

# RAHAN PARISH

## KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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**The Baptism of the Lord 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Jesus' baptism is a personal experience for him. He is awakened to his fundamental identity as God's beloved and now his task is to awaken others to their identity as God's loved ones. In enabling people to realise that they are already sons and daughters of God, Jesus awakens them to the truth of their identity. Examples of this can be seen in his encounters with people such as the woman caught in adultery, Zacchaeus or the woman at the well. Using the backdrop of their own experiences, Jesus invites people to re-consider their choices and move into more life-giving ways of being. It is for this reason that Jesus must be baptised by John. It is in hearing God's voice, in being fully aware of his identity, that Jesus can enable others to hear God's voice and to preach the forgiveness of sins

### KILLINA

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am:

Mass for Violet Lowry, Newtown

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for Thomas Foran, Killina

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am:

Mass for Elizabeth & Martin Byrne, Derrycooley

### THE ISLAND

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:

Mass for Peter & Mary Daly, Ballybrumcullen

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:

Mass for Peter Hickey, Brockagh

### MUCKLAGH

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for Peter & Mary Geraghty, Killurin

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 12noon:

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass for Nora McIntyre, Ballard and also remembering her husband Sean Who's Anniversary also occurs at this time

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass Lar Mooney, Lynally

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for the Wrafter Family, The Moore Family & Moira & Eddie Stearn  
And also for Elizabeth Buckley & her husband Mike

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 11am:

Month's Memory Mass for Stella Horan, Geashill

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Mass for James & Catherine Loonam, Killina

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am:

Month's Memory Mass for Sean Healion, Spollenstown

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 12noon: Mass for Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly & their daughters Breda, Kitty, Mayanne & Nora, Ballard

### 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.

<b>Offertory/Plate 24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>	Killina €560.00	The Island €582.00	Mucklagh €1,787.00
<b>Dev Fund 24<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>	Killina & The Island €0		Mucklagh €280.00
<b>Offertory/Plate 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:</b>	Killina €260.00	The Island €150.00	Mucklagh €700.00
<b>Dev Fund 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:</b>	Killina & The Island: €55.00		Mucklagh €695.00

**In Memory:** Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Michael McRedmond**, Brocca, Clonaslee, Co. Laois (brother of Betty Grogan, Cloonagh) who died on the 26<sup>th</sup> December. His funeral took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> December in St. Manman's Church, Clonaslee with burial afterwards in St. Manman's Cemetery. May he rest in peace

**Our Parish Christian Community:** Welcomes **Niamh Dolores & Conall Paul Keyes**, Screggan, Mucklagh who were baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 30<sup>th</sup> December and **Cooper James Delaney**, Australia who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 30<sup>th</sup> December

**Forthcoming Collections:** Those seeking permits for Church Gate collections please take note the following are Diocesan and Parish special collection days. Peter's Pence, Mission Sunday & Vocations Sunday. **Parish Offering Days:** Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas, Candlemas (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Feb) and Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April. We request that organisations planning church gate collections do not seek Garda Permits on these days.

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to **Laura Nolan**, Ballard, Tullamore and **Nurullah Sokmen**, Turkey who were married in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 29<sup>th</sup> December. We wish them many happy years together

**Clodagh Active Retirement:** 2018 Calendars now available at a cost of €3 each or two for €5. Please contact Carmel on 087 9530377. Thank you for your support

**Presentation Convent KILLINA 1817-2017:** A Celebration of 200 Years of Service. A reminder that this book, which celebrates the bicentenary of the foundation of the convent in Killina, can be purchased for €10. It is available from various outlets, including Kelly's, Flynn's, Mucklagh Community Centre, Doolan's, Killina Sec. School and the sacristies of the three churches in the parish.

**Community Games:** The Community Games Committee wish to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the recent 5k road race/fun run held 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We are also grateful to the sponsors of the event and particular thanks to all the participants on the day. Basketball training will commence on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January in Mucklagh Community Centre for the following age groups; u-11 mixed 5:15pm - 6pm and u-13 boys/girls 6-7pm. Further details on Mucklagh, Rahan, The Island Community Games Facebook page.

**Rahan Drama Group:** Our annual play will be staged in Rahan Community Hall, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of March next. The three-act comedy is titled 'Anyone Could Rob A Bank', by Tom Coffey. The cast are: Karen Monahan, Aidan Grennan, Carol Robbins, Michéal Gleeson, Eddie Grennan, John Gaffey, Liam Byrne and Martin Minnock. Check out our new website [rahandrama.com](http://rahandrama.com).

**Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto Numbers:** The numbers drawn were 9-18-23-27. No jackpot winner. 3 match three's. Nathan Moran C/O Community Centre-Bridget Conway x 2 C/O Kelly's. Each get €50. Thanks for your continued support.

**Mucklagh Walking Group:** Keen to take up walking after Christmas but dont like going on your own? Interested in walking 3-5KM each morning Monday-Friday after the kids are dropped to school? Contact Brigid on 086 8452318. Beginners welcome

**Pilgrimage to The Holy Land 2018:** Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Meath to the Holy Land in association with MAP Travel, led by Fr. Gerry MacCormack, Sr. Consilio Rock and Fr. Dwayne Gavin takes place from 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Special early booking offer of €1595.00 for all bookings before July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 with MAP Travel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Phone 01 8783111 or email: [patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:patricia@maptravel.ie)

**Acquired Brain Injury Irelands Midlands:** Is hosting a Valentine's Ball, Black Tie Event. MC on the Night. Live Music by The Secrets followed by live Dj, Dave Cooke from Apres Match and also John Colleary from The Savage Eye. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in The Tullamore Court Hotel. Tickets €60. Drinks Reception 7.15pm

**Shamrock's Notes: Lotto:** The numbers drawn were 2-18-22-25. No Jackpot Winner. 1 x Match 3 wins €200. John & Leonie O'Brien (J Kearney). Jackpot €5,000 next week. Draw in Tullybeg.

**Shamrock's GAA Club Awards Presentation:** for all boys and girls this Sunday starting at 2pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. We are celebrating a very successful 2017 for the underage club and hope to see as many of you there as possible. 1. Medals for all boys and girls u6-10. 2. Player of the year and most improved player boys U12-u16 in both hurling and football. 3. County medal presentations for girls U12-u16 and lads u16 and minor. 4. Would be great if players could come wearing club colours as Tullamore Tribune will be there to take photos of the different age groups. 5. We would ask parents to bring sandwiches, biscuits etc to help with the celebration. Tea and coffee will be available for parents.

**Shamrocks Ladie's:** Thank you to everyone who supported the church collection and also everyone who gave up their time to help out. It was all very much appreciated.

**Annual Reminders: Mass arrangements.** We welcome annual Masses booked in advance for deceased members of families and admire the numbers who come from afar to remember their loved ones in prayer. We will strive to honour these arrangements except on occasions when we have a funeral on a Sunday. In that case the Mass becomes a Requiem for the deceased person. When notified of a funeral, we will immediately contact the family of the booked Mass and arrange another date acceptable to all. We also will try and give priority to Months Memory and 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Masses. Most families with booked Masses will understand this practice and are willing to rearrange their Masses so that a family with a recent bereavement can celebrate their Month's Memory or 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass near to the appropriate time. Sometimes families have no objection in sharing a booked Mass with other families – At times a shared Mass is necessary due to the volume of requests for anniversary Masses.

If a family requests a **Funeral Mass on a Sunday**, the Requiem will be at the time stipulated for the Sunday Mass in that church. Also, we request that the remains be taken to that church on the previous day and not immediately before the Sunday Mass. We have a heavy Mass schedule on Sundays and very often Baptisms arranged weeks in advance, so we have to be on time to respect the regular Sunday Mass goers.

**Funeral Orations:** We have a clear directive from the Bishop of Meath "It was decided some time ago by the Council of Priests that **no panegyrics or eulogies by relatives of the deceased take place in church**. If people wish to talk in the cemetery, they are very welcome to speak at the graveside of our loved ones. Orations by people in the church on the occasion of funerals have caused irritation to many attending the ceremony. Such speeches tend to change the nature of the funeral Mass and its purpose which is the commending of the dead person to the Lord".