

Do not
be
Afraid



Rahan Parish
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Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th June 2023

Killina: Sunday 25th : 10.30am: Lists of Dead

Tuesday 27th: 7.30pm: For those ill in hospital, nursing homes and at home

Thursday 29th ; 7.30pm: Feast of Saint Peter and Paul Frank Hickey Killeraney

Sunday 2nd : 10.30am: Lists of Dead

The Island: Saturday 24th : 6pm: Michael Gannon Ballincur

Saturday 1st July; 6pm Edward and Mary Cornally Ballina and Deceased members of the Cornally and Dunne Families

Mucklagh: Saturday 24th: 7.30pm: Intentions of all Parishioners and Friends

Sunday 25th : 9am: Lists of Dead

Sunday 25th : 12noon: Anne Ryan Charleville View

Wednesday 28th : 7.30pm: Intentions of our sick

Thursday 29th; 9am Feast of Saint Peter and Paul : Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 30th : 7.30pm: Dolly Malone and parents George and Mary, Ballard

Saturday 1st July: 7.30pm: John Margaret & Denis Conroy Ballindrennan Rahan Josie (4th Anniversary) and Jimmy Grennan, Brocca Road

Sunday 2nd : 9am: Lists of Dead

Sunday 2nd : 12noon: Chris and Ina Glynn Mucklagh

Offertory/Plate: Killina €240 The Island €110 Mucklagh €815

Development: Killina and The Island €129 Mucklagh €434

Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursday 2-6pm Killina: Monday 3-10pm

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

Please Pray for Jimmy Gonoude Derrygolán, Killeigh, brother of the late John

Rahan Parish Golf Classic: Thanks to all who supported, helped and contributed to the organizing of a great social and financial success which our parish Golf Classic was. A special thank you to both Tullamore and Esker Hills for the use of both golf courses. A huge word of thanks to our very hard working committee for work done in preparing for and also on the day of the golf classic. **Thanks** to all who entered and played on the 70 teams who participated.

Thanks to all households and businesses who donated sponsorship. Profit at present is **€22,000** with some monies still to come in. The success of the Golf Classic a testament to great parish and community spirit. **Mile Buiochas**

Peter's Pence collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses. Peter's Pence is a tangible sign of the Churches Charity and our own personal charity. The money raised supports the work of Pope Francis particularly in his outreach to the poor and needy of our world. **A second collection will take place as people leave the church**

Mass of Healing and Anointing: will be celebrated on **Friday week 7th July at 7.30pm in Mucklagh church.** At the Mass the Sacrament of Anointing will be available to all who wish to avail of it. The Sacrament of Anointing is a great source of healing for all sickness and ailments of mind, body soul or spirit and healing for all experiencing stress, bereavement and sadness in any way

Rahan Comhaltas Summer Seisiúns Rahan Hall Tuesday June 27th @ 8.30 pm

ST. OLIVER
PLUNKETT
MARTYR



Shamrock's Lotto: 9, 12, 30. Bonus number 6. Next week €14,600.
Mucklagh Comm Centre: Lotto: 15, 21, 28, 31. Next week €6,000



Today's Gospel: Tradition tells us that the phrase **do not be afraid** appears in the bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year. When Mary was called and chosen to be the mother of Jesus, we are told that she was deeply disturbed and wondered the words and message meant. Immediately she was encouraged with the words, 'Mary, do not be afraid'. When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant he was going to divorce her informally. But in a dream he had, he too heard these words, 'Joseph, do not be afraid'. In each experience God called Mary and Joseph by their names and asked them to take on what seemed like an impossible task. But having been called, they were not to rely on their own strength and determination; God who called them would also strengthen, support and encourage them. They would never be alone. Fear is part of life and part of each of our own daily lives. We are afraid of many things; failure, death, violence, the rise of terrorism and religious intolerance in our world and in our country. Like Mary and Joseph each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the gospel are often and generally not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his Gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us. As Mary and Joseph were called and encouraged, so too will we with the words, 'do not be afraid.' Let us not be afraid of what is being asked of us. Let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us, 'go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the good news which is for all people'.



Feast of Saint Peter and Paul; Thursday next 29th June The Gospel of their feast day tells us something about this discipleship to which Peter and Paul were called. It is not easy, and it is not always what we would expect. Jesus tells Peter: 'When you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' We are told that Jesus is indicating how Peter is to die. Yet his next words are still an invitation: 'Follow me.' Peter is left in no doubt that discipleship will not be a bed of roses. He will not be able to 'walk where he likes' and do his own thing. Following Jesus is going to take him to places he would rather not go. If Simon or Saul had known what was ahead, would they have taken the path they did? So it is with our lives. We never know what is around the next corner and what we may have to deal with, whether illness, loss or the many other obstacles that can come our way. The twists and turns of life may indeed bring us where we would rather not go. But we are called to follow Jesus, and trust that he has a plan for us.



As the school holidays begin we wish that the children have a happy, safe and enjoyable summer. We wish the children from sixth class well as they transfer to secondary school. We express thanks to Principals, Vice Principals and all staff in our schools, Boards of Management and Parents Associations for their work during the year Many Thanks

Prayer to St. Oliver Plunkett whose feast day is Saturday next 1st of July Glorious Martyr, Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.