

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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The Baptism of the Lord 8th January 2017

The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be 'light' and 'salt to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you

KILLINA

Sunday 8th 10.30am:

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord for Jim McLoughlin, Murrough

Tuesday 10th 7.30pm:

Mass for Thomas Foran, Killina

Wednesday 11th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 13th 7.30pm:

Mass for Maggie Molloy, Roscore, Blueball (**Kindly Note No Morning Mass**)

Sunday 15th 10.30am:

Mass for Elizabeth & Martin Byrne, Derrycooley

THE ISLAND

Saturday 7th 6.00pm:

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

1st Anniversary Mass for Marion Cantwell, Aughadonagh

Saturday 14th 6.00pm:

Mass for Camillus Corcoran & deceased family members, Killina

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

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

Tuesday 10th 9.00am:

Wednesday 11th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for John O Donoghue, Lynally Grove

Thursday 12th 9.00am:

Friday 6th 7.30pm:

Mass for the Wrafter Family, The Moore Family & Moira & Eddie Stearn

Saturday 14th 7.30pm:

Mass for Mary Rickard, Mucklagh

Sunday 15th 9.00am:

Mass for Brendan Kilboy, Ballyduff, Clara Road

Sunday 15th 12noon: 1st Anniversary Mass for Michael Doyle, Roscore, Blueball & also for Ted Flynn Charleville Rd

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 €280.00	The Island €205.00	Mucklagh €710.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €295.00		Mucklagh €315.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Nora McIntyre**, Ballard who died on the 5th January. Her funeral took place on Saturday 7th January in St. Colman's Church with burial afterwards in the New Cemetery. May she rest in peace

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Luke Martin Kavanagh**, Ballydown, Geashill who was baptised in St. Colman's Church on the 31st December.

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

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 3rd & 4th, September 2nd & 3rd, November 4th & 5th, Christmas, Candlemas (4th & 5th Feb) and Easter. We request that organisations planning church gate collections do not seek Garda Permits on these days.

Operation Transformation: Mucklagh Exercise & Health are running Operation Transformation on Monday Evenings in Mucklagh Community centre for the next eight weeks following the series on T.V. It will commence this Monday, January 9th. Private weigh in at 5.30 to 6.30pm. There will be exercise classes which commence at 6pm Sharp. For anyone interested in walk/ jog commences from centre at 6.30pm. There will also be a couch to 5km training on Sunday Mornings, Details to be finalised. For further information contact Mucklagh Community Centre 085 121 1216 or 086 836 4523 for more details.

Grinds: Need grinds for forthcoming exams? Affordable community based grinds in Mucklagh/Rahan area in Maths, Physics, Science with possibility for further subjects, from degree qualified tutors. These sessions will be starting in coming weeks based on demand. If interested, please contact Martin on 089-7002711

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

Senior Help Line: Ireland's only national listening service for older people. 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 8-12-13-28. No Jackpot Winner. 3 x Match 3's €70 each. Mairead Heffernan (C. Healion), Anne Scully (K. O' Meara), Ray Mooney (B. Mooney). Jackpot €13,000 next week. Draw in Kelly's.

Monster Bingo: The Monster Bingo is back on Sunday 22nd of January at 2pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. A double book for €25, a single book for €20 or a half book for €10. Anyone interested contact a committee member to purchase some.

Dates for your Diary 2017:

Confirmation: For 6th Class in both schools, Wednesday 1st March at 3.00pm in Killina Church

1st Holy Communion Killina: Saturday 6th May

1st Holy Communion Mucklagh: Saturday 13th May

Tullamore Show: Sunday 13th August 2017

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

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 1st 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 1st 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 goes.

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 free to do so. 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".