



**Rahan Parish**  
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 Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh  
 Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm  
 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd July 2023



**Killina: Sunday 23rd: 10.30am:** Lists of the Dead  
**Sunday 23rd: 2pm: Golden Jubilee Mass of Fr Nicholas Clavin**  
**Tuesday 25th: 7.30pm: Feast of Saint James Apostle**  
**Thursday 27th: 7.30pm:** Intentions of our sick  
**Sunday 30th: 10.30am:** Joseph Keyes, Loughroe, Rahan  
**The Island: Saturday 22nd: 6pm:** John Molloy Dublin and his mother Nora  
**Saturday 29th: 6pm:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Mucklagh: Sat. 22nd: 7.30pm:** For a successful harvest  
**Sunday 23rd: 9am:** John Claffey Anniversary  
**Sunday 23rd: 12noon:** Mary Walsh Screggan 1st Anniv, Paul Keyes, his mother Dolores and sister Carmel  
**Wednesday 26th: 7.30pm: Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne**  
**Thursday 27th: 9am** Lists of the Dead  
**Friday 28th: 7.30pm:** Mary Dunne Mucklagh and her parents Mary Bridget and Patrick and Martin and Mary Pierce  
**Saturday 29th July: 7.30pm:** Joe Digan m.m. Patrick Conway Beechmount Park 1st Anniv, Ned Conroy Adams Vills Anniv  
**Sunday 30th: 9am:** Tom Deegan and Deceased members of the Deegan family Mucklagh and Clonaslee  
**Sunday 23rd: 12noon:** Lists of the Dead  
**Offertory/Plate: Killina €185 The Island €157 Mucklagh €1015**  
**Development Fund: Killina and The Island €147 Mucklagh €361**  
**Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursday 2-6pm Killina: Monday 3-10pm**  
**Adoration: The Island: Tue 3pm—8 pm and Saturday after Mass**  
**Please pray for:** Jim Lee, Killeigh, Teresa Egan Ballinahown



**Fr Nicholas Clavin** On this Sunday 23rd July Fr Nicholas Clavin will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood with family, friends and parishioners. As a parish community we congratulate Fr Nicholas and we pray God's continued blessings on his life and ministry. **Mass at 2pm in Killina Church on this Sunday.**

**You are Holy, Lord,** The only God, and Your deeds are wonderful. You are strong. You are great. You are the Most High. You are Almighty. You, are King of heaven and earth. You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good. You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are wisdom. You are humility. You are endurance. You are rest. You are peace You are joy and gladness You are justice and moderation. You are all our riches, and You suffice for us. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are our protector. You are our guardian and defender. You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope. You are our faith, our great consolation. You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord, Merciful Saviour. **St. Francis Of Assisi**



**Rahan Community Hall Dance Saturday 26th August** Music by Glenn Flynn Adm €10 Tickets on sale from committee Refreshments served

**Rahan Comhaltas Summer Seisiúns** Rahan Hall **Tues July 25th 8.30pm**  
**CHY3 Forms** Can all who received forms please return to parish office

**Church Gate Collections** Please give **two weeks** notice of same to Parish Office

**Shamrock's Lotto:** 11, 13, 29. Bonus number 1. Next week €10,000.  
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 3, 4, 26, 29. Next week €6,600



**Today's Gospel: "Weeds among the wheat"** The biblical image of the 'weeds among the wheat' is used repeatedly by Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* ('Joy of the Gospel').: "Let us believe the Gospel when it tells us that the kingdom of God is already present in this world and is growing, here and there, and in different ways: like the small seed which grows into a great tree.. like the good seed that grows amid the weeds...and can always pleasantly surprise us. Evangelization consists mostly of **patience...** Faithful to the Lord's gift, it also bears fruit. An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful. It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient at the weeds. The sower, when he sees weeds sprouting among the grain does not grumble or overreact. He or she finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear." (EG, 24) "The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. Jn 16:22). The evils of our world – and those of the Church – must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment . Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow... Our faith is challenged to discern how wheat can grow in the midst of weeds.

**This Sunday is National Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**  
**Wednesday next we celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Jesus**  
**Grandparents Prayer** I thank you, Lord, for the comfort of your presence: even in times of loneliness, you are my hope and my confidence, you have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank you for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank you for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which you call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic will continue to be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that you give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.



**Be Thankful** Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know something, it gives you the opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character. Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference. It's easy to be thankful for the good things. Life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

**Would you like your home blessed or to have Mass there** Contact Fr. Michael 087 2900844 or Fr Frank 087 3804814

**Mary's Meals Offaly:** Thank everyone who gave so generously last weekend. A total of €2,056.72 was raised. Thanks also to the collectors. A Mass will be offered for your intentions