

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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The Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2015.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Water is a powerful symbol in Baptism; when the priest pours water over the child or adult being baptised, it is a sign that our sins are being washed away and that we are entering a new spiritual life. This gift is freely available to us throughout our lives. In today's First Reading we are invited: Come to the water all you who are thirsty'.

KILLINA

Sunday 11th 10.30am:

Mass for Elizabeth & Martin Byrne, Derrycooley.

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm:

Mass for Thomas Foran, Killina and deceased family members.

Wednesday 14th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 16th 9.00am:

Sunday 18th 10.30am:

Mass for James Gibbons, Newtown.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 10th 6.00pm:

Mass for Dan & Annie Clavin, The Derries.

Saturday 17th 6.00pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Pat Joe Leonard, Ballincur.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 10th 7.30pm:

Mass for James & Catherine Loonam, Killina.

Sunday 11th 9.00am:

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Mass for Sean McIntyre, Ballard.

Tuesday 13th 9.00am:

Wednesday 14th 7.30pm:

Mass for Lar Mooney, Lynally.

Thursday 15th 9.00am:

Friday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for the Wrafter Family, Cloonagh & Moira & Eddie Stearn.

Saturday 17th 7.30pm:

Mass for Michael Carter, Charleville Road.

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.

Offertory/Plate:	Killina €263.00	The Island €305.00	Mucklagh €885.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €830.00		Mucklagh €650.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **John Duncan**, Rahan Road, Tullamore (father of Marie Malone, Ballybrumcullen, The Island) who died on the 27th December. His funeral took place in Tullamore on the 30th December with burial afterwards in Clonminch Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Lucy Jane Conway**, Heather Grove, Clara who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 3rd January.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Kate McCann**, Clara and **James Conway**, **Beechmount Park**, Mucklagh who were married in St. Colman's Church on the 3rd January. We wish them long and happy lives together.

Sacrament of Marriage: It is advisable to give six months' notice of your intention to marry to both the Church and the Registrar. All couples getting married must attend a pre marriage course. Contact ACCORD, 9341831 or www.accord.ie Accord is also available for marriage and relationship counselling.

Mucklagh Community: LOTTO draw Tuesday 06/01/15 numbers drawn 6-7-24-29. No Jackpot Winner. No match three Winner. Next week's Jackpot € 12,000. Next week's match three €300. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

Rahan Comhaltas: Set dancing lessons resume in the GAA rooms next Thursday 15th from 9PM. Seanós dancing lessons unfortunately will not be restarting in Rahan due to low uptake, however anybody interested in keeping it up can contact Sharleen on 086 3911128. A big Congratulations to both our Junior and Senior Mummers teams who enjoyed success at group and individual level, the former won the group competition while the latter achieved the runners-up spot, both groups won many individual prizes also. You can catch the details along with all our other news on www.rahancmhaltas.com. Our Music and Dance lessons down in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown, Rahan are already back up and running following the Christmas break. Best of luck to the Shamrocks Ballad group and all our friends from Offaly who are competing in the Scór na Óg Leinster final this weekend.

Rahan Community Alert: We are pleased to announce that this week three members of our community are receiving new Watch Monitor Alarms in place of there Pendants. The Watch type are available at a cost of 50 euro and anyone interested should ring 0879851819. Thank you.

Community Games: Thank you to everyone who helped out and took part in the recent festive 5k fun walk/run in Mucklagh to raise funds for the Community Games. It was a huge success and everyone enjoyed the little bit of exercise after Christmas.

Public Meeting: to be held in Tullybeg College on Wednesday 14th January at 8.30pm to re-establish Rahan Gun Club. All interested are invited to come along.

Viatores Christi: For those interested in overseas volunteering and/or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development & Mission, Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 17th January 2015 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7, Tel. 01-8689986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

St. Colmans National School: have received great news this week, 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.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers this week are 8,15,29 and 31. There was no jackpot winner leaving the jackpot at €3600. There was no match three winner which leaves that at a very nice €600. The draw next week is in Kelly's Mucklagh.

Church Gate Collection: Thanks to all those who supported the recent church gate collection at our local churches. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Draw: The Croke Park draw is on again shortly with all Ireland tickets and other great prizes up for grabs. Members of the committee will be calling shortly to look for your support where possible. Tickets are priced at €10 and all monies go directly to Shamrocks.

Contact: As the season and training sessions are beginning to start shortly if you have any info to get out to Club members can you contact the Club Phone or secretary.shamrocks.offaly@gaa.ie

Forthcoming Collections: Those seeking permits for church gate collections please take note the following are diocesan and parish special collection days. Peter's Pence. **Parish Offering Days:** Sunday June 6th & 7th, September 5th & 6th, November 1st, Christmas, Candlemas (1st Feb) and Easter. We request that organisations planning church gate collections do not seek Garda Permits on these days.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen