

WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER FOR PEACE



## Rahan Parish

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Mary the Holy Mother of God 1st January 2023

### Killina:

**Sun 1st: Mass at 10.30am:** Mary the Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace

**Tues 3rd: Mass 7.30pm:** Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

**Thurs 5th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of Parishioners

**1st Friday: Mass at 9.00am:** Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

**Sunday 8th: Mass at 10.30am:** Violet Lowry, Newtown, Rahan

### The Island:

**Saturday 31st: Mass at 6.00pm:** Intentions of the Sick

**1st Friday: Mass at 6.30pm:** Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & List of the Dead

**Sat 7th: Mass at 6.00pm:** Nora Conroy, Bohernagrishna, m.m.

### Mucklagh:

**Saturday 31st: Mass at 7.30pm:** Pat Joe & Breda Conroy & their great grandchild Patrick and deceased family members

**Sunday 1st: Mass at 9.00am:** World Day of Prayer for Peace

**Sunday 1st: Mass at 12noon:** Elizabeth Flanagan and Nora Kenaney

**Wednesday 4th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of the Sick

**Thursday 5th: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of Parishioners

**1st Friday: Mass at 7.30pm:** Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & List of the Dead

**Sat 7th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Sean & Nora McIntyre, Ballard & dec. of the Kelly family

**Sunday 8th: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Sun 8th: Mass at 12noon:** Noel Guinan, St. Colman's Tce, 1st Anniversary, The Owens Family, St. Colman's Tce & Geogehan & Clarke families, Glaskill

**Offertory/Plate: Killina €654 The Island €645 Mucklagh €3,010**

**Development: Killina and The Island €1,539 Mucklagh €1,658**

**Adoration:** Will commence again from 9th January

**Please pray for:** Sadie Kirwan Newtown, Rahan, Kathleen Walsh, Charleville Road, Elizabeth (Eilis) Killeavy mother of Elizabeth (Mae) Stanbrook, James Molloy, Pearse Park, Tullamore, brother of Allison O' Kelly, Bunatarn, Ray Walsh, Wexford and formerly Killeigh, Jimmy Dunne Broughal, Kilcormac

**The Baptism of our Lord** is celebrated next weekend. We ask God's continued blessing on all children baptized in our parish in past year. Their names are in the Crib.

**Christmas Collections:** Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Offerings for the support of the Priests, to the Plate collection and Building Fund. In these financially difficult times for everybody your support, generosity, kindness and encouragement is very much appreciated and helps in all good work being done.

**World Day of Prayer for Peace:** Is celebrated this Sunday. At all Masses next weekend in our world which longs for peace special prayers will be offered for peace

**If anyone is ill** in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact either Parochial House and we can arrange same.

**New Year's Resolution:** Attend Daily Mass and Adoration when possible.



**Shamrock's Lotto:** 17, 19, 25. Bonus number 7. Next week €25,000  
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 8, 12, 16 & 17. Next week €2,400

**Christmas Offerings:** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. **Offering Envelopes** are available at back of church or in yearly box of envelopes.. Thanks for your support.

**Thanks** to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our church: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Soloists Choirs, Church Cleaners, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans and Caretakers

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

**All churches** are now fitted with **webcam** which is a great service for all away from home for Christmas. **Please invite family to tune in on following link**  
**Mucklagh** [https:// www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-columans,-mucklagh-tullamore](https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-columans,-mucklagh-tullamore)  
**The Island** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-patricks-church-tullamore>  
**Killina** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-carthage-church,-killina,-rahan-rahan>

**An Irish Blessing for the New Year:** May your joys be as bright as the morning, and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of love. May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness, enough wealth to meet your needs and one thing more; enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the one before.

**Today's Gospel: Treasure and ponder** - If you're anything like me, you sometimes have to make a deliberate effort to slow down. Life can be so busy that sometimes there is little time left to think. Even our downtime can be full of activities and noise, whether we're into sports; video games; sitting down with a good book, movie or box set; or networking on social media. It can sometimes be difficult to remember the last time we sat down by ourselves in a quiet room. In today's Gospel, Mary stands in contrast to the shepherds who hurried and talked and spread the word and praised God. Of course, there is a time for these things, and the excitement of the shepherds is palpable – they had found their Saviour. No doubt Mary and Joseph shared in their joyful enthusiasm. But when things quietened down again, we are told that Mary 'treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'. Mary sets a good example for us, taking time to meditate on all that is happening. As we start a new year afresh, we could do a lot worse than take Mary as our model. In our hectic world, we need to take time to sit quietly, to treasure and ponder, and to allow ourselves to delve deep into the mysteries of life.

**A Blessing for Christmas** May the blessing of Light be upon you, Light on the outside. Light on the inside. With God's sunlight shining on you, may your heart glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes friends and strangers alike. May the Light of the Lord shine from your eyes, like a candle in the window welcoming the weary traveller. May He watch over you and keep you safe from harm. Now and always Amen

