

FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT



Confirmation

**Rahan Parish**  
Fr. Michael 087-2900844  
Fr. Frank 057 9378181.  
Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm  
**5th Sunday of Lent 22nd March 2026**

**Killina Sun 22nd 10.30am** Intentions of Sacrament of Confirmation Candidates  
**Tuesday 24th 3pm Sacrament of Confirmation in Mucklagh church No evening Mass**  
**Thurs 26th 7.30pm** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Palm Sunday Sun 29th 10.30am**

**The Island**

**Sat 21st 6pm** Michael and Bridget Larkin Kilpatrick and Deceased of Grey family

**Palm Sunday Sat 28th 6pm** Intentions of the Sick

**Mucklagh**

**Sat 21st : 7.30pm** Oliver Murray Beechmount Park 1st Anniv. P.J. Barron and parents Paddy and Bridget, Louis and Kevin Maher. Matt and Lizzie Buckley and deceased relatives

**Sun 22nd: 9.00am** Intentions of Parishioners

**Sun 22nd 12noon** Michael and Bridie Healion

**Mon 23rd: 7.30pm**

**Tues 24th 9am** Intentions of Sacrament of Confirmation Candidates

**Tuesday 24th 3pm Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Wed 25th 7.30pm** P.J Healion 1st Annv **Feast of Annunciation Sacrament of Confession**

**Thurs 26th 9.00am** Jack, Kathleen and Paddy Hynes, Bernadette Tuohy

**Fri 27th 7.30pm** Laura Scully m.m. Jodie Flaherty & Dec. Relatives **Stations of Cross 7.10pm**

**Palm Sunday Sat 28th : 7.30pm** Jim and Elizabeth Coyne

**Palm Sunday Sun 29th 9.00am** Intentions of Parishioners

**Palm Sunday Sun 29th 12noon** Martin Manley

**Plate Collection Killina €425 The Island €105 Mucklagh €995**

**Development Fund Killina & The Island €372 Mucklagh €562**

**Saint Patrick's Day Collection in our 3 churches €1,215**

**Cemetery Devotions Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 7th June at 6pm**

**Rahan Cemetery Saturday 15th August Mass at 7pm.**

**Killickfehan Cemetery Saturday 22nd August Mass at 6pm**

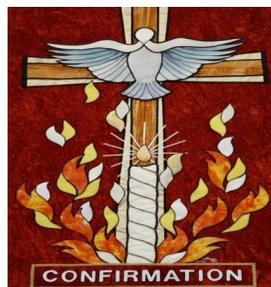
**Please pray** for Denis Mahon Derrybeg, Roddy Carroll, Birr

**Sacrament of Anointing** In preparation for Easter the Sacrament of Anointing and Healing of the Sick will be celebrated in Mucklagh Church on Friday next 27th of March at 7.30pm Mass. If you are preparing for surgery, receiving treatment, experiencing sadness or bereavement, in advanced years, or feel a need for emotional, physical, mental or physical healing you might like to receive the sacrament and a special blessing.

**Easter Sunday: Outdoor Dawn Mass at 5.30am** Mass for all parishioners and friends will be offered in unused part of Mucklagh New Cemetery at which we will be remembering and praying for all who died since last Easter and those laid to rest in all our parish cemeteries. To Mass we invite people to bring a seat, and an umbrella if necessary but if weather is very wet we will go into the church. Cup of tea afterwards in Community Centre

**Church Clean Up** in Mucklagh church on this Monday at 9.30am. All help welcome.

**Trocaire 2026: 5th Sunday of Lent** In today's gospel, Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. Since 2010, over 100 Honduran human rights activists have been murdered. In the gospel today, Jesus gives hope, compassion, resurrection and love to those who are in turmoil. We are called to take away the stone, to come out of the tomb, to unbind the oppressed and let them free. What we do, what we buy, how we use the plentiful resources at our disposal all affect the wider global community **Trocaire Boxes** are available in all of our churches



**Shamrock's Lotto** 1, 2, 17, 9 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 4, 10, 17, 21  
**Golf Classic** Sat 4th April Esker Hills 3 ball scramble €150 Contact Gerry 087 929072.

**Today's Gospel: A human heart** When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weeping over a friend. His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there – the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence. The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint! He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit. When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own. So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us. Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them. **Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.**

**Sacrament of Confirmation** Let us celebrate with renewed zeal the grace of the Holy Spirit to inspire and direct our lives, to protect and bless our families, especially those celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. As we pray for the Confirmation candidates let us ponder the words of Pope Francis with regard the Sacrament of Confirmation. "When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow him to act, Christ makes himself present in us and takes shape in our lives; through us it will be he – Christ himself – who prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation, serves the brethren, draws close to the needy and to the least, creates community and sows peace. Think how important this is: by means of the Holy Spirit, Christ himself comes to do all this among us and for us. This week we ask God's blessing on all of our children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and we thank their parents and teachers and all who have helped them prepare for Tuesday next . .



**Rahan Remembers** The story of Rahan through a DVD cassette 1,500 years of history for €15. Text Catherine on 086-0318368 for copies.

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday** Palms will be blessed at all masses for people to bring home as we ask God's blessing on our homes, land, property and places of work.

**Reflection I believe in death.** I believe that it is part of life. I believe that we are born to die, to die that we may live more fully; born to die a little each day to selfishness, to pretence and to sin. I believe that every time we pass from one stage of life to another, something in us dies and something new is born. I believe we taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment and failure. I believe that we are dying before our time when we live in bitterness, in hatred and in isolation. I believe that each day we are creating our own death by the way we live. For those with faith, death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

**Sacrament of Confession:** Reconciliation is important because it brings us closer to God. In Reconciliation, we ask for forgiveness and receive it. We are healed and made new again. This sacrament is not just about admitting what we did wrong. It is also about finding peace in Jesus. We bring Him our struggles and weaknesses. We meet Him in our brokenness, and He lifts us up. Reconciliation gives us a chance to start fresh. It reminds us of God's mercy and His desire to help us be better. Receiving this sacrament often makes a difference. It helps us see the habits that lead us away from God. It helps us change for the better, one step at a time **Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Easter: Wednesday 25th March in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm**

A number of visiting priests available for the Sacrament Confession

**25 Card Game Rahan Hall Good Friday 9pm €1,500 in prizes** Sponsorship welcome  
**Offaly Ladies Gaelic Football Association Church Gate Collection** next weekend