

October

Month of the Holy Rosary



Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh
Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2023

Killina: Sunday 1st October: 10.30am: Kathleen Lynam Ballinclohan, Rahan

Tuesday 3rd: Mass at 7.30pm: Mass of our Lady Queen of Peace

Michael Hickey and his parents Michael and Margaret, Killebrannigan

Thursday 5th: 7pm: Patrick and Catherine Mollin and Patricia and Phyllis **Please note 7pm Mass**

Friday 6th: 9am First Friday Lists of the Dead

Sunday 8th October: 10.30am: Michael and Eileen Kearney

The Island: Saturday 30th: 6pm: Joe and Joan Maher The Derris

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Saturday 7th October: 6pm: Feast of Holy Rosary

Mucklagh: Sat 30th: 7.30pm: Fergus Conroy Killurinn

Sun 1st October: 9am: Tom Gallagher Charleville Road.

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Wed 4th: 7.30pm: Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Thursday 5th: 9am: Feast of Saint Faustina

Fri 6th: 7.30pm: First Friday Patsy Condron Bunatarn, Kay Condron Holmshill,

Sat 7th: 10am First Saturday Devotions. Feast of the Holy Rosary

Sat 7th: 7.30pm: Bill Daly St O'Hara, Deceased members of the Boylan family, Joe Mc Keown, Killurinn

Sun 8st : 9am: Ollie Larkin Junior St Colman's Terrace

Sun 8th: 12noon: Sean Grennan 1st Anniversary

Offertory/Plate: Killina €185 The Island €160 Mucklagh € 845

Development Fund: Killina and The Island €417 Mucklagh €945

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

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

Please Pray for Tom Porter, Birr laid to rest in Rahan cemetery

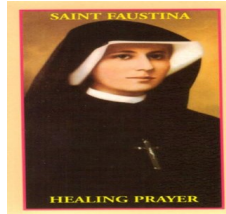
New Boxes of Envelopes: will be issued for first Week of October. **Many thanks** to all for your contributions received in the past year. For anyone who contributes yearly, half yearly or quarterly a contribution may now be due. Account details: St. Carthage's Church Current Account BIC: BOFIE2DIBAN: IE30 BOFI 9019 0938 7088 72.

Altar Servers We are at present recruiting altar servers from children in third class and upwards. Many thanks to children and parents for their co-operation. For children attending schools outside of our parish enrolment forms are available in the sacristies and from Mucklagh parish office. Forms to be returned by Friday next.

Five First Saturday Devotions From Saturday next 7th October **at 10am Mass (Feast of Our Lady of Rosary)** in Mucklagh church we will commence **5** First Saturday Devotions which Our Lady encouraged during apparitions at Fatima. **1** Attend Mass **2.**Go to Confession **3.**Receive Communion **4** Recite the Rosary **5.**Meditate for 15mins.All encouraged for our personal salvation

Thanksgiving for Harvest: At all Masses this weekend we will be giving thanks for the Gift of Harvest - The Fruits of the Earth. Thanks to those who have brought items for display. All of the products will be made available afterwards to St. Vincent de Paul

Society who will distribute them to those who need it **Salt** will also be blessed for those who wish to bless their lands and gardens with it.



Shamrock's Lotto: 7, 8, 12. Bonus number 1. Next week €10,000.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 4, 15, 19, 27. Next week €8,800

First Holy Communion Preparation: Information meeting for parents of children preparing for First Communion this year from St. Colman's N.S., Mucklagh and Scoil Charthaigh Naofa.on Monday 2nd October in Mucklagh Church at 8pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation Information meeting for parents of children preparing for Sacrament of Confirmation this year from St. Colman's N.S., Mucklagh and Scoil Charthaigh Naofa. on Tuesday 5th October in Mucklagh Church at 8pm.

Jesuit Cemetery Tullybeg Cemetery Devotions: Thanks to all who helped organize and celebrate the mass on Monday last

Today's Gospel: Our word matters greatly in our relationships, whether in our family or at work or among our friends or with God. When we do not have our word, then we have nothing because we cannot be trusted with even the smallest responsibility. We become unreliable, like the second son in the gospel. His word was meaningless and he lacked sincerity. Dependability is a desirable character trait for all genuine Christians. Otherwise, people are wasting their time with us. God depends on each one of us to help him achieve his plan for the salvation of all people, just as the father in the gospel parable depended on his two sons. The parable teaches us that it was the first son, who initially said 'No' but then thought better of it, who actually did what the father requested. That son had undergone conversion. He had the honesty and the humility to realise his mistake and to change his decision. He became reliable. Perhaps too often we are like the second son. We easily say 'Yes' to God without meaning what we say. Then our word becomes meaningless. The parable of the father and the two sons challenges us to do God's will in action and not only to concur with it verbally. This requires that, like the first son, we are continually open to the possibility of conversion in our lives and that we are honest and humble enough to change our decisions when we recognise that they are wrong decisions, especially in matters relating to our salvation and the salvation of others. Are we people of our word?. Let us decide to be honest and humble enough to undergo conversion every day and to change our wrong decision

October -The Month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is Christocentric, setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ: the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honours and contemplates Mary too: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she". The Rosary is a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like Christ

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni 14- 21 October Petitions **A box** will be available in each church up to Friday evening of 13th at 8pm into which people can place their petitions in a closed envelope and they will be brought to San Giovanni

First Friday Calls to those sick and housebound take place in the Island on Wednesday, on Thursday in Rahan and on Friday in Mucklagh. If anyone wants a visit at home please contact either priest

Rahan Social Services: Chiropody Clinic Tuesday, 10th October in Mucklagh Community Center. Contact Miriam directly at 083 0106622 to book an appointment

Mass of our Lady Queen of Peace resumes this Tuesday at 7.30pm in Killina Rahan Hall A.G.M on Wed 4th October at 8.30 pm in the Hall. All welcome

Offaly Older Persons Network host 'Rambling House' event, an evening of songs and stories in Tullamore Rugby Club, Thurs 5th October @ 7.30pm in aid of Offaly Carers

