



Rahan Parish
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1st Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2023

Killina:

Sun 3rd: Mass at 10.30am: Kathleen and Paddy Monaghan, The Derries and remembering Mrs Scott and her husband Ned, Joe and Mary Cantwell

Tues 5th : 7.30pm: First Tuesday Devotions in honor of Our Lady Queen of Peace

Thurs 7th : No evening Mass

Friday 8th Mass at 9.30am Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Sun 10th Mass 10.30am Michael and Eileen Kearney

The Island: Saturday 2nd December: 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Friday 8th Mass at 6pm Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Saturday 9th December: 6pm Mary Conroy 1st Anniversary, Joe and Lil Daly and their daughter Kathleen and her husband John

Mucklagh:

Sat 2nd: Mass at 7.30pm: Paddy and Carmel Reynolds, Ballard and deceased members of the Reynolds & Derham families, Crea Mulderrig (nee O' Kelly), Screggan, James and Brigid Keegan, Ballykeenaghan

Sunday 3rd: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 3rd: 12noon: Eileen and Gerry Murray, Margaret and Patrick Walsh, Charleville Forest, Mary and Tommy Boylan, Con Dunne, Roscore and deceased relatives and Margaret Murphy Charleville View

Wednesday 6th: Mass at 7.30pm: John O Donoghue, Lynally Grove

Thurs 7th: Mass at 9am: Feast of St. Ambrose

Friday 8th: Mass at 7.30pm: Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Johnnie, Margaret and Richard Larkin, Matt and Bridget Bonney

Sat 9th: Mass at 7.30pm: Sean Healion & his parents Joe and Ellen Spollenstown
Deceased members of the Condran Family Glaskill

Sunday 10th: Mass at 9am: Ann and Bill Coonan Beechmount Park

Sun 10th: 12noon: Helen Clavin and her husband Mick of Lynally

Offertory/Plate: Killina €275 The Island €215 Mucklagh €935

Development Fund: Killina and The Island €225 Mucklagh €765

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

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

Pray for: Nuala Phelan, Killeigh R.I.P

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is celebrated next Friday and **is a holyday**. Masses on Friday at 9.30am in Killina, at 6pm in the Island and at 7.30pm in Mucklagh

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. **Offering Envelopes** available at back of church or in yearly box of envelopes. Thanks to everybody for their generosity during the year

Advent thoughts: God has no phone, but I talk to him. He has no facebook, but He is still my friend. He does not have twitter, but I still follow Him.

Christmas Eve: As like last year we will have an additional Special Mass for children and families on Christmas Eve at 4pm in Mucklagh church

Shared Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards now available in Parish Office and church Sacristies. Suggested donation €5 per card All will be remembered at Christmas masses

Individual Mass cards for the Departed also available. Suggested Donation €10

We welcome children in 3rd class participating in our masses this weekend



Shamrock's Lotto: 15, 16, 18. Bonus number 4. Next week €11,800.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 6, 12, 15, 31. Next week €10,400

Today's Gospel: The Invitation I like these words of the late Cardinal Hume: "There are times when I can visualize Our Lord at the break of day standing by my bed and saying: "Get up, follow me." Whether I am conscious of it or not, in effect that invitation, that loving but insistent command, is given to me every day. Each new morning is the opportunity to start again. Yesterday there may have been inadequacies and failures but today Christ renews his call: "Follow me. I have chosen you. I need you." Who can fail to respond to the thought that God needs our willing collaboration. "We are carers of creation and of his people. Take this seriously, it is our world. God has made himself so vulnerable and this gospel reading is just before the passion. An area or parish improves if enough people do something. This has been the work of people co-creating the world with God. Making it a better place. Doing the world a world of good. The Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation. Stay awake to the sea ☐ son – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith — maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray a bit every day, make time to be awakened to the centre of our world who is God, and to his central action in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son. **A question for the first week of Advent: How can I help someone today? Lord, send me, use me, create me for your work in the world**



Christmas Annual Parish Draw: Our annual parish Christmas draw takes place on Sunday **17th December in Rahan Hall at 7.00pm**. The usual prizes of €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 Turkeys, 5 Hams, 5 bottles of Brandy, 5 bottles of Whiskey, 5 Christmas cakes and lots of other donated prizes will be available **Many thanks** to everybody for your support and we rely as always on the area distributors to hand in 2 draw tickets to each household. Each line is €2 or a card for €10. Cards are available at the doors of all of our churches. **Please Return Cards to the Parochial House Mucklagh, or mass in coming weeks.**

The 2024 Parish Pilgrimage will be to Assisi, Loreto & other places, September 24-30. The cost is €995 per person sharing and includes Aer Lingus flights, luggage, return coach to Dublin airport, accommodation in a four star hotel with all dinners, all coaching and tours in Italy. Bookings are now due as this trip is expected to book out quickly. To book, phone Laura or Kieran on 057 93 55050 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm)

Rahan Hall —Christmas Concert on this Sunday 3rd December from 3-6 pm with local schools and lots of Local Talent performing. Fr Christmas will be present.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal: The annual church gate collection for the Society will take place next weekend at all masses
Thank you in anticipation for your generosity and support ..

Chiropody Clinic: Will take place on Tuesday 5th December in Mucklagh Community Centre. Please contact Carmel on 087 9530377 for appointment time
Annual Christmas Senior Citizens Dinner on Sunday 10th December at 2pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. For bookings contact 085 231 3304

Tom Minnock's Book "Down the Decades" on sale this weekend at all masses €15
Link to launch www.jmbvideos.com/downthedeCADES

Mass of Healing and Anointing: will be celebrated on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm in Mucklagh church. At the Mass the Sacrament of Anointing will be available to all who wish to avail of it.

Clean Up Morning at **the Island Church** next Saturday 9th December **at 10am.**
Parish Pastoral Assembly Meeting Monday 4th December at 8pm