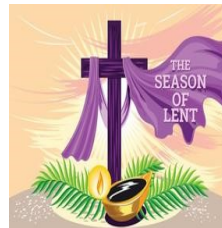




Rahan Parish
 Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
 Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh
 Secretary 057 93 78181. **Thurs 9am-5pm**
1st Sunday of Lent 18th February 2024

Killina: Sun 18th: Mass 10.30 Michael Lynam and his parents James and Mary Kate
Monday 19th: Please note Mass at 7.30pm
Tues 20th: Please note Note No Mass: Parish Novena in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm
Thurs 22nd: 7.30pm: Feast of Chair of St Peter
Sun 25th: Mass at 10.30 am: Thomas McDermott
The Island: Sat 17th: Mass at 6pm Intentions of Parishioners
Sat 24th: Mass at 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Mucklagh: Sat 17th: Mass at 7.30pm: Tom Lawless and his parents Tom and Molly, Peggy Connolly Blackrock, Dublin
Sun 18th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 18th: Mass at 12noon: Jack and Kathleen Flanagan, Cloonagh
Tues 20th: Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st: Mass at 7.30pm Intentions of the Sick
Thursday 22nd: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Friday 23rd: Mass at 7.30pm Lists of the Dead
Sat 24th: Mass at 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick
Sun 25th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 25th: Mass at 12noon: Carmel Kinahan 1st Anniv Celine Molloy nee Grace



Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues the **Tuesdays of February 20th and 27th in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm** Lots of nice singing, prayers, readings and reflections. **Thanksgiving Prayer Cards and Petition Prayer Cards** can be returned to boxes in any of our 3 churches
Novena Prayer / Hymn books Prayer Cards and Petition / Thanksgiving cards available for everyone. Our Speaker on Tuesday next February 20th will be Fr Brendan Corrigan. The theme of the night will be Mary's reach out to her cousin Elizabeth The question posed how we can reach out more to family friend and neighbor.

For Lent: We are proposing a programme called "Begin Again" It invites everybody to start something new for Lent and if you miss a day or two to Begin Again.

Sunday: Come to Mass or tune in to weekend Mass on line via webcam
Monday: Reach out to someone via text or phone call who needs your support.
Tuesday: Pray for peace in Ukraine and Gaza. **Come to Parish Novena**
Wednesday: Contribute monies to Trocaire through boxes available in our churches.
Thursday: Pray privately and remember 3 things to be thankful to God for.
Friday: Abstain from meat, Join us for Stations of Cross @ 7.10pm in Mucklagh
Saturday: Do some physical exercise on your own or with family if you can.
Each Day: Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be for family, our sick & departed
Stations of Cross at 7.10pm in Mucklagh Church on Friday evenings of Lent

Offertory/Plate Killina € 295 The Island €165 Mucklagh €1,065

Development: Killina & The Island €286 Mucklagh €500

February Offerings Many Thanks for your generosity and support

Pray for Patty O Grady, Maura O' Donnell nee Mahon formerly Mount Bolus

Life in spirit seminars continue St. Brigid's Parish Centre Clara, 22nd Feb at 8pm

Dates for your Diary: Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 9th June Mass at 6pm.

Rahan Cemetery Thursday 15th August Mass at 7pm.

Killickfehan Cemetery Saturday 24th August Mass at 6pm

Parish Golf Classic Friday 14th June in Esker Hills and Tullamore Golf Clubs

Shamrock's Lotto: 9, 20, 22. Bonus number 9. Next week €14,000.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 5, 6, 7, 12. Next week €12,000

Shamrocks GAA Table Quiz Friday 23rd in the Thatch at 8.30pm Table Of 4 €40 .

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. .

Thanksgiving Prayer to Our 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.

Today's Gospel: The devil puts different temptations before Jesus. But Jesus knows this is not what his Father's kingdom is about. That is the example for all of us; it is the message for Lent. Not to always get what we want but to want what we have got. To appreciate the things we have in our life, the blessings God has given us. To say to God - thanks for what I have. Every one of us at times has problems that can get on top of us. At times life is a real struggle- that's the truth of the matter. The challenge is to not let these problems hide the deeper positives of our lives. To not let the negatives destroy our perspective. We have been blessed by God in many ways. So on this first Sunday of Lent we just stop and pray a prayer of thanksgiving and we reflect on all we have to be thankful for: We thank God for our families, for our friends, for those whom we love and are close to us. We thank God for the gift of life. For the food we have to eat - if we have two square meals per day we are in the top 70% well off people in the world. We thank God for our home, for our clothes and all of our possessions. For those who are dead and have gone before us. Perhaps we are still angry with God for taking them from us but we thank God for the gift of their lives while they were with us. And for all the individual things we have to thank God for in our lives but rarely do...we thank you God.

Prayer as we begin Lent "Loving Jesus, As I place on my forehead the sign of your saving cross You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel. Walking into Lent my heart is set on you. May my fasting fill me with hunger for you, May my prayer draw me deeper into your presence. May my acts of charity bring your love to my home and community. Lord of life, Grant that by turning back to you in these forty days I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith; For you raise me up from fear and despair and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always. With you, I will rise again. Amen

Rahan Drama present 3-act comedy **'The Plan'** in Rahan Hall, 15/16/17 March at 8pm. Tickets on sale soon.