

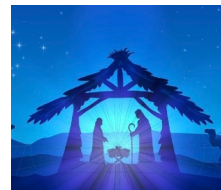


Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh
Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm
3rd Sunday of Advent 17th December 2023

Killina: Sun 17th: 10.30am: Daniel & Mary Ann Grennan Killina, Special intention
Tues 19th: 7.30pm: for Fr Godwin of Tang parish celebrating 25 years as priest
Thurs 21st: Please note Mass at 6pm: Mass Bouquets
Sun 24th: 10.30am: Ellen Dunne and deceased members of the Hickey family Roscore and John and Anne Buckley, Goldsmith's Lot
Christmas Eve: Mass at 9.00pm: Mass and Blessing of crib. Mass Bouquets
Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am: Sadie Kirwan 1st Anniversary,
The Island: Saturday 16th December: 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Saturday 23rd December: 6pm: Mass Bouquets
Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm: Mass & Blessing of Crib Dan and Mary Fogarty and their son Martin Castletown
Christmas Day: Mass at 10am Special Intention. Mass Bouquets
Mucklagh: Sat 16th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 17th: Mass at 9am: Breda Larkin, St. Colman's Tce
Sun 17th: 12noon: For all who died in the past year
Wednesday 20th: 7.30pm: Parish Penance Service Mass at 8pm
Thurs 21st: Mass at 9am: Mass Bouquets.
Fri 22nd: Mass at 7.30pm: Lists of the Dead.
Saturday 23rd: Mass at 7.30pm: Eamon Walsh St Colman's Terrace
Sunday 24th: Mass at 9am: Deceased members of the Egan and Gallagher families
Sunday 24th: 12noon: Mass Bouquets.
Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00pm: Children's Mass of the Nativity & Blessing of Crib
Christmas Eve: Mass at 7.30pm: Mass and Blessing of the Crib. Mass Bouquets
Christmas Day: Mass 9.00am: The Galvin family, Tullamore & the White family, Scraggan
Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon: Sean Murray, Ballyshannon
Offertory/Plate: Killina €340 The Island €220 Mucklagh €1020
Development Fund: Killina and The Island €471 Mucklagh €1889
Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursday 2-6pm Killina: Monday 3-10pm
Adoration: The Island: Tue 3pm—8 pm and Saturday after Mass
Please Pray for Annie Spain, Cappincur mother of Louise Minnock
Christmas Mass Schedule in our 3 churches
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 A Family Christmas Dinner Prayer** which is also available for saying at Christmas day meal. **Children** please feel free to bring a candle and prayer to grandparents inside or outside our parish or to anyone who may be lonely or sad for Christmas.



Rejoice Sunday



Christmas Annual Parish Draw: takes place **this 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 **Thanks** to everybody for your support. Each line is €2 or a card for €10. **Please Return Cards to Parochial House Mucklagh, or to masses this weekend or to Rahan Hall by 6pm this Sunday.**



Shamrock's Lotto: 1, 4, 20. Bonus number 5. Next week €12,200.
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 5, 10, 30, 31. Next week €11,000 .

Today's Gospel - Advent is a time during which we hope to experience of joy .The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message. Voices of Advent bring God near. The central message within all the voices of Christmas and God's Christmas voice is I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final. But be not just a voice...but be actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life. God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh. Remember this week what makes you joyful about the coming feast of Christmas and be grateful and thankful .

Scoil Charthaigh Naofa Rahan are celebrating their Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 21st December in Killina church at 7pm . **All welcome** as we celebrate with children the joy of Christmas . May some of the children's joy be ours always.

Rahan Community Alert The yearly Draw will not take place until the first or second week in January

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

Parish Christmas Penance Service on **Wednesday next 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 .Don't be concerned about how long you may have been away . A suggested formula for going to confession is I am sorry for all my sins especially and mention the areas of life where you would like to improve and do better. **Mass at 8pm**

Additional Christmas Eve Mass for children & families at 4pm in Mucklagh church **We welcome** children in 6th class participating in our masses this weekend

Profits from Parish Christmass Draw which takes place this Sunday will go to
1 Development of interior and exterior of the Island church **2.**Painting of outside of Mucklagh,church **3.**Cleaning of exterior roof of church at Killina which has already taken place **Thank you** in anticipation for your generous support . **Additional Draw Cards** are available in all of our churches this weekend . €10 per card

First Friday calls will take place on Tuesday in the Island, Wednesday in Rahan and Thursday in Mucklagh We will also visit parishioners in nursing home care.

Confessions also on Saturday 23rd in Killina and Mucklagh from 3-4pm and in The Island on Saturday 23rd before and after the 6pm Mass .

Welcome home all who have come home to be with their families for Christmas **Rahan Comhaltas Table Quiz** in the Thatch Rahan December 30th at 8.30pm.All proceeds in aid of the **Gaza emergency fund.** A great night for family and friends.

Christmas Clean Up Evening in Killina church on this Tuesday 19th at 8.15 pm

The 2024 Parish Pilgrimage will be to Assisi, Loreto & other places, September 24-30. Cost is €995 per person sharing Contact Laura 057 9355050 (Mon to Fri,) 9am to 5pm

Rahan CCE: Table Quiz in The Thatch, Rahan, December 30th at 8.30pm. All proceeds in aid of the Gaza emergency fund. A great night for family and friends