



Rahan Parish
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Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April 2023



Killina

Divine Mercy Sunday 16th 10.30am Sr. Oliver Wrafter 1st Anniv. Birthday Thanksgiving Mass for Jenny Leavy (96th Birthday Today)

Tues 18th: 7.30pm: Mass of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Bridget & John Monaghan

Thursday 20th: 7.30pm: Lists of the Dead

Sunday 23rd: 10.30am: Katie Cooney 1st Anniv & remembering her husband John

The Island:

Divine Mercy Week 15th: 6pm: Joe Sammon and deceased family relatives, Brockagh

Saturday 22nd: 6pm: Joseph and Mary Heaton Kilpatrick and deceased relatives, Hubert Healy, Ballina, Ballycumber

Mucklagh:

Divine Mercy Weekend 15th: 7.30pm Isaac and Brigid Bryant Cloonagh

Divine Mercy Sunday: 9am Lists of the Dead

Divine Mercy Sunday: 12noon Kevin Smyth, Charleville View

Martin Mannion Charleville View 13th Anniversary

Divine Mercy Devotions commencing **at 2pm** with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Confessions. **Mass at 3pm**

Wednesday 19th: 7.30pm Sr Oliver Wrafter 1st Anniv and In **Thanksgiving** for all who helped in any way at Easter Ceremonies in all of our 3 churches

Friday 21st : 12 noon Our Parish Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 21st : 7.30pm Mass for intentions of all children Confirmed earlier today.

Saturday 22nd 7.30pm John V. Mc Namara 1st Anniv. Celene Larkin Anniv.

Sunday 23rd 9am Molly Carroll, Derrick Dunne, Judy Carroll

Sunday 23rd 12 noon: Michael (Vinny) Healion, m.m.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €415 The Island €410 Mucklagh €1,340

Development: Killina and The Island €402 Mucklagh €535

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

Adoration: The Island: Tue 3pm—8 pm and Saturday after Mass

Pray for Rose Mollen Agall, Brigid Hudson (nee Egan) formerly, Deerpark, died in Leicester, England and Liam Farrell, Castlecomer, (father of Caroline Condron) RIP

Rahan Parish Golf Classic: in both Tullamore and Esker Hills Golf Clubs on **Friday 16th June 2023** to raise funds for our Parish. **Team of 4 €200** which includes food on the course. We are seeking sponsorship from businesses and households. **Main Sponsor/s are €500** which will include a team entry names of which we need as soon as possible to be included on all literature promoting the golf classic. Thanks to Phil O Reilly Undertakers, NIS Ltd and Supermacs who have offered main sponsorship. However additional main sponsors are still invited and welcome. Sponsorships of tee box €50 and of a green €100 which we will be seeking also in coming weeks. Please contact Fr. Michael in relation to main sponsorship asap 087 2900844.

Profits from Golf Classic will go towards **1. Refurbishment of The Island church to include items like heating, Painting of interior ceiling and walls, Decoration and Dry Lining of Sanctuary area, (Proposed plans available at front of church) Installation of Ventilation, etc**

2. Painting of outside of some of Mucklagh church to include doors and woodwork and flatter plaster areas **3. Continued development of Killina church and car park. All work for which we will receive costings & which we hope to begin as soon as funds enable us to do so**

Easter Water in container at Altar Rails for cars, homes, and for places of work



Shamrock's Lotto: 20, 21, 24. Bonus number 6. Next week €12,600.
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 1, 5, 28 & 29. Next week €4,000

Today's Gospel: The Paschal Candle: This year, this Paschal Candle will also speak to me about who I am and who I am called to be and how I can find my place in the Ireland that is emerging today. Maybe the society that is evolving now does not value my Christian belief, but this Candle reminds me that I am still called to give my life in love for others, I am still called to empty myself for others, until the moment my life is extinguished. With its nails it is a wounded candle, and it reminds me that I too am wounded, that I am flawed, that I am in need of God's mercy, so that there is no place in my life for arrogance or any lack of humility, but that I can be a wounded healer in society, bringing the healing of God's merciful love to others. It reminds me that now, this time, this year, 2023, is the time to live the love of Christ – there is no better time, my friends, to live the transforming love of Jesus Christ. It reminds me that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a message for all time, especially now. And every time I see this candle burn during the Easter Season, and for every baptism and for every funeral during the year, may it remind me of the light that I carry – the light of Christ who is risen from the dead – and that my life can witness today to the hope that that light offers. Tonight, this candle burns for all of us, calling us all to an Easter way of being – a way of thinking, living, acting, speaking that gives witness to the transforming love of Jesus Christ



Divine Mercy – A Sacred Gift Forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts of the spiritual life. It enables us to be released from the sorrows of the past and reminds us to forgive others without hesitation, without question. Without question is hard to do, which only illustrates more clearly God's love Jesus says "Be merciful, just as the Father is merciful." Pope Francis message for Divine Mercy Sunday, is a very practical invitation to embrace God's powerful love for us all, "Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think, and I say it with humility, that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy. It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! "Oh Father, if you knew my life, you would not say that to me!" "Why, what have you done?" "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: he likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, he has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, he kisses you, he embraces you and he simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" That is the only advice he gives you. After a month, if you are in the same situation, let us go back to the Lord. The Lord never tires of forgiving, never! **Divine Mercy Devotions in Mucklagh Church this Sunday commencing at 2pm (please note earlier start) with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Confessions. Mass at 3pm**

Sacrament of Confirmation Bishop Tom will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of our two schools on Friday next at 12 noon in Mucklagh church. We ask God's continued blessing on all of our children, their parents, teachers sponsors, grandparents and all involved in their faith formation

Trocaire Boxes: Amount already received **€3,688** "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty & you gave me to drink, naked and you clothed me. Remaining monies can be returned asap. We give simply so that others may simply live."



Easter Offerings Thanks to all who contributed to Easter Offerings Collection for the support of the Priests. Easter Offering Envelopes available at back of churches for all who may wish to use them.

Darkness Into Light Community Walk Saturday 6th May **Meeting** to organise on this Monday 17th April at 8pm in Mucklagh Community Centre.