



Rahan Parish
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Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 13/14 January 2024

Killina: Sun 14th: Mass at 10.30 am: Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday 16th: Mass at 7.30pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thursday 18th Mass at 7.30pm Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 21st : Mass at 10.30 am: Sr Marie Walsh m.m James Gibbons, Newtown, Rahan, Martin and Elizabeth Byrne Derrycooley

The Island, Sat 13th: Mass at 6pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sat 20th Mass at 6pm: Dan, Annie and Margaret Clavin, The Derries , Camillus Corcoran and Deceased family members

Mucklagh: Sat 13th: Mass 7.30pm: P.J. Barron and his parents Paddy and Brigid, Mary and Peter Geraghty and their son Willie

Sun 14th: Mass at 9am: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 14th: Mass at 12noon: Pat Keogh 1st Anniversary.

Wednesday 17th: Mass at 7.30pm: Bridie, Mick and Gerard Kinnarney and Deceased members of the Wall family Ballard

Thursday 18th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Friday 19th: Mass at 7.30pm: Maura Rigney, Leabeg Ballycumber

Sat 20th : Mass at 7.30pm: Jimmy Mc Loughlin, Murrrough

Sun 21st: Mass at 9am: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 21st: Mass at 12noon: John and Bridie Gonoude, Ted Flynn, Charleville Road

Pray for Gerry O'Reilly , Tullamore and formerly of The Fingerboard

Date for Diaries **A 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

Our Speaker on February 6th will be **Fr Derek Ryan**, Drogheda, who worked for many years with the Redemptorists Mission team **The theme** of the night will be Mary the Mother of Jesus, as a woman of faith and prayer and openness to the will and ways of God. **The Question** What does it mean to have faith and how can we live faith and pass on faith in today's world.

Our Speaker on the Second Tuesday February 13th will be **Hilda Campbell** who spent many years working in Post Primary Education and is now part of the Faith Development Team in Kildare and Leighlin Diocese This Tuesday will be especially geared towards young people but will be inclusive of all . **The theme** of the night will be Mary's Journey of love and loss. **The question** posed how Mary resonates with the experiences of modern day parents children and young people.?

Our Speaker on Tuesday February 20th is **Fr Brendan Corrigan Kilbeggan** who has spent many years going to Lourdes and caring for the sick as part of our Diocesan Pilgrimage. **The theme** of the night will be Mary as a person of helpfulness , in visiting her cousin Elizabeth , helping the young couple at wedding of Cana and accompanying Jesus to Calvary . **The question** posed will be How can we following Mary's example be a source of strength support and helpfulness to one another in and outside of family life ?

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Shamrock's Lotto: 7, 25, 28. Bonus number 4. Next week €13,000.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 4, 18, 22, 24. Next week €11,600 .

Offertory/Plate Last weekend: Killina € 310 The Island €190 Mucklagh €1,050

Development: Killina & The Island €292 Mucklagh € 393



Today's Gospel: Today we hear how Jesus invites two of his disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day, undoubtedly eating and drinking and conversing with him. Jesus' invitation is simple, yet intimate. We don't know where he lived or what his living arrangements were, but we know he wanted his friends to spend time with him and get to know him. This precious early time with Jesus must have set his friends up for a lifetime of discipleship. We too are invited to 'come and see', to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer to get to know Jesus. He welcomes us with open arms As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are also encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and church, to welcome everyone – including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. Our welcome is a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities. 'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.' Pope Francis



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 18th –25th January

The theme is **'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself'**. This theme from the story of The Good Samaritan, a story that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

Prayer Service this Sunday 14th in Tullamore Methodist Church at 7pm

Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help although being held in Mucklagh Church is for all people of our parish. Pictures of our Lay of Perpetual Help will be displayed in our 3 churches as will **Closed Boxes** in which people can place written prayers of Petition and Thanksgiving all of which will be included in the Novena.

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 - Fri,) 9am to 5pm

Fr Michael celebrated his **60th Birthday** last weekend and he thanks you all sincerely for your attendance on Friday and Saturday nights celebrations A special thank you to The Thatch Pub and Mucklagh Community Center for facilitating the celebrations **.Donations** received will go to Gaza Relief Emergency Fund .

Rahan Comhaltas ManyThanks to all who helped organise and those who attended recent Table Quiz which realised a profit of €2,500 for Gaza Relief

Bishop Michael Smith celebrates **40 years as Bishop of our Diocese** next weekend with the celebration of Vespers in Mullingar Cathedral at 4pm. All welcome

The Cribs will remain in place in all of our churches until Thursday 18th of this week . Please feel free to bring home a piece of straw through which we ask God's protection on our homes and families , our schools, farms and places of work

Director of Faith Development advertised on Diocesan Website www.meathdiocese.ie

Church webcam Our live streaming web address has been updated. To access MCN Media, please go to www.mcn.live on your web browser. **To watch Mass** on our Parish website there will be no change everything remains the same.