


**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



Rahan Parish
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Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9:30am-5:30pm
3rd Sunday of Lent 12th March 2023

Killina: Sunday 12th: Mass at 10.30am: Michael and Ronnie Grennan his parents John and Mary Ellen and his sisters Breda and Rena

Tuesday 14th: Mass at 7.30pm: Private Intention

St. Patricks Day: Mass at 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 19th: Mass at 10.30am: Larry and Nellie Marshall, Loughroe and Johnnie Hickey, Cappaloughan

The Island: Saturday 11th: Mass at 6.00pm: Dan and Mary Fogarty & son Martin

Thursday 16th: Mass at 6.00pm: Vigil for St Patrick's Day Tom, Mary & Bernard Minnock, The Derries

St. Patrick's Day: Mass at 10.00am: Bernard and Elizabeth Gannon, Ballincur

Sat 18th: Mass at 6.00pm: Michael and Bridget Larkin, Kilpatrick & dec members of the Grey family

Mucklagh: Saturday 11th: Mass at 7.30pm: Special Intention

Sunday 12th: Mass at 9.00am: Gabe Neville, Lynally

Sunday 12th: Mass at 12noon: Margaret (Grett) Delaney, Healy St, Tullamore

Wed 15th: Mass at 7.30pm: Paddy and Jane Grogan, Cloonagh and dec relatives

Thurs 16th: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of the Sick

Thurs 16th: Mass at 7.30pm Vigil for St Patrick's Day Intentions of our Emigrants

St. Patrick's Day: Mass at 9.00am: Mary and Joseph Egan and dec relatives

St. Patrick's Day: 12noon: Peter Moore, Screggan Cross

Saturday 18th: Mass at 7.30pm: Pat Donovan, Ross 1st Anniv

Sunday 19th: Mass at 9.00am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 19th: Mass at 12noon: Rosemary Fletcher, Glaskill

Offertory/Plate: Killina €245 The Island €130 Mucklagh €755

Development: Killina and The Island €615 Mucklagh €369

Trocaire: Trocaire Boxes available at doors in all of our churches.

Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal: Thanks to all who supported the collection taken up at masses last weekend which **amounted to €4,795**. Proceeds will be forwarded to Diocesan Office and then to Trocaire who will work with Caritas in bringing relief to those in need. If anyone still wishes to contribute they can do so by placing a donation in an envelope and marking it **Earthquake Appeal** and give it in to Mucklagh Parochial House or to any of our churches any weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thanks to all who volunteered last weekend to give an hour during the week to Eucharistic Adoration in our parish churches

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

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

Please pray for: Terry Kelly, Brocca Road, Sr. Noeleen Reilly formerly Convent of Mercy, Tullamore, Jimmy Lowry, Ferbane father of Brian Lowry, Cloonagh

House Masses: An opportunity for family, neighbours and friends to come together to pray and build up a community spirit - no fuss just a cup of tea. If interested in having house Mass for Lent contact Fr. Michael 0872900844 /Fr. Frank 05793 78181

We welcome children from 4th class in our primary schools this weekend

New Parish Website: Is now up and running on www.rahanparish.ie



Shamrock's Lotto: 18, 22, 29. Bonus number . Next week €11,000.

Mucklagh C. Centre: Lotto: 1, 2, 8 & 30. Next week €3,000

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.

Today's Gospel: There is a crack in everything that's how the light gets in- Leonard Cohen No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults.. This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over. Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

Suggestions for your Spring Planting

The old people aimed to have the gardens dug and the seed potatoes in the ground for St. Patrick's day. Spring was well and truly on the way. As we journey through lent we are almost at the half way mark. Here are a few simple suggestions for the spring planting.

Just look at the weeds Weed out gossip Weed out negativity Weed out indifference Weed out laziness. **Plant five rows of Peas** Preparedness Promptness Perseverance Politeness Positivity **Then plant five rows of lettuce** Let us be faithful Let us be thankful Let us be truthful Let us be generous Let us be forgiving **Then plant the reliable turnips** Turn up for Church Turn up with a smile Turn up with new determination Turn up with compassion And please God a wonderful garden can grow.

Trocaire - Lenten Campaign 2023 This Lent we learn about Somalia, how conflict and climate change have led to an unprecedented food crisis in an already vulnerable part of the world. 5 years with no rain have led to drought and the death of livestock on which so many Somalis depend for food and income. We learn how Trocaire is supporting people in Somalia through emergency food provisions, health programmes and education. We focus on the story of the Mahat family and their journey from their village to an internally displaced persons' camp in search of food. We hear of how this family remains united and hopeful despite all that has happened and how the parents trust in a bright future for their children.



Easter Sunday: Outdoor Dawn Mass at 6am for all parishioners and friends in unused part of Mucklagh New Cemetery at which we will be remembering and praying for all who died since last Easter and those laid to rest in **all** our parish cemeteries. For the Mass we will need a canopy to cover the altar. To Mass we invite people to bring a seat, flask of tea and food which people can enjoy after Mass and an umbrella if necessary but if weather is very inclement we will go into the church.

Let's Do Lent - Ideas For Lent: 1. Fast, maybe skip one meal from time to timea gentle fast like this will refresh our memory that many people in the world go hungry every day. 2. Meditation and Prayer - these lead to a closer connection with God; do the Stations of the Cross or spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. 3. A weekend away from the mobile. 4. Visit a relative in long term nursing home.

First Penance: Congratulations to the children of our parish schools who celebrated First Penance this week. We remember them in our prayers.

Church Gate Collections: We ask all involved in taking up Church Gate collections to give at least **2 weeks notice** to the parish office and to avoid clashing with special church collections at Christmas and Easter for support of priests and Cemetery Sunday 11th June, Vocations Sunday, 30th April Peters Pence 2nd July, & Mission Sunday (22nd Oct)

