



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael 087-2900844 Fr. Frank 057 9378181.**  
**Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilcormac, and Eglish**  
**5th Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2026**

**Killina Sunday 3rd 10.30am** Theresa Gaye, Killeranny, Jimmy Buckley, Sr Oliver Wrafter  
**Tuesday 5th 7.30pm** Intentions of Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims  
**Thursday 7th 7.30pm** Intentions of the Sick  
**Saturday 9th 11am** First Holy Communion for children of Scoil Carthage Naofie  
**Sunday 10th 10.30am** Leo Cusack Tully 1st Anniv. Fr Phil Cuffe 50th Anniv.  
**The Island Saturday 2th 6pm** Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims  
**Saturday 9th 6pm** Hubert Healy & Deceased parents Hubert and Kathleen and brother Tony  
**Mucklagh Saturday 2nd 7.30pm** Geraldine Watson 1st Ann, Rose Mollin and remembering her brothers Paddy and Eamon  
**Sunday 3rd 9am** Kathleen White, Screggan  
**Sunday 3rd 12noon** Joe, Margaret and Karl McGee and deceased family  
**Wednesday 6th 7.30pm** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Thursday 7th 9.00am** Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims  
**Friday 8th 7.30pm** Matt Hayes and Deceased of the Lynam and Smith Families  
**Saturday 9th 7.30pm** Joe Mc Cormack 1st Anniv. Maureen and Jack Rigney, Tim Foley  
**Sunday 3rd 9am** Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims  
**Sunday 10th 12noon** Marty Smyth 1st Anniv. Noel Smyth 4th Anniv. Michael Walsh



**Development: Killina & The Island €252 Mucklagh € 551**  
**Plate Collection Killina €255 The Island €165 Mucklagh €935**

**Trócaire** Please bring the money for Trócaire asap To Date €6,690 collected  
**Vocations Sunday: €1,935** Remaining envelopes from annual box can be returned asap. As always, thanks for your generosity

**Please pray** for Kate Leonard, Cully, Blueball. R.I.P.

**Our Parish Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilcormac, and Eglish** are holding an **Evening of Prayer, Reflection, Sharing and Discussion on the Mass**, for all Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Holy Communion throughout the five parishes. **It will be hosted by Kilbeggan Parish Pastoral Council in the Church of St James, Kilbeggan (N91 CC79) and Kilbeggan Parish Centre on Thurs 21st May, 7.30pm – 9pm.** Spiritual Directors for the evening are Fr Brendan Corrigan and Fr Joe Campbell. It will be a lovely opportunity for our Ministers from all five parishes to meet and grow together in faith.



**The month of May is traditionally First Holy Communion month.** Scoil Carthage Naofa First Holy Communion next Saturday 9th in Killina church at 11am and on Saturday 23rd for Scoil Colman Naofa **A prayer of Blessing for all First Holy Communion children** Today, as our young children approach the altar for the first time, we surround them with love, joy, and heartfelt prayers. May the peace of Jesus fill their hearts, the light of His love guide their steps, and the joy of His presence remain with them always. "May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you." Let us continue to support and uplift these children in our prayers as they embark on this sacred journey. Amen



**Welcome to the month of May** May you be happy, May you be well, May you be safe May you find comfort, May you have strength, May you have courage, May you find healing. May you have peace, May you have joy. May you be filled with loving kindness, May you be blessed today and always Amen

**Shamrock's Lotto: 6, 19, 26, 4 Mucklagh Community Lotto: 2, 5, 21, 28**

**Shamrocks LGFA Super 7's Festival, Family Fun Day. Sunday May 10th** in Shamrocks GAA grounds Mucklagh. Bake sale commencing at 11am, Tournament throw in at 1pm. Plenty of fun activities for all the family to enjoy. Please support."



**Fr. Nicholas Clavin**, winner of two All-Ireland senior football medals with Offaly and centre back on the first ever All-Star football team in 1971, will be honoured at an 'appreciation evening' in St Carthage's Hall, Rahan, on Friday, 8th May at 7.30pm. **Uachtarán CLG Jarlath Burns** will be among the special guests at the function, to which there is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to attend the event and share in the celebration of one of Offaly's most popular footballers.

**The Month of May is upon us**, A special month of love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home with the family. This can be done either as a group or individually.. Dear brothers and Sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me, I thank you and with great affection I send you my blessing. We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. **Pope Francis**

**Today's Gospel: presents Jesus as the guide in life, as the 'way, truth and life'.** The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This center always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as just one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger. Studying his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, becoming familiar with the gospels and getting to know him in the heart in prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. As this happens freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere. Jesus, our way, guide me in life; Jesus, our truth, teach me your meaning of life; Jesus, our life, love me always



**Supporting Darkness Into Light & Tullamore Accesible Counselling** We will have our annual Darkness into Light Walk on **Saturday 9th May starting from Mucklagh Old Cemetery at 4.15am**. Funds raised will be shared between Pieta Hose and Tullamore Accesible Counselling

**Some Inspiring Quotes** **1**, Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." **2**. "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." **3**. Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise." **4**. You can curse the darkness or light a candle. The choice is yours **5**. "Be the light."

**May is also Exam preparation month and the month of Graduations**. We ask God's blessing on our students preparing for exams and on their teachers who help them prepare and on parents and family members who journey with our young people **In farming** May is also first cut silage month We pray for safety on our farms, on our roads and everywhere.



**Feast of Saint Carthage is Friday week 15th May Feast Day of Killina Church**. Saint Carthage was a Kerry man who set up a monastery, first in Kerry, then at Rahan and finally at Lismore in Co Waterford. **To honor the Feast Day we will have a Eucharistic Proceesion after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 10th May in Killina** for which we encourage the children who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year to join us. We ask all to make a special effort to honor Killina church's Feast day. **Church and Grounds clean up evening on Thurs at 8pm in preparation for above**