



Second Sunday of Advent

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2nd Sunday of Advent 10th December 2023



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Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Killina: Sun 10th: Mass at 10.30am: Michael and Eileen Kearney

Tues 12th: 7.30pm: Feast of St Finian Patron of our Diocese

Thurs 14th: 7.30pm : Feast of St John of the Cross

Sun 17th: 10.30am: Daniel and Mary Ann Grennan Killina

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

Saturday 16th December: 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Mucklagh: Sat 9th: Mass at 7.30pm: Sean Healion and his parents Joe and Ellen
Spollenstown Paudge and Mary Condron and Deceased family members , Glaskill

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

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

Wednesday 13th: Mass at 7.30pm: Anne and Howard Tourtellott

Thurs 14th: Mass at 9am: Feast of St John of the Cross

Fri 15th: Mass at 7.30pm: Jack Rigney Screggan

Saturday 16th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 17th: Mass at 9am: Ann and Bill Coonan, Beechmount Pk

Sunday 17th: 12noon: Helen Clavin and her husband Mick, Lynally

Offertory/Plate: Killina €280 The Island €155 Mucklagh €935

Development Fund: Killina and The Island €396 Mucklagh €504

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

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

Pray for Thomas Dolan ,Castlerear, brother of Brian Dolan ,Tegan Court R.I.P

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass In Mucklagh . **Christmas Eve 6pm** Mass In The Island

Christmas Eve 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh **Christmas Eve 9pm** Mass in Killina

Christmas Day 9am Mass in Mucklagh **Christmas Day 10am** Mass in The Island

Christmas Day 10.30am Mass in Killina **Christmas Day 12 noon** Mass in Mucklagh

Christmas Candles are available at all masses for people to bring home for lighting on Christmas day at the family meal. **Also bring home a copy of the following prayer**

A Family Christmas Dinner Prayer Lord of All, we give you thanks for your abundance, and for all the great things you have given us, especially the birth of Your Son on this day. We ask your blessing upon this food, and upon our friends and family. We also pray that in your great mercy, you would look kindly upon all those in need this day especially, those in sickness, sadness poverty and loneliness. As we light this candle we pray that you the Prince of Peace will bring peace to all troubled hearts and to all troubled places of our world. Our prayer we make through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

Mass of Healing & Anointing: will be celebrated on Wednesday next 13th Dec. at the 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh church. Sacrament of Anointing will be available to all.

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

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

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

Shamrock's Lotto: 2, 25, 28. Bonus number 5. Next week €12,000.

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



Prize Draw

Christmas Annual Parish Draw: Only a week to go to our annual parish Christmas draw takes place next Sunday **17th December in Rahan Hall at 7.00pm. Lots of good 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 **Many thanks** to everybody for your support. Each line is €2 or a card for €10. Cards are available at the doors of all of our churches. **Please Return Cards to Parochial House Mucklagh, or to masses in coming week and next weekend.**

Today's Gospel - Prepare a Way John the Baptist is an interesting character. He wasn't someone who kept up with the latest fashion. We are told he wore strange clothes, ate insects and lived in the desert. And yet John was very popular as we hear that 'all of Judea' came to him. There was obviously something very attractive about John. People could see something in him; something that inspired them; something that gave them hope. John is clear that he is not the one they are looking for; rather he is someone who is pointing to the one they are looking for. John shows the way for people, he is a signpost to God. The world of today says to God, 'we no longer need you, we know what is best'. And then we look at the wilderness of our modern world and hear the voice of one crying, 'Prepare a way'. How do we prepare for welcoming God's love into our hearts? God is crying out for us to welcome him again and again. It is us who are blocked; We put so many things in the way. John is urging us to clear the path, to let go of all the things that are preventing us from experiencing God's love. Today once again John is calling people out from despair into hopefulness .He is calling us no renewed faith, prayer kindness, and love .

The Second candle we light on the Advent Wreath is the symbol of **Faith** .The candle's name has its origins in the prophet Micah who prophesied Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. It is referred to as the Bethlehem Candle. As we prepare for Christ's Birth may we grow in ways, God and of Christ Jesus and closer to each other

The 2024 Parish Pilgrimage will be to Assisi, Loreto & other places, September 24-30. The cost is €995 per person sharing . Bookings are now been taken. To book, phone Laura or Kieran on 057 93 55050 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm)



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal: The annual church gate collection for the Society takes place this weekend Thanks in anticipation for your kindness, generosity and support ..

Parish Christmas Senior Citizens Dinner on this Sunday 10th December at 2pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. If its your first time to come you are most welcome . A great way to have fun and build community spirit as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of the one who was the greatest builder of community and friendship .

Parish Christmas Penance Service takes place on Wednesday 20th December in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm. A number of visiting priests will be present. We complete our Advent journey by availing of the Sacrament of confession which through the forgiveness of God helps us make fresh starts and new beginnings .

Rahan Community Alert: Regarding our fundraiser for the CCTV cameras we wish to inform you that this year we are putting it on hold. This is because the legislation going through Government is not complete

Christmas Eve: Like last year we are having an additional Special Mass for children and families on Christmas Eve at 4pm in Mucklagh Church. **Meeting** on Wednesday next at 8.15pm in Mucklagh church to organize and plan for same

Mucklagh Church Cleaning: Tues 12th Dec. at 10am. All help much appreciated **We welcome** children in 2nd class participating in our masses this weekend