



Killina:

Christmas Eve: Mass at 9.00pm: Mass of the Nativity & Blessing of Crib

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners

Tues 27th: Mass 7.30pm: For the Intentions of Parishioners

Thurs 29th: Mass at 7.30pm: Patsy & Kathleen Rigney & their daughter in law Maura and son in law Frank

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

The Island:

Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm: Mass of the Nativity & Blessing of the Crib

Dan & Mary Fogarty and their son Martin Castletown

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am: Pat Higgins and remembering his wife Nan also Ita, Ron, Denis & deceased members of the Higgins and Quinn families

Mucklagh: Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00pm: Children's Mass

Christmas Eve: Mass at 7.30pm: Mass of the Nativity & Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day: Mass 9.00am: The Galvin family, Tullamore & the White family, Screggan

Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon: Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

Wednesday 28th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 29th: Mass at 9.00am: David and Anne Connolly & son Hubert Killina

Friday 30th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

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

Offertory/Plate: Killina €300 The Island €90 Mucklagh €912

Development: Killina and The Island €690 Mucklagh €1,581

Adoration: No Adoration for the next two weeks. Commence again from 9th Jan

Please pray for: Monica Condron formally of Screggan, Rita Plunkett, Killeigh, Aidan Hoctor, Geashill



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass In Mucklagh. Christmas Eve 6pm Mass In The Island

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh Christmas Eve 9pm Mass in Killina

Christmas Day 9am Mass in Mucklagh Christmas Day 10am Mass in The Island

Christmas Day 10.30am Mass in Killina Christmas Day 12 noon Mass in Mucklagh

Christmas Masses: In all of our Christmas Masses we will be remembering all homes and families of our Parish and all friends of our Parish. Special prayers will be offered for our sick, for those away from home, for peace in our world, for all baptised in our parish churches during the year and for all who died during the year

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

Shamrock's Lotto: 7, 14, 28. Bonus number 4. Next week €25,000

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 12, 13, 22 & 30. Next week €2,000

Congrats to Pamala Cahalan who won jackpot of 3,400 in centre Lotto
25 Card Game: Resume on Sun 8th January Mucklagh Community Centre

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

Parish Christmas Draw: Thank you for your support for our parish draw which realised a profit of 7,000. Thanks to committee who helped and those who donated extra prizes. Many thanks to all

Today's Gospel: The X Factor -This world is crying out for Light, for Hope, for Joy, for Love and today we celebrate that God is present with us in this world: Emmanuel We must allow that Love to penetrate our hearts and celebrate with our family and friends the Joy that lives amongst us. And when we have finished celebrating the X Factor of Christmas, remember that then the real work of Christmas begins: When the song of the angels is stilled. When the star in the sky is gone. When the kings and princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flocks. The work of Christmas begins; to find the lost; to heal the broken; to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner; to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among people; to make music in the heart. (Howard Thurman

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

Words of Encouragement Brothers and sisters, standing before the crib, we contemplate what is central, beyond all the pretty lights and decorations. We contemplate the child. In his littleness, God is completely present. Let us acknowledge this: "Baby Jesus, you are God, the God who becomes a child". Let us be amazed by this truth. The One who embraces the universe needs to be held in another's arms. The One who created the sun needs to be warmed. Tenderness incarnate needs to be cuddled. Infinite love has a miniscule heart that beats softly. The eternal Word is an "infant", a speechless child. The Bread of life needs to be nourished. The Creator of the world has no home. Today, all is turned upside down: God comes into the world in littleness. His grandeur appears in littleness. Pope Francis 24 December 2021

We invite all to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas time

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

Rahan Comhaltas Christmas Table Quiz, Thurs 29th Dec at 8pm in the Thatch pub. All proceeds to raise funds for the organization of Offaly Fleadh in Rahan in April 2023. Join us for a good night's fun for family and friends over Christmas All support very welcome

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-colmans,-mucklagh-tullamore](https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-colmans,-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>

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