 087 9530377.

Rahan Comhaltas: Congratulations to all our members and friends who took part in last weekend's Offaly Fleadh, Rahan enjoyed successes in 61 different categories which is no mean feat to achieve in one of the toughest fleadh (over 800 entries) in the country to qualify out of these days. We were well represented in a wide variety of disciplines from Comhrá Gaeilge, Instrumental music, Song and Dance which shows the strength and depth of our culture we have in this part of the county.

St. Carthage's Boxing Club: Congratulations to St. Carthage's Boxing club and especially Nicole Buckley on her wonderful achievement of becoming Irish Champion in the National Stadium Dublin.

Mucklagh Goes Strictly: An Appreciation night for all Dancers and sponsors and for everyone who helped with Mucklagh Goes Strictly will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse on Saturday May 23rd at 8.30 pm. All Welcome.

Mucklagh Community Development: Mucklagh Community Centre: Anyone wishing to view the progression of Mucklagh Community Centre is welcome to do so on **Saturday May 30th** from 8pm until 9pm. **Sunday May 31st** from **9.30am until 10.30 am** and from **12.30 until 2pm. Mucklagh Community Family Fun Day:** will take place in Mucklagh GAA on Sunday June 21st. if anyone who would like to get involved please contact Alison on 0877548981 or Caroline 0868364523 or email mucklaghd@gmail.com **AGM:** Mucklagh Community Development Company Ltd will hold their AGM on Wednesday, June 3rd at 8pm. All welcome

Community Games: Well done to our draughts teams who competed in the county final last weekend. The u-14 team won their final and will go forward to represent Offaly in Leinster. Congratulations also to the u-14 girls 7-a-side soccer team who will represent Offaly in Leinster. Well done to the u-11 mixed basketball team who narrowly lost to Tullamore. Good luck to the u-11 mixed rugby team who play Ferbane in Killina on Monday evening. Finally a reminder that the Athletics will be held on Sunday 24th May in Shamrocks GAA pitch, Mucklagh. Registration from 1.30pm. Check out our Facebook page for any further updates.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 5,11,16 & 17.No Jackpot winner. 6 match 3 winners win €50 each, Gerry McDonald, Sinead Ennis, Annie Galvin, Shane McLoughlin, Johnny Logan & Liam Meacle. Thanks to all who continue to support our LOTTO.

Fundraising Meet: for all car enthusiasts in aid of IINM Suicide Prevention on Sunday 31st May in Cloncollig Industrial Estate, Tullamore from 2.00pm-6.00pm. IINM candles for sale. For more information contact Paddy White on 086 0543175, facebook IINM Suicide prevention or Paddy Scooby Kelly Facebook. Trophies for the event presented by Danny Barry Motorsport.

Lough Derg: will hold a special Day Retreat '*Hope and Encouragement for a New Beginning*' on Wednesday 20th May. Fr Ben Hughes, who promotes healing and well-being, will facilitate the day which will be beneficial to anyone who is living with or struggling with any issue that is holding them back or hurting their life. Advance booking is essential. For more information contact Lough Derg on 071 9861518

Sacred Heart School Tullamore: will be holding a Museum display of the town in the School Gym on Monday the 18th of May. Everyone is invited to attend and it will be open all day. If you have any artefacts you would like to contribute to the event please contact the school at this number 0579321747.

La Leche League Breastfeeding Support Group: next meeting May 21st @ 8pm Health Centre Tullamore. Pregnant women, babies and toddlers welcome. Contact Eileen ([087\) 2764382](tel:0872764382) or Caroline ([085\) 1760632](tel:0851760632). Find us on Facebook La Leche League Tullamore.

Shamrock's Notes: LOTTO: The numbers drawn were 3-14-16-29. No Jackpot Winner. 3 match 3's = €135 each. Ollie Condrón - Sinead Kearney. Dave Maher - John Kearney. Betty Kidney - Tom Buckley. Jackpot €2,400 next week. Draw will take place in Kelly's. **Shamrocks Ladies:** The Shamrocks Ladies are still collecting the Lucozade bottles so if anyone has any, can they please give them to any member of the Shamrock's Ladies. Thank you. **Fixtures:** Sunday 17th Junior A Hurling Championship. Shamrocks V's Ballinamere in Rahan @ 12noon. Monday 18th U16 Football Championship. Shamrocks V's Rhode in Rhode @ 7.30pm. Tuesday 19th Division 2 Hurling League. Shamrocks V's K/K in Rahan @ 7.30pm. Thursday 21st Division 3 Hurling League. Shamrocks V's Gracefield in Gracefield @ 7.30pm. Friday 22nd U14 Hurling Championship. Shamrocks V's Ballinamere/Durrow in Ballinamere @ 7.30pm.