

Rahan Parish

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The Feast of Christ the King 22nd November 2020

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairytales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects

Rahan Parish Masses: Due to the present Covid-19 regulations throughout the country, there will be no Masses during the week and at weekends in the Parish of Rahan. Mass will take place on the Webcam until further notice at 11.00am each Sunday from Lawless Funeral Home, Mucklagh following the link below. Booked parish masses can be rescheduled for a later date or the mass intentions can be included in the webcam masses at 11.00am on Sundays.

Please contact Fr. Martin 087 9774828 or Suzanne in the parish office at 057 9321892 on Wednesdays from 9.30am-5.30pm to reschedule the Masses. Many thanks to one and all for your great cooperation at this difficult time

Month of November: Please pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory and all who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Special Decree: A special decree has come from Rome in relation to the indulgences for the faithful departed. The decree states that the indulgence for the faithful departed is now extended for the whole month of November, from the 1st November to the 30th November. The usual conditions for the indulgence still applies and an individual holy soul can be prayed for on each day of the month of November. May the holy souls in purgatory rest in eternal peace through our prayers.

List of the Dead Envelopes: Are now available in the three churches of the Parish of Rahan. Envelopes can be dropped in to the parochial houses or to the parish office on Wednesdays over the next number of weeks. The list of the dead intentions are then included in the 1st Friday Masses throughout the whole of the year. Many thanks to one and all as we remember all of our loved ones for the month of November and during the masses throughout the year.

Parish of Rahan

Development Fund 15th November:

€1,195.00

A huge word of thanks to one and all for your great and huge generosity

Rahan Parish Mass will be broadcast on Sundays at 11.00am on the Webcam from Lawless Funeral Home Mucklagh:

<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/lawless-funeral-directors-1>

OR

1. MCN MEDIA
2. Republic of Ireland
3. Cameras
4. View Funeral Home.
5. Scroll to Lawless Funeral Home and Click on it

Adoration: Mucklagh: On Thursdays from 2.00pm-6.00pm. All are very welcome and more adorers would be very much appreciated

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

Comfort My People: The First Readings of Advent: With Fr Noel Rooney. (online programme) from November 23rd, <https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/>. In Advent the Church selects readings to draw us more deeply into the mystery of the season. In these four short videos Fr Noel Rooney introduces each of the first readings, its context and characters, and helps us to connect it with our own Advent journey.

1. The Work of your Hands
2. Comfort my People
3. Good News to the Poor
4. Promises to Keep.

Fr Noel Rooney is a priest of the Diocese of Elphin, currently serving in St Joseph's parish in Sligo town. Fr Noel studied Scripture in the Biblical Institute in Rome and graduated with a licence in Sacred Scripture (LSS).

Advent Invitations for COVID Times: Online Advent Retreat with Sr Finola Cunnane: Amid the challenges of COVID and 2020 can we hear the words of Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing?" Can we hear God's invitation to listen, hope, uncover and discover the hidden treasures within our being? In this two-part retreat we will pay attention to how we are and open our hearts to Christ's life-giving invitations for Christmas and beyond. Part 1 recording available <https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/> from November 30th. Part 2 – Saturday, 5th December, 10.30am-1.00pm 'live' via Zoom. Cost €25 Details and booking: info@galilee.ie .

Christmas Shoebox Appeal goes On-line: The annual Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal has moved for the first time to an online-only appeal for 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The new website at www.teamhope.ie enables people to build-a-box online for a donation of €20.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of 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.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: The lotto took place in Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesday 17/11/2020. Numbers drawn were **7, 9, 11 & 12**. No Jackpot winner. 3 Match 3 Winner. Camilia Dunne C/O Megan, The Fingerboard, Cordie Conroy C/O A Brazil, The Fingerboard, Ann Hensey C/O Margaret Dunne. Each win €50. Next draw will take place **24/11/2020** in Mucklagh community Centre. **Jackpot is €12,000**. Match 3 numbers is **€150**. Lotto Tickets can be purchased in Mucklagh Community Centre, Day Break, The Fingerboard, Kelly's Off licence or any of our promoters. For €2 you could win or share our Jackpot for €12,000 or play 5 weeks for €10. Why not give a Christmas Present Local Lotto to a loved one at home or away. €100 for 52 draws, €50 for 26 draws & €20 for 10 draws. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mucklagh Community Centre 057 93 56886 or [email: adminmcc@mucklagh.ie](mailto:adminmcc@mucklagh.ie). Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Meals on wheels: As part of Covid -19 Supports: Mucklagh community Centre is providing Meals on wheels services. Dinners cost €5 per dinner & dessert, delivered to your door. If you would like to avail of meals on wheels in the community, please contact Mucklagh Community Centre by email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone 057 93 56886.

Irish Grinds: Junior Cert and leaving Cert Grinds available in Mucklagh Community Centre. 6 Weeks €90. Small classes. 4:15 for Junior Cert and 5:30 for Leaving cert.

Computer classes. Learn how to use ipad, android phone, email, shopping online, internet banking, tax your car, download apps, use whatsapp etc. Starts this Wednesday, Nov 18th from 11-1pm. Booking is essential. Contact by email adminmcc@mucklagh.ie or phone 057 93 56886.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 2, 12, 18, 29. There was no jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Aidan Lawless (c/o R Molloy) wins €200. The jackpot next week is €14800. Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer during a Pandemic: Loving God, Holy One, Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: May love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon, You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us, breathing around us in our beautiful yet wounded world.