



**Rahan Parish**  
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**Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9.am -5 pm 2024**  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th January 2024**

**Killina: Sun 28th: Mass at 10.30 am:** Reuben Kennedy, Anniversary  
**Tuesday 30th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Brigid Mahon 1st Anniversary  
**Thursday 1st: Mass at 7.30pm Feast of Saint Brigid Blessing of Brigid's Crosses**  
 Joe and Margaret Keyes and Deceased family members  
**Friday 2nd: Mass at 9.30am First Friday Presentation of Lord Blessing of Candles**  
**Sat 3rd: Mass at 9.30am Feast of Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass**  
**Sunday 4th: Mass at 10.30 am** Mary Marshall, Josie & Katie Corcoran Aughadonnagh  
**Blessing of Throats after Mass**  
**The Island Sat 27th: Mass at 6pm:** Molly and James Minnock Clonshanny Hill  
**Thursday 1st: Mass at 6pm Feast of Saint Brigid Blessing of Brigid's Crosses**  
**Friday 2nd: Mass at 6pm First Friday Presentation of Lord Blessing of Candles**  
**Sat 3rd: Mass at 6pm** Anna Corcoran and Deceased family members **Feast of Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass**  
**Mucklagh: Sat 27th: Mass 7.30pm:** Tony Claffey Blueball, Jack Galvin Cloonagh, Michael Carter, Charleville Road  
**Sun 28th: Mass at 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 28th: Mass at 12noon:** Lucy Kinahan m.m Michael and Kathleen O'Hanlon and their parents and Deceased relatives  
**Wednesday 31st: Mass 7.30pm:** Terry and Rose Lambe Roscore Jack & Sheila Dunne  
**Thursday 1st: Mass at 9am: and 7.30pm Feast of Saint Brigid Blessing of Crosses**  
**Friday 2nd: Mass at 7.30pm** Margaret Owens 1st Anniv. **First Friday Presentation of Lord Blessing of Candles**  
**Sat 3rd: Mass at 11am Feast of Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass**  
**Sat 3rd: Mass at 7.30pm:** Ivan Conroy, Beechmount **Blessing of Throats after Mass**  
**Sun 4th: Mass at 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners **Blessing of Throats after Mass**  
**Sun 4th: Mass at 12noon :** Lists of the Dead **Blessing of Throats after Mass**



**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. We hope you will find time to join us in this special event and that our Parish Community and families will be all the more enriched for celebrating and sharing in this Parish Novena. **Thanksgiving Prayer Cards and Petition Prayer Cards** can be returned to boxes in any of our 3 churches **Our Speaker on February 6th will be Fr Derek Ryan, The theme** of the night will be Mary the Mother of Jesus, as a woman of and openness to the will and ways of God. **The Second 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.

**Prayer to Saint Brigid:** Saint Brigid. You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Mass on Monday at 10am for Feast Day **Saint Bridget's Crosses** If anyone can make Bridget's Crosses for those ill or can supply rushes for schools much appreciated  
**Rahan Drama** 3-act comedy 'The Plan' in Rahan Hall, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> March, at 8pm

**Shamrock's Lotto:** 4, 17, 24. Bonus number 10. Next week €13,400.  
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 4, 18, 22, 24. Next week €12,000 .  
**Offertory/Plate Last weekend: Killina € 315 The Island €188 Mucklagh €935**  
**Development: Killina & The Island € 440 Mucklagh € 352 Many Thanks**

**Today's Gospel:** Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man. In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met. One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from it's mine to it's ours. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way. Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love. Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.

**Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen.

**Pilgrimage** to Lourdes July 25 -28 Cost €625 Contact Laura @057 9355050

**Celebrating a Marriage Anniversary** February Month of St. Valentine. **Mass of celebration and blessing of Marriage anniversaries** 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th - or any year in between. on **Friday 16th February at 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh** To register, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 057 9378181 or email [rahanparish@gmail.com](mailto:rahanparish@gmail.com)

**February Offerings** for the support of the Priests due next weekend. Offerings can be given in envelope from box of envelopes or in an ordinary envelope marked "Priests Offerings" with your name and address on it

**First Friday Calls** to the sick and housebound will take place on Wednesday in the Island on Thursday in Rahan and on Friday in Mucklagh. If anyone would like a visit in hospital, nursing home or at home please contact either Fr Michael or Fr Frank

**Thanksgiving Prayer O Mother of Perpetual Help,** with grateful hearts we join you in Thanking God for all the wonderful things he has done for us, especially for giving us Jesus, your Son, as our Redeemer. O God, our Creator, we thank you for the gift of life and all the gifts of nature: our senses and faculties, our talents and abilities. We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness and for giving us this earth to use and develop, to respect and cherish. Despite our failures, you continue to show your love for us today by increasing the life of your Spirit in us at the Eucharistic table. Finally, we thank you, loving Father, for giving us Mary, the Mother of your Son, to be our Mother of Perpetual Help. We are grateful for all the favours we have received through her intercession. We pray that those past favours may inspire us to greater confidence in your loving mercy and to seek the aid of our Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.