



Rahan Parish
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Feast of the Baptism of Jesus 6/7th January 2024

Killina:

Sun 7th: Mass at 10.30 am: Susan Walsh 1st Anniv. Violet Lowry Newtown Rahan

Tuesday 9th: Mass at 7.30pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thursday 11th Mass at 7.30pm Christmas Mass Bouquets

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

The Island

Sat 6th: Mass at 6pm: Feast of Baptism of Our Lord

Sat 13th: Mass at 6pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Mucklagh:

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 & Susan, St Colman's Terrace, Sean and Nora McIntyre Ballard and Dec members of Kelly Family

Wednesday 10th: Mass at 7.30pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thursday 10th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Friday 12th: Mass at 7.30pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sat 13th: Mass at 7.30pm: P.J. Barnes 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. Ted Flynn Charleville Road

Offertory/Plate Last weekend : Killina €215 The Island €170 Mucklagh €880

Development Killina & The Island €388 Mucklagh €351

Thank You - Parish Collections A word of gratitude to the many people who supported the Priests Christmas Offering, Plate Collections and Building Fund Collections over Christmas. People were very generous. As Priests of the parish we thank you. If you still wish to contribute you may do so by dropping your contribution into the boxes at the back of Churches, call to the Mucklagh Parochial House **Special Offering Envelopes** are available at the back of our churches and we thank those who have used them to subscribe.

Pray for Lucey Kenehan, Cloonagh, Irene Gethings, Mary Mitchell Nee Mulpeter

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 the First Tuesday 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 posed will be 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 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. The question posed will be how Mary resonates with the experiences of modern day parents children and young people

Details of the 3rd and 4th weeks speakers on parish website www.rahanparish.ie



Shamrock's Lotto: 7, 13, 25. Bonus number 9. Next week €12,800.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 3, 12, 13, 18. Next week €11,600.

Today's Gospel: Our Own Baptism This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: On the day of our Baptism, we were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of Interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Christ to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit." This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and "rejecting Satan and all his empty promises," which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness now and always Amen

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 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

Prayer for the newly baptised and their families: Lord, as we gather today, we ask your blessing on all newly baptised. Hold them in your arms and bless them. Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life. Lord, we ask your blessing on their parents, grandparents and godparents. May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours. Amen **In a special way this weekend** as we celebrate Jesus' Baptism we ask God's blessing on children baptized in our parish in the year



From the Urbi et Orbi" Christmas Blessing of Pope Francis on Christmas Day May the Son of God, who became a lowly Child, inspire political authorities and all persons of good will to devise suitable ways to resolve social and political conflicts, to combat forms of poverty that offend the dignity of persons, to reduce inequality and to address the troubling phenomenon of migration movements.

A Message from Fr Michael and Fr Frank It is a privilege and blessing for us as priests to serve Rahan Parish and in this year of Prayer for Vocations, we pray and encourage any young and not so young men and women to listen out for a call from the Lord. We know that so many people in our parish are living out their vocation calling by serving our parish in so many different ways everyday. Thank you all once again for all of your helpfulness, support and generosity.

May 2024 bring Peace, Joy, Blessings and a Happy New Year to everyone

Reminder Eucharistic Adoration returns this week in all of our churches **Public Meeting:** on Thursday 11th January at 8pm, in Rahan Hall to discuss the future of the convent in Killina. All are invited to attend.

A Prayer for the New Year Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. **St. Teresa of Avila**