



**Holy
Baptism**

Rahan Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord 8th January 2023



Killina:

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

Tues 10th: Mass 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Thurs 12th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 15th: Mass at 10.30am: Elizabeth & Martin Byrne, Derrycooley, James Gibbons, Newtown & Mary & Paddy Monaghan and son in law Sean

The Island:

Sat 7th: Mass at 6.00pm: Mary Conroy, Bohernagrisna, m.m.

Saturday 14th: Mass at 6.00pm: Intentions of Parishioners



Mucklagh:

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

Wednesday 11th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 12th: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of Parishioners

Friday 13th: Mass at 7.30pm: Michael and Linda Weir, Clonminch

Sat 14th: Mass at 7.30pm: Peter & Mary Geraghty & their son William and dec family members, Killurin & P.J. Barron and his parents Paddy and Brigid

Sunday 15th: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 15th: Mass at 12noon: Ted Flynn, Charleville Road

Offertory/Plate: Killina €130 The Island €150 Mucklagh €800

Development: Killina and The Island €471 Mucklagh €669

Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursdays 2pm-6pm **Killina:** Mondays 3pm-10pm

Adoration: The Island: Tue 5pm—7pm & Saturday after Mass until 8pm

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

Prayer for the newly baptised and their families: Lord, as we gather today, we ask your blessing on all newly baptised. Hold them in your arms and bless them. Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life. Lord, we ask, your blessing on their parents, grandparents and godparents. May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours.

Crib: Visit the Crib today and with the three Kings, offer to God our worship, praise and thanks. It is a tradition for many to bring pieces of straw from the crib and place it in their homes as a means of asking God's protection in the year ahead.

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>

Shamrock's Lotto: 17, 25, 25. Bonus number 5. Next week €25,000

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 1, 18, 22 & 29. Next week €2,400

Mucklagh Community Centre Lunch Club: Wednesday 11th January from 12.30-3pm. **Book by Mon 9th January.** Call 057 9356886 or Text/ 085 1180801

Rahan Comhaltas thank all who participated, sponsored tables, and prizes for the raffle at our fundraising quiz. Many thanks to Fr. Michael, Jackie Hennessy, the hall committee and the Thatch. All of your support is greatly appreciated. We are working hard for a great fleadh in Killina at end of April.

Baptism of Christ—Fundamental Choices: Many people, perhaps all people, experience moments which prove to be decisive turning points in their lives. . They are forced to make a fundamental decision after which their life will never be the same again. This moment of decision, this cross-roads, can be thrust upon a person like a bolt out of the blue. This happened to Matt Talbot. His life was going down the drain. He was drinking himself to death. One day he was standing outside a pub, begging the price of a drink from people he considered his friends. But they passed him by. Suddenly something happened inside him. The scales fell from his eyes and he saw the light. He saw that he was destroying himself, and he made a decision; he would give up drink, and with the help of God try to become a saint. He never looked back. It is interesting to note that Christ too knew such moments in his life Today's Gospel shows us one of the most decisive of these, his baptism by John in the Jordan. For close on thirty years he has lived in Nazareth, subject to Mary and Joseph. During most of those years he had lived the comparatively quiet and secure life of a village carpenter. But all the time the Father's hand was laid upon him and he was being gently guided towards his real work. He was just waiting for a sign. Baptism then for Christ was a turning point. What about our baptism? It is like a seed that was planted in our young hearts. But given time and a little care it can and will bloom into Christ like living. One day it will demand of us fundamental choices. We will be faced with a choice either to go our own way, the way of self promotion and worldly values or the way of Christ. This may not come to us in one dramatic moment. Rather, it may come as a series of little choices. But what we have always to look at is the direction of our lives. Are we being true to the direction in which we were pointed at our baptism



Benedict XVI's last words: "Lord, I love you!" Pope Francis has said "Lord, I love you!", are words that are like a synthesis of the life of Pope Benedict who for years had been preparing for his final, face-to-face encounter with his creator This is the characteristic," Pope Francis continued, "that has predominated his entire life spent in priestly service and in the service of theology, which he defined as the 'search for the beloved'; and this is indeed is what he has always given witness to and continued to witness to throughout the whole of his life: this the decisive thing that frames each of our days — come rain or come shine — this which gives rise to everything else, is that the Lord is truly present, that we desire him, that we are close to him interiorly, that we love him, that we really believe in him and, believing in him, truly love him. It is this loving that truly fills our hearts, this believing that allows us to walk confidently and peacefully upon the waters, even in the midst of a storm, as Peter did.

Sacrament of Marriage: It is advisable to give 6 months notice of your intention to marry to both the church and the registrar. All couples getting married should attend a pre marriage course. Contact Accord Tullamore 057 9341831