



Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
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Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9:30am-5:30pm



Killina: Sunday 19th: Mass at 10.30am: Michael Lynam, Ballinclohan
Tues 21st: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Wed 22nd: Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00am: Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Mass also in Rahan National school at 12noon

Thurs 23rd: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick
Sunday 26th: Mass at 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners
The Island: Sat 18th: Mass 6.00pm: Peter Dunican, England brother of Ann Conroy
Wed 22nd: Ash Wednesday Mass at 6.30pm: Mass and Distribution of Ashes Dan and Mary Fogarty and son Martin, Castletown

Saturday 25th: Mass at 6.00pm: Molly and Jim Minnock, Clonshanny Hill and relatives
Mucklagh: Saturday 18th: Mass at 7.30pm: Danny and Peg Lawless, Blueball
Sunday 19th: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 19th: Mass at 12noon: Kathleen and John Flanagan, Cloonagh West and Margaret Mannion

Wed 22nd: Ash Wednesday Mass at 10.00am: (With Mucklagh School children. All welcome. Mass also at 7.30pm: Mass and Distribution of Ashes at both masses

Thurs 23rd: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of the Sick
Fri 24th: Mass at 7.30pm: Mass for John (Sonny) Monaghan, 'Melrose', Screggan
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

Offertory/Plate: Killina €240 The Island €120 Mucklagh €848
Development: Killina and The Island €261 Mucklagh €1,251
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

Please pray for: Alo Condrón Killeigh brother of Carthage, Rahan, Paddy Walsh, Ballaghmore (brother in law of Nellie Duncan, Killina)

For Lent: We are proposing a programme called "*Begin Again*" It invites everybody to start something new for Lent and if you miss a day or a few days to Begin Again.

Sunday: Come to Mass or tune in to weekend Mass on line via webcam or facebook
Monday: Reach out to someone via text or phone call who may need your support.

Tuesday: Pray for peace in Ukraine and in the troubled parts of our world.
Wednesday: Contribute some monies to Trocaire and helping the poor and needy.

Thursday: Pray privately and remember **3** things to be thankful to God for.
Friday: Abstain from meat, do fasting, join us for **Stations of Cross @ 7.10pm** in Mucklagh

Saturday: Do some physical exercise on your own or with family if you can.
Each Day: Offer Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be for family, our sick & departed

Pope Francis: I invite everyone to make this coming Ash Wednesday, A Day of Fasting for Peace: Let believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting for peace.

Dates for your Diary: Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 11th June Mass at 6pm.
 Rahan Cemetery Tuesday 15th August Mass at 7pm.

Killickfeehan Cemetery Sunday 26th August Mass at 7pm

Parish Golf Classic Friday 16th June in Esker Hills & Tullamore Golf Clubs



Shamrock's Lotto: 2, 8, 10. Bonus number 6. Next week €11,000.

Shamrock's Dinner Dance and Presentation Friday 24th February Tickets €50 now on sale. Contact Louise Minnock 087 6017860 or Lynn Hutchinson

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 12, 18, 25 & 31. Next week €2,400

Mens Group & Walking Group Will meet on **Thursday at 10am.** All welcome

Trocaire: During Lent we are asked to support Trocaire's work which benefits those living in 3rd world countries and help to provide them with the basic necessities of life. Trocaire Boxes available at back of all of our churches.

Rahan Comhaltas: Fundraising Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend All homebaking contributions are very welcome. Proceeds towards Offaly Fleadh.

Rahan Drama: Production of 'Stop It Nurse' by Sam Cree, takes place in Rahan Community Hall on **17th, 18th and 19th March, at 8pm** nightly Tickets now on sale at €10 for Adults and €5 for Under-16s Contact 086 0886648 or any member of the Drama Group. Eddie / Aidan Grennan, Mary/Tom Minnock



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.



Friday 24th February -Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. Candle of Atonement Prayer Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.



Today's Gospel: Give good to an enemy This is quite a tough gospel. We sometimes like to get our own back. We know the desire for vengeance in family and other groups, and in national groupings. The 'eye for an eye' brings no peace. We know the opposite. People see the enemy walking the street and know that the only way forward is to make peace. This may not mean forgiveness immediately. Some can find a way forward only gradually. The forgiveness of the gospel is a slow journey. We have small hurts and have ways of dealing, with them. But the big ones are there too - maybe someone getting a job over someone dishonestly, family being mocked, bullying. Healing, freedom and forgiveness takes time. We need to understand our own vengeance and at times for-give ourselves for it. The love of God is the love that helps us love the self in the normal hurts and grievances of life. The love of God is a grace, filling that space in us that is open to love - the grace of loving self and others. To be perfect is to become like God in compassion and in love. This is a wonderful vision for ourselves, our church and our world. It is the dream of God that all God's children live in love, peace and justice.

Lent is not just about giving up things. It is also about making fresh starts
Stations of Cross at 7.10pm in Mucklagh Church on Friday evenings of Lent