

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rahan Parish
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st February 2026

Killina Sun 1st Feb 10.30am, Mary Buckley, 1st Anniv., Joe and Margaret Keyes Mary Marshall
Mon 2nd: 9.30am **Feast of Presentation of the Lord Blessing of Candles**

Tues 3rd: 9.30am **Feast of St Blaise Blessing of Throats**

Thurs 5th 7.30pm **Feast of St Agatha**

Fri 6th: 9.30am First Friday Lists of Dead

Sun 8th February: 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

The Island

Sat 31st: 6pm **Mass of Saint Brigid** Intentions of Parishioners

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Sat 7th: 6pm Anna Corcoran Killina and Deceased family members

Mucklagh

Sat 31st: 7.30pm Bridie Brassil, Ballard 1st Anniversary Margaret Owens and parents Martin and Rose Geoghegan Deceased of Clarke family Glaskill and Owens family St Colman's Terrace

Sun 1st: 9.00am **Feast of Saint Brigid** Lists of the Dead

Sun 1st: 12noon **Feast of Saint Brigid** Intentions of Parishioners

Mon 2nd: 7.30pm **Feast of Presentation of the Lord Blessing of Candles**

Tues 3rd Mass at 9am **Feast of St Blaise Blessing of Throats**

Tues 3rd 7.30pm Start of Parish Novena **Feast of St Blaise Blessing of Throats**

Wed 4th: 7.30pm Ivan Conroy

Thurs 5th: 9.00am **Feast of St Agatha** Patrick and Margaret Ryan, Templederry

Fri 6th: 7.30pm First Friday Lists of Dead

Sat 7th: 10am First Saturday Devotions

Sat 7th: 7.30pm Nuala Owens m.m. Billy Fox Ross Road Jack and Kate Egan Stephen and Annie Dunne Frances, Bernadette, Noel Ita and Frank Dunne

Sun 8th: 9.00am Intentions of the Sick

Sun 8th: 12noon Intentions of Parishioners

Plate Collection Killina €310 The Island €180
Development Fund Killina & The Island €205

Mucklagh €995
Mucklagh €1,304

Please Pray for Joe Wyer, Ballinamere

A Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on the 4 Tuesdays of February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm with 4 visiting speakers. Lots of nice singing, prayers, readings and reflections. **The Theme of the Novena will be that of Healing, Hope, Seeds and Signs of New Life in our Parishes.**

Speaker on this Tuesday February 3rd is Fr Joe Campbell .Theme Healing and Hope. As it is the feast of Saint Blaise we will have blessing of Throats at the end of ceremony

Prayer for Healing O Jesus we believe in you , we hope in you and we love you. Strengthen our faith, renew our love, and grant our prayers. Touch with your healing love O Lord all who feel the hurts of life's wounds. Long ago when people prayed to you for healing, you blessed them and answered their prayer. Heal us now of our sinfulness and of the hatred that divides us. Take away all hardness of heart. Open our eyes that are often so blind to the needs of others. Remove all selfishness and greed. Give us self control at all times. And fill our hearts with your eternal love. O Jesus we ask you to heal and bless us, and fill us with your peace. Amen

Blank Petition Prayer Cards on which people can write petitions are available at Shrines in our 3 churches and petitions can be placed in boxes in any of our churches

Shamrock's Lotto 9, 28, 30, 4 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 13, 15, 24, 31
Rahan Hall Appreciation Night in The Thatch on Saturday 31st January at 8.30pm for all who give of their time in any way with activities throughout the year. Refreshments served. For catering purposes if attending contact Jim at 086 3790448
St. Brigid's Prayer You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Mission Prayer: Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother, of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen.

February Offerings due this month Offerings can be given in envelope from box of envelopes or an envelope marked "Priests Offerings" with your name and address on it

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place on Wednesday in the Island on Thursday in Rahan and on Friday in Mucklagh . If anyone would like a visit in hospital, nursing home or at home please contact either Fr Michael or Fr Frank

Bishop Niall Coll at his instillation as Bishop of Raphoe last weekend As we look to the future, people are not looking for a Church that pretends to have everything sorted. They are looking for a Church that is credible because it follows Christ honestly – one that recognises 'Christ Jesus our hope' – admitting failure, practising real repentance, standing with the wounded and remaining faithful when things are hard. Evangelisation – the sharing of faith – will not come through dominance or argument. It will come – in the power of the Holy Spirit – through depth: helping people to learn how to pray; staying close to Scripture and Sacrament, especially the Eucharist; forming habits of faith that allow people to keep following when enthusiasm fades; forming consciences attentive to the poor, the suffering and the fragile state of our world. We are not being asked to recreate the past. We are being asked to follow Jesus now – to bring the Gospel home into families, parishes and ordinary lives; to water the garden that is already here. This work is slow. It requires patience and trust. But it is the work that lasts.

Todays Gospel In proclaiming the Beatitudes, Jesus asks us to follow him and to travel with him along the path of love, the path that alone leads to eternal life. It is not an easy journey, yet the Lord promises us his grace and he never abandons us. We face so many challenges in life: poverty, distress, humiliation, the struggle for justice, persecutions, the difficulty of daily conversion, the effort to remain faithful to our call to holiness, and many others. But if we open the door to Jesus and allow him to be part of our lives, if we share our joys and sorrows with him, then we will experience the peace and joy that only God, who is infinite love, can give.

Rahan Drama Group Present The comedy 'The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley' in Rahan Hall, March 13th/14th/15th at 8pm. Adults, €12 Under-16s. €5 Booking: 086 0886648.



"Pray for us our Mother of Perpetual Help"

