


**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
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**Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9:30am-5:30pm**  
**1st Sunday of Lent 26th February 2023**


**FIRST SUNDAY**



**OF LENT**

**Killina: Sunday 26th: Mass at 10.30am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Tues 28th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Brigid Mahon, Newtown, m.m.  
**Thurs 2nd: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of the Sick  
**Friday 3rd: Mass at 9.30am:** List of the Dead  
**Sunday 5th: Mass at 10.30am:** Mary Connolly  
**The Island: Sat 25th: Mass at 6.00pm:** Molly & Jim Minnock, Clonshanny Hill & relatives  
**Friday 3rd: Mass at 6.30pm:** List of the Dead  
**Saturday 4th: Mass at 6.00pm:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Mucklagh: Saturday 25th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sunday 26th: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of the Sick  
**Sunday 26th: Mass at 12noon:** Patrick & Emily Lambe, their son Gussie, daughters Sr. Pacifique, Sr. Albert & Josie & her husband Pat, Glasshouse, Blueball  
**Wed 1st: Mass at 7.30pm:** Margaret Owens, m.m.  
**Thurs 2nd: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of the Sick  
**Friday 3rd: Mass at 9am (Please note change of time )** List of the Dead  
**Fri 3rd: World Day of Prayer Service at 8pm**  
**Sat 4th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Colin Dunne, Roscore and Marie Farrell, Dublin, Patrick Carroll, Kilcormac and Rosemary Brennan, Clonaslee formally Lynally  
**Sunday 5th: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 5th: Mass at 12noon** John Carroll, St Colman's Tce, 1st Anniv, Geraldine O'Brien  
**Offertory/Plate: Killina €220 The Island €70 Mucklagh €830**  
**Development: Killina and The Island €294 Mucklagh €389**  
**February Offerings:** Many thanks to all who supported the February Offerings for the support of the priests last weekend

**Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursdays 2pm-6pm Killina: Mondays 3pm-10pm**  
**Adoration: The Island: Tue 5pm-7pm & Saturday after Mass until 8pm**  
**I will turn (Daily prayer for Lent):** Lord, I will turn, Turn my face towards you. I will lay before you the desert areas I hide, and turn to soak in your refreshing words of life. I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits and turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love. I will draw back from the harsh pull of media and turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit. Lord, today I turn my face towards you. I will turn, to soak in your words of life, to rest in the warmth of your love and to bathe in the power of your Spirit.  
**Trocaire:** Trocaire Boxes available at back of all of our churches.

 **Parish Pastoral Assembly ;** On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Fr Derek Darby will speak about the formation and workings of our Parish Pastoral assembly. Many thanks to all who have volunteered. We will meet in Mucklagh Community Centre at 7.30pm

**Friday is the First Friday.** The sick and housebound will be attended on Wednesday in the Island, on Thursday in Killina and on Friday in Mucklagh

**Eucharistic Adoration** Next weekend we will be joined at all masses by members of the Diocesan Adoration Group who will promote the benefits of Adoration.

**Rahan Comhaltas:** would like to thank all who baked, contributed and supported our recent cake sale in aid of our upcoming Fleadh In Killina

**Killina Secondary School: Zambia Outreach Race Night** in the Thatch on Friday March 10th. All support welcome



**Shamrock's Lotto:** 8, 14, 21. Bonus number 7. Next week €11,200.  
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 13, 25, 26 & 30. Next week €2,600  
**Rahan Drama:** Tickets are now available for the play in Rahan Community Hall, 17/18/19 March. on 086 0886648. Adults €10, Under-16s €5.

**World Day of Prayer:** Mucklagh Church will host World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 8pm. We will be joined for this service by members of Cornerstone Church, Slieve Bloom, Methodist Church, Tullamore, Presbyterian Church, Tullamore, St. Catherine's Church of Ireland, Tullamore and Tullamore and Durrow Catholic Parish. For the prayer service we need readers, musicians and members of choirs to help out at the service and people to help also with the provision of refreshments and the serving of tea and coffee afterwards. Please place this date in your diary and keep it free for what will be a lovely inter church celebration.  
**Choir Practice for joint choirs of our Parish** on this Tuesday at 8pm in Mucklagh church for world day of Prayer and **Meeting** of those free to help with **Refreshments** on Tuesday at 8.30pm in Mucklagh Church also. All donations of buns, biscuits cakes welcome for this inter church celebration

**Today's Gospel:** Our first stop on this Lenten journey is the 'wilderness'. Why? We need to remove ourselves from our hectic lives in order to **BE STILL, to STOP, to BREATHE.** It's a bit like a stock take. What's here? What's here that shouldn't be? What's missing? And so we journey today with Jesus into the 'wilderness'. We should not be afraid of this. It is a 'Spirit led' wilderness; God is in control here. Lent calls each of us to transform our lives & our relationships with those we love and cherish; our relationship with the planet; with the global community; our relationship with God.

**New Parish Website:** Is now up and running on [www.rahanparish.ie](http://www.rahanparish.ie)  
**Stations of Cross at 8.40 am** in Mucklagh Church on this Friday morning

**Customs of Lent** The customs that surround the season of Lent have a quality to them that transcend religion. Perhaps most notable is the act of fasting. According to Pope Francis, fasting must never become superficial. He often quotes the early Christian mystic John Chrysostom who said: "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat lightly and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." But this isn't to downplay the role of sacrifice during the Lenten season. Lent is a good time for penance and self-denial. But once again, Francis reminds us that these activities must truly enrich others: "I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." So, if we're going to fast from anything this Lent, Francis suggests that even more than candy or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others. In his annual Lenten message, the pope writes, "Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience." Describing this phenomenon he calls it the globalisation of Indifference, Francis writes that "whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades." He continues that, "We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own." But when we fast from this indifference, we can begin to feast on love. In fact, Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again