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Rahan Parish
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Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2023

Killina: Sun 3rd Sept: 10.30am: Deceased members of the Sherlock family Killina
Tuesday 5th: Mass at 7.30pm: Feast of Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Thursday 7th: 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 10th September: 10.30am: Lists of the Dead
The Island: Saturday 2nd Sept: 6pm: Patrick and Bridget Boland, The Rushes, Castletown and deceased family members
Saturday 9th September: 6pm: John Maura and Peter Kinahan Deerpark
Mucklagh: Saturday 2nd September: 7.30pm: Gabrielle Leonard
Sunday 3rd September: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 3rd September: 12noon: Mass for all children and young people starting back school, college and university
Wednesday 6th: 7.30pm: Intentions of all who are ill
Thursday 7th: 9am: Lists of the Dead
Friday 8th Sept: 7.30pm: The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary Peter and Phil Hussey Cloonagh
Saturday 9th: 7.30pm: Dan Daly 3rd Anniv. Mick Bryant and Deceased members of the Mc Dermott family and John and Mary Meehan, Beechmount Park
Sunday 10th: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 3rd September: 12noon: Aidan Doyle Blueball
Offertory/Plate: Killina €252 The Island € Mucklagh €875
Development Fund: Killina and The Island €108 Mucklagh €580
Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursday 2-6pm Killina: Monday 3-10pm
Adoration: The Island: Tue 3pm—8 pm and Saturday after Mass
Please pray for Fr. Eamon O' Brien, retired P.P., Rochfortbridge and formally Ballykillmurray R.I.P.



The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast day on Friday Joachim and Ann Mary's parents loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world. When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life

Killickfeehan Cemetery: Thanks to all who helped with celebrating Killickfeehan Cemetery Devotions on Saturday last. A special thanks to the committee and to those who maintain the cemetery throughout the year and to those involved in providing amplification and all required for the celebration of Mass on the night. Thanks for your generosity towards the upkeep of the cemetery. Collection **€700.**

Shamrock's Lotto: 5, 7, 21. Bonus number 7. Next week €11,400.
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 1, 9, 21, 26. Next week €8,000

Mucklagh Social Lunch Club: In Mucklagh Community Centre on Wed 13th Sept, 12.30-3pm. Booking is required. **Contact Shirley on 0872175998**

Today's Gospel: - It can be difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and lifestyles gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful. It's all a bit of a contrast to the message of today's gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden? Surely we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible. Yet, we see self-sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give us their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses, doctors and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. Countless people give up their time and resources to help those in need, whether it is raising funds for charities or offering practical support to those who are sick, homeless, or struggling. And it's all done out of love. When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock, as it seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us, just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly. Being a follower of Jesus means being prepared to sometimes put others' needs before our own.

The Christian Life An Open Book 'Any Christian is a living epistle, known and read by all people, an open letter, an advertisement for Christianity.' William Barclay What would an advertisement for Christianity look like from your life? If you had to design an add to sum up your faith, what would you include? On the one hand we are called to be joyful – to sing, shout, clap our hands and rejoice! But faith is not always so straightforward. There are many obstacles and temptations, and sometimes we are afraid to stand up for what we believe in. And then there's today's Gospel, which speaks of suffering, and tells us that following Jesus involves taking up our cross. How do we make sense of all this in the context of our faith journey? The good news is we are not alone in our struggles. In today's First Reading, Jeremiah struggles with his faith in one of his many 'laments'. His faith has caused him to be a laughing stock. He feels conflicted; although his faith is inviting insult and derision, it is also a fire burning in his heart. In spite of people's hostile reactions, he has been 'seduced' by God, and he cannot but speak out. Is this how we feel about our faith? Is it like a fire burning within us, in our very bones, or are we lukewarm in our commitment? Following Jesus is a radical choice, now more than ever perhaps. Today's readings teach us to be less concerned with what people think, and more concerned with living according to Jesus' teachings – however others may react.

Mother Teresa Quotes; Feast Day on Tuesday



- 1. We fear the future because we are wasting today."
- 2 Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.'
- 3 Spread the love of God through your life but only use words when necessary."
- 4 Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

Rahan Comhaltas Music and Dance Classes: Registration 8th Sept 7-8.30pm in Killina Secondary School. Further enquiries to Deirdre on 086 0886648

Mass of Healing and Anointing: In Mucklagh Church on Fri 15th Sept at 7.30pm