



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm**  
**Christmas Eve and Day December 2023**

**Killina: Christmas Eve: Mass at 9.00pm:** Mass and Blessing of crib. Mass Bouquets

**Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am:** Sadie Kirwan 1st Anniversary

**Tues 26th: 10am Feast of St Stephen Christmas Mass Bouquets**

**Wed 27th: 10am Feast of St John the Apostle Mass in Mucklagh at 10am**

**Thurs 28th: 10am Feast of The Holy Innocents Christmas Mass Bouquets**

**Sun 31st: 10.30am: Intentions of Christmas Mass Bouquets**

**The Island:**

**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. **Christmas Mass Bouquets**

**Saturday 30th: 6pm:** For a Happy and Joy filled New Year

**Mucklagh:**

**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, Screggan

**Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon:** Sean Murray, Ballyshannon

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**Wed 27th : Mass at 10am Feast of St John the Apostle Christmas Mass Bouquets**

**Thurs 28th: Mass at 10am in Killina Feast of The Holy Innocents**

**Fri 29th: Mass at 7.30pm** Annie Fletcher, husband Patsy & relatives

**Sat 30th: Mass at 7.30pm** Breda & Pat Joe Conroy Ballard & their Great Grandson Patrick and Deceased Family Members

**Sunday 31st: Mass at 9am :** Betsy Flanagan 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday 31st: 12noon:** Nora Kenaney Mucklagh and formerly Patrick St. Tullamore

**Day of Prayer for Peace:** is celebrated on Monday week 1st of January **Mass at 10am in Killina and at 11am in Mucklagh** where special prayers will be offered for peace in our world which longs for true and lasting peace

**Pray for** Sr. Marie Walsh Johnny Flaherty, Chaleville View and Carmel Plunkett Kinnegad, sister of Bernard Lynam ,Screggan Doreen Grimes , Tullamore

**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

**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.



**Thanks** to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our church: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Soloists, Choirs, Church Cleaners, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans and Caretakers

**Date for Diaries Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will be held on the 4 Tuesdays of February 6th 13th 20th and 27th in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm with 4 visiting speakers. Lots of nice singing , prayers, readings and reflections .Please keep those Tuesday nights of February free



**Shamrock's Lotto:** 6, 20, 21. Bonus number 2. Next week €12,400.  
**Shamrock's G.A.A Fundraiser Family Road Puck** Tuesday 26th December (St Stephens Day) starting from the Thatch and taking in a 3 kilometre loop. Team of 4 Adults €40 and Juvenile Team €20 . Contact Shane Heffernan at 089 4328508 to book in a team

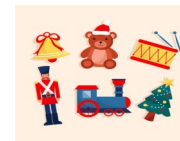
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 8, 11, 16, 17. Next week €11,200 .

**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.

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

**Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank** wish everybody peace and joy for Christmas and blessings for the New Year, and thank you all for your help, support and generosity.. Welcome home to all parishioners who are studying, working or living abroad. We welcome all who are visiting our parish for Christmas and those who have made their home in our Parish in the last year. We invite all family members to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus at Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

**Christmas Offerings:** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. Please use envelope from yearly Box or **Special Envelope** available at all of our church doors



**Christmas Toys** To any of our Masses on Christmas Morning we invite children to bring **one of their small Christmas Toys and during Mass to place it beside the crib**. At Christmas time we give thanks for toys and all of God's blessings. Please put your child's name on the present so that they can recognise it and bring it home afterwards and please don't bring toys that are battery operated. **Prayer** Thank you, Jesus for all our toys. Thank you, Jesus for Christmas Joys. Thank you Jesus, for all you've done. Thank you, Jesus for Christmas fun. Thank you Jesus, we would like to say .Thank you Jesus, for Christmas Day. Thank you Jesus, for being a friend. Thank you Jesus, at Christmas end. Amen

**Rahan Hall Social Dance** Wed 27th Dec @ 9.30pm Music - Glenn Flynn Adm €10

**Parish Office: Will reopen on Thursday 28th December from 9am-5pm**

**The Work of Christmas Begins** When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among others, To make music in the heart. Howard Thurman

**Words of Encouragement** Brothers and sisters, standing before the crib, we contemplate what is central, beyond all the pretty lights and decorations. We contemplate the child In his littleness, God is completely present. Let us acknowledge this: "Baby Jesus, you are God, the God who becomes a child". Let us be amazed by this truth. The One who embraces the universe needs to be held in another's arms. The One who created the sun needs to be warmed. Tenderness incarnate needs to be cuddled. Infinite love has a miniscule heart that beats softly. The eternal Word is an "infant", a speechless child. The Bread of life needs to be nourished. The Creator of the world has no home. Today, all is turned upside down: God comes into the world in littleness. His grandeur appears in littleness. Pope Francis 24 December 2021



**Fr Michael** will celebrate his 60th Birthday on Saturday 5th January 2024. To mark the occasion we will have refreshments after the 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh Community Center and all are very welcome.