

Rahan Parish

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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The Baptism of the Lord 9th January 2022

Why should Jesus, at the age of thirty or so (the age at which Jewish Rabbis usually began to preach), submit to baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist, who announces and offers 'a baptism of repentance'? Jesus, being sinless, surely does not need to repent. Today's gospel does not tell us the reason, but we get the answer from Matthew's gospel where, in answer to the Baptist's protestations, Jesus insists, saying that 'it is fitting that we should fulfil all righteousness'. In other words, Jesus wants to identify with humankind in the fullest possible way, humbly joining the queue waiting John's baptism of repentance. All gospel accounts place more emphasis on what happens after the event than on the baptism itself. Luke stresses that the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus while he is at prayer. A voice from heaven proclaims that he is the beloved Son of God. He is anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. His identity is confirmed

KILLINA

Sunday 9th 10.30am: 1st Anniversary Mass for Noel Grennan, Morrourgh & remembering his wife Margaret

Tuesday 11th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 13th 7.30pm: -----

Friday 14th 7.30pm: Mass for Michael Weir

Sunday 16th 10.30am: Mass for Jimmy McLoughlin, Murrough, Rahan

THE ISLAND

Saturday 8th 6.00pm: Mass for Camillus Corcoran & deceased family members, Killina

Saturday 15th 6.00pm: -----

MUCKLAGH:

Saturday 8th 7.30pm: Mass for Ann & Bill Tobin, Tullamore & Mucklagh and also for

Peter & Mary Geraghty & their son William & deceased members of the Geraghty family, Killurin

Sunday 9th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 9th 12noon: 1st Anniversary Mass for John Joseph (Joe) Burke Charleville Road and also for

Sean & Nora McIntyre, Ballard & the deceased members of the Kelly family, Ballard

Wednesday 12th 7.30pm: -----

Thursday 13th 9.00am: -----

Friday 14th 7.30pm: Mass for P.J. Barron & his parents Paddy & Brigid, Charleville Forest

Saturday 15th 7.30pm: Mass for Jack Galvin, Cloonagh

Sunday 16th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 16th 12noon: Mass for Ted Flynn, Charleville Road

Offertory/Plate 24 th & 25 th Dec:	Killina €252.00	The Island €247.00	Mucklagh €560.00
Development 24 th & 25 th & 26 th Dec:	Killina & The Island €1,188.00		Mucklagh €912.00
Offertory/Plate 26 th Dec:	Killina €55.00	The Island €33.00	Mucklagh €358.00
Offertory/Plate 2 nd Jan:	Killina €274.00	The Island €32.00	Mucklagh €299.00
Development 2 nd Jan:	Killina & The Island €251.00		Mucklagh €146.00

Adoration: Mucklagh: On Thursdays until further notice from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome

Adoration: Killina: On Mondays from 3.00pm-10.00pm. All are very welcome

Adoration: The Island: On Tuesdays from 5.00pm-7.00pm & Saturday after Mass until 8.00pm. All are very welcome

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Gladys Sixsmith (nee Treacy)**, Castleknock, Dublin, Athy, Kildare & Pike of Rushall, Laois (sister of Annie Hall, Killaeranny) who died on the 12th December, 2021. Her funeral took place on the 15th December in Antrim Church, Coolrain followed by cremation at Mount Jerome Crematorium, Dublin, **Denis Lowry**, Co. Laois who died on the 29th December, 2021. His funeral took place the 2nd January in St. Michael's Church, Timahoe followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery and **Thomas (Tommy) Dunican**, Castletown, Fortal, Birr & late of Leamonaghan, Ballycumber (brother of Anne Conroy, Deerpark) who died on the 2nd January. His funeral took place on the 5th January in St. Brendan's Church, Birr followed by burial in Clonoghill Cemetery, Birr. May they rest in peace

Diocese of Meath Safeguarding Website: www.meathsafeguarding.ie

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Séimí Anthony Bermingham**, Derrycooley who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 2nd January

Rahan Social Services: Chiropody Clinic will be in Clara Clinic on Monday 10th January. Please contact Miriam on 083 0106622 (**PLEASE NOTE NEW NUMBER**), to make appointment as asap. **Face coverings must be worn**

Mucklagh Church: Volunteers needed for the cleaning and hoovering of Mucklagh Church and well done to all involved in keeping the church looking so well. Many thanks to one and all. Please contact Aine on 086 0875490 or Margaret on 087 9244379

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Offaly Volunteers: If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation or becoming a volunteer contact 083 – 0154669 for more information or register on www.volunteeroffaly.ie

Mary's Meals: WANTED: Your loose change to feed a child in school in the Third World. It only costs €18.30 per school year to feed a child. Buckets for donations are available in Flynn's Centra, The Fingerboard, Hanlon's Butcher's, Tyrrell's Cake Shop and Galvin's for Men, Tullamore. For more information please contact Rose on 087 2393853. **Thank You from Mary's Meals, Offaly**

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 04/01/22. First Lotto Draw of 2022. Numbers drawn by Clubforce 1, 4, 7 and 19. 4 Match 3 Winners. €40 each won by Niamh Higgins C/O Clubforce, Karen Dunne C/O Paddy Tyrrell, Lucy Galvin, C/O The Fingerboard & Betty Hogan C/O Cath Grogan. No Jackpot winners. Next Draw Tuesday January 10th. Jackpot € 8,200 Match 3 €150. Thank You for your Continued Support. **The Lotto Team.**

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: Shamrock's lotto numbers this week were 8, 16 18 and bonus no.2. No jackpot winners and no match 3 winners. Four lucky dip winners who win €25 each. Well done to Marian Holmes John Cotter, Bernice O'Brien and Furseay Larkin. Jackpot next week is €18,200 and €500 for a match 3. **Happy New Year:** Happy New Year to all our supporters and followers. Thanks for your continued support throughout 2021 and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

Leinster Final: Our Leinster Final against Mooncoin is scheduled to take place in Nowlan Park this Saturday the 8th of January at 1pm. We look forward to welcoming you all down there. More information on how to purchase tickets for the game can be found on our social media pages.

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.