

Fourth Sunday of

Advent

Rahan Parish

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4th Sunday of Advent 21st December 2025

Killina Sun 21st 10.30am Michael Hickey Kileranney and his parents Michael and Margaret Sr Marie Walsh

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday 24th 8.30pm Christmas Eve Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thursday 25th 10.30 am Christmas Day Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 28th 10.30am Susan Walsh Anniversary

The Island

Sat 20th 6pm Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday 24th 6pm Christmas Eve Mary and Dan Fogarty and their son Martin Castletown

Thursday 25th 10am Christmas Day Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sat 27th 6pm Intentions of Christmas Mass Bouquets

Mucklagh

Sat 20th 7.30pm Jeremiah & Bridget Mooney their son Colman and grandchild Gerard Sheehy

Sun 21st 9am Breda Larkin St Colman's Terrace

Sun 21st 12 noon Eamon Walsh St Colman's Terrace

Mon 22nd 7.30pm Lists of the Dead **Tue 23rd 9am** Lists of the Dead

Wed 24th 4pm Christmas Eve Christmas Mass Bouquets

Wed 24th 7.30pm Christmas Eve Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thurs 25th 9am Christmas Day The Galvin Family Tullamore & The White Family Screggan, Deceased of the Egan and Gallagher families

Thurs 25th 12noon Christmas Day Sean Murray

Fri 26th 11am Saint Stephen's Day Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sat 27th 7.30pm Breda and Pat Joe Conroy their Great Grandchild Patrick & Dec. relatives

Sun 28th 9am Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 28th 12 noon Lucy Kenehan and her parents Eddie and Mary, and Elizabeth Flanagan Cloonagh West, Betsy Flanagan 5th Anniversary

Plate Collection Killina €285 The Island €200

Development Fund Killina & The Island €315

Mucklagh €950

Mucklagh €906

Christmas Mass Schedule in Rahan Parish

Christmas Eve 4pm in Mucklagh

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Mass Mucklagh

Christmas Day 9am in Mucklagh

Christmas Day 10.30am in Killina

Christmas Eve 6pm in The Island

Christmas Eve 8.30pm in Killina Candlelit

Christmas Day 10am in The Island

Christmas Day 12 noon Mass in Mucklagh

Pray for Michael Grennan Tubber first cousin of Aidan Grennan, Sean Mc Redmond Kilcormac.

Parish Christmas Draw Thank you for your support for our parish draw which realised a profit of €9,000. Thanks to committee who helped and those who donated extra prizes.

Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in our 3 sacristies and in Mucklagh Parochial Office. Price €5. They will be remembered in all of our Christmas masses.

Children's Choir will sing at 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. Children to be present at 3.30 pm

Tullamore Church of Ireland Union of Parish's Come and join our ecumenical carol service on Sunday 28th December at 4pm at St Carthage's ancient church in Rahan, for joyful traditional Christmas Carols, readings and music by Rahan Comhaltas.

Confessions in The Island on Saturday 20th before and after 6pm Mass and in Killina on Tuesday 23rd before and after 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh Christmas Eve 12 noon -12.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Please Note No Adoration for the next 2 weeks



Shamrock's Lotto 5, 11, 26, 9 Mucklagh Community Center Lotto: 2, 4, 14, 1

Rahan Hall New Years Eve Dance Dancing to John Molloy and DJ afterwards. Hot Food served Adm by ticket only €20 Doors Open 8.30pm Food served 9.30pm sharp

If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, contact either Priest.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are to be found at back of churches or in yearly box of envelopes. Or use ordinary envelope and put name on it and box number if you have one

Christmas Toys To any of our Masses on Christmas Morning we invite children to bring one of their small Christmas Toys and during Mass to place it beside the crib Please put your child's name on the present so that they can recognise it and bring it home afterwards and also please don't bring toys that are battery operated.

Prayer Thank you, Jesus for all our toys. Thank you, Jesus for Christmas Joys. Thank you Jesus, for all you've done. Thank you, Jesus for Christmas fun. Thank you Jesus, we would like to say. Thank you Jesus, for Christmas Day. Thank you Jesus, for being a friend. Thank you Jesus, at Christmas end. Amen

Rahan Comhaltas Table Quiz: December 29th @ 8pm in The Thatch, Rahan. All proceeds to UNRWA (Palestine relief) Table of 4 €40. All support welcome

Christmas Eve Mass for children and families at 4pm in Mucklagh church.

Please come early to Christmas Masses for singing of carols

Christmas Masses: In all of our Christmas Masses we will be remembering all homes and families of our Parish and all friends of our Parish. **Special prayers will be offered for** our sick, for those away from home, for peace in our world, for all married in the year, for all baptised and for all who died during the year.

Candle 4 on the Advent wreath is purple, known as **"the Angel's Candle,"** and stands for love and peace reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward all people. Love plays a vital role in the Christmas story. Because of Joseph's love for Mary, he didn't reject her when he found out she was pregnant with what he thought was a child out of wedlock. Mary has a natural motherly love for Jesus and ultimately, we see God's love for everyone by sending his son for us. Jesus focused on preaching love throughout his ministry, His 2 great commands involve love: Love God, love your neighbour Love is the greatest of all the virtues on the Advent wreath and encompasses Jesus' entire purpose for being on earth

Words of Encouragement Brothers and sisters, standing before the crib, we contemplate what is central to our faith that which is beyond all the pretty lights and decorations. We contemplate the child. In his littleness, God is completely present. Let us acknowledge this: "Baby Jesus, you are God, the God who becomes a child". Let us be amazed by this truth. The One who embraces the universe needs to be held in another's arms. The One who created the sun needs to be warmed. Tenderness incarnate needs to be cuddled. Infinite love has a miniscule heart that beats softly. The eternal Word is an "infant" a speechless child The Bread of life needs to be nourished. The Creator of the world has no home. Today, all is turned upside down: God comes into the world in littleness. His grandeur appears in littleness. **Pope Francis 2021**

Today's Gospel: Today we find ourselves at the heart of the Christmas story. 'This is how Jesus Christ came to be born,' the Gospel tells us. In the midst of the festive frenzy, it can be easy to lose sight of how our Advent preparation is going. Why not take the time for some quiet prayer today? Spend a few moments in silence reflecting on today's readings, get away from it all with a walk in the great outdoors, or take the younger members of the family to your local church to visit the crib. Perhaps it is a good time to remember the wise words of Ehrmann's Desiderata: 'Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence

Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.