



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm**  
**Feast of the Holy Family 30/31st December 2023**



**Killina: Sun 31st: 10.30am: Intentions of Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Mon 1st Jan Mass at 10am Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace:**  
**Tues 2nd: 10am Feast of St Basil and Gregory Mass Bouquets**  
**Wed 3rd : 10am Mass in Mucklagh The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
**Thurs 4th: 10am Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Fri 5th : Mass at 10am in Mucklagh Saint Charles of Mount Argus**  
**Sat 6th Mass at 10.30am Feast of Epiphany (Holyday)**  
**Sun 7th Mass at 10.30 am Susan Walsh 1st Anniv. ,Violet Lowry Newtown Rahan**  
**The Island Saturday 30th: 6pm: For a Happy and Joy filled New Year**  
**Fri 5th Mass at 6pm Vigil of Feast of Epiphany (Holyday) Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Sat 6th Mass at 6pm: Feast of Baptism of Our Lord Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Mucklagh:**

**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**  
**Mon 1st Jan Mass at 11am Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace**  
**Tues 2nd: Mass at 10am in Killina Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Wed 3rd: Mass at 10am: The Most Holy Name of Jesus Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Thurs 4th: Mass at 10am in Killina Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Fri 5th: Mass at 10am: Feast of Saint Charles of Mount Argus**  
**Sat 6th: Mass at 12 noon: Feast of Epiphany (Holyday)**  
**Sat 6th: Mass at 7.30pm: Feast of Baptism of Our Lord Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Sun 7th: Mass at 9am: Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**Sun 7th: Mass at 12noon: Noel Guinan and his parents Tom and Susan, St. Colman's Terrace, Sean and Nora McIntyre Ballard and Deceased members of the Kelly Family**

**Offertory/Plate Last weekend : Killina €185 The Island €185 Mucklagh €790**  
**Offertory/Plate Christmas : Killina €950 The Island €715 Mucklagh €3,070**  
**Development / Weekend & Christmas Killina & The Island €1,994 Mucklagh €1,690**  
**World Day of Prayer for Peace: is celebrated on Monday next 1st of January Mass at 10am in Killina and at 11am in Mucklagh**

**Pray** for Eileen Horan Eglis, sister of Fr. Frank, Doreen Grimes Tinnycross, Margaret Earley Blueball Kathleen Healion, Cappincur and Lucy Kenehan, Cloonagh. Funeral will take place at 12noon on Monday in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh. RIP

**Thanks** to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our churches: 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

**Rahan Comhaltas Table Quiz** in the Thatch Rahan this Saturday December 30th at 8.30pm. All Proceeds to **Gaza emergency fund.**  
**Reminder No Eucharistic Adoration this week. Back the following week**

**Fr. Michael & Fr. Frank wish everybody peace, joy and blessings for the New Year.**

**Shamrock's Lotto: 2, 4, 8. Bonus number 9. Next week €12,600.**

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 5, 19, 24, 26. Next week €11,400 .**

**Today's Gospel: The Holy Family** Every month of the year, the Holy Father gives us two intentions for which he asks our prayers. One of these intentions would refer to the church in some country, where Christians may be suffering persecution perhaps, and the other might be more general. In the month of December we are asked to pray for married couples, as follows "That parents be true evangelisers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith". Pope Francis is strong on the importance of prayer in the home. Morning prayer and evening prayer, including the Rosary, are all important. Remember Fr. Patrick Peyton's call to prayer in the family: "The family that prays together stays together". Sunday Eucharist is important. How inspiring it is to see father and mother and children coming to church on Sunday morning or on Saturday evening. We are often told that the family is the church in miniature, where prayers are offered and where prayer and forgiveness are part of everyday life. Our Holy Father speaks of 'protecting people, showing loving concerns for each and every person, especially the children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about'. Pope Francis also explains the importance of caring for society by 'building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect and goodness.

**Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family** Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

**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 the New Year and thank you all for your help, support and generosity. Welcome home to all who are studying, working or living abroad. We welcome all who are visiting our parish for New Year and those who have made their home in our Parish in the last year.

**Christmas Offerings:** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were 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

**An Irish Blessing for the New Year:** May your joys be as bright as the morning, and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of love. May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness, enough wealth to meet your needs and one thing more; enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the one before



**Fr Michael** will celebrate his **60th Birthday** on **Saturday next 6th January 2024**. To mark the occasion we will have refreshments and some music and dance after the 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh Community Center and all are very welcome to attend. **Donations** on the night to Gaza Relief Emergency Fund

**The Baptism of Our Lord** is celebrated next weekend. In a special way we ask God's blessing on all children baptized in our parish in the past year