

Second Sunday of Lent



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2nd Sunday of Lent 25th February 2024



Killina: Sun 25th: Mass 10.30 Thomas McDermott
Monday 26th: Please note Mass at 7.30pm
Tues 27th: Note No Mass: Parish Novena in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm
Thurs 29th: 7.30pm: Intentions of all who are ill
Friday 1st March First Friday Mass at 9.30am Lists of the Dead
Sun 3rd: Mass at 10.30 am: World Wildlife Day
The Island: Sat 24th: Mass at 6pm Intentions of Parishioners
Friday 1st March First Friday Mass at 6pm Lists of the Dead **Feast of Saint David**
Sat 2nd March: Mass at 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Mucklagh: Sat 24th: Mass at 7.30pm: World Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse
Sun 25th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 25th: Mass at 12noon: Carmel Kinahan 1st Anniv, Celine Molloy nee Grace
Tues 27th: Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7.30pm
Wednesday 28th: Mass at 7.30pm Rosemary Brennan, John Monaghan, Screggan
Thursday 29th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Friday 1st March: First Friday Mass at 7.30pm Lists of the Dead **Saint David**
Sat 2nd: Mass at 7.30pm: Colin Dunne, Marie Farrell, Geraldine O'Brien Agall, Packie Carroll Freagh Kilcormac
Sun 3rd: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 3rd: Mass 12noon: John Carroll St Colman's Terrace John & Kathleen Mc Carthy



Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help concludes **Tuesday next February 27th in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm** Our Speaker will be **Fr Joe Campbell**. **The Theme** of the night will be that of **Mary Assumed into heaven**. That night will be a **special night of remembrance and prayer for all the departed of our families, and communities**. **A Collection will be**

taken up on the last night to defray costs of the Novena which includes, Donations to speakers, Cost of Prayer cards and Novena prayer books which people are free to bring home **A Cup of Tea** will be served afterwards in the Community Center

Pope Francis Suggestions for Lent ☺ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
☺ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. ☺ Fast from anger and be filled with patience. ☺ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. ☺ Fast from worries and trust in God. ☺ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. ☺ Fast from pressures and be prayerful. ☺ Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. ☺ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. ☺ Fast from grudges and be reconciled. ☺ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Stations of Cross at 7.10pm in Mucklagh Church **on Friday evenings of Lent**

Offertory/Plate Killina € 255 The Island €125 Mucklagh €860

Development: Killina & The Island €221 Mucklagh €679

First Friday Calls take place in The Island on Wednesday, on Thursday in Killina and on Friday in Mucklagh. If anyone would like a visit please contact either priest

Please pray for Beathen Mooney and Tony Corcoran laid to rest this week

Clean Up: In Mucklagh Church on next Tuesday morning at 10am

Trocaire This Week Try to become aware of every time you use water – to clean, to drink, to brush your teeth., think of those in Malawi and elsewhere who have no water

Women's World Day of Prayer: Tullamore Methodist Church on Fri at 8.30pm

Shamrock's Lotto: 3, 4, 6. Bonus number 5. Next week €14,200.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 7, 20, 22, 23. Next week €12,000

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.

This year Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. **Please support Trócaire** in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies **by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org**.

Today's Gospel: The Transfiguration gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to us encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter getting through the day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom. We may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration. But every day in countless and seemingly small ways God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God is reaching out to us. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives.



Synod Feedback Invitation A meeting will be held in Tullamore Parish Centre on Wednesday 28th Feb.. at 7pm to offer feedback on the Synod which was held in Rome last October and to offer an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process. It would help to have familiarity with the document called Towards the 2024 Assembly available on www.synod.va