

Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh
Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
3rd Sunday of Lent 3rd March 2024

Killina: Sun 3rd: Mass 10.30am : Intentions of Parishioners **Live Lent Love Lent**
Tues 5th: Mass: at 8pm (Note change of time for this week only)
Thurs 7th: Mass at 8.15pm: Joseph & Annie Minnock and dec. relatives Kilgurtin
Sun 10th: Mass at 10.30 am: Larry & Nellie Marshall, Mary Connolly Ballykeeneghan
 Michael & Ronnie Grennan, John and Mary Ellen Grennan, Breda and Rena Grennan

The Island:

Sat 2nd: Mass at 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Sat 9th: Mass at 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Mucklagh:

Sat 2nd: Mass at 7.30pm: Colin Dunne, Marie Farrell, Ned Gillespie
 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 McCarthy
Wednesday 6th: Mass at 7.30pm Lists of the Dead
Thursday 7th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Friday 9th: Mass at 7.30pm Terry Kelly 1st Anniversary
 also remembering his wife Margaret and daughter Siobhan
Sat 9th: Mass at 7.30pm: Gabriel Neville
Sun 10th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 10th: Mass 12noon: Margaret Delaney, Healy Street, Tullamore



Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Many Thanks to readers & excellent speakers over the 4 nights. Thanks to Louise for music and joint church choirs who led the singing. Thanks to the Community Center who provided a cup of tea on the last night. Thanks to Stephen, Tony and Michael who helped with car parking .A huge thank you to one and all who attended and helped create the great supportive, strengthening, prayerful and joyful atmosphere.

Collection received on final night amounted to €2,375 which will defray costs to speakers, publishing, advertising and prayer books which were given freely to all.

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

Offertory/Plate Killina € 220 The Island €155 Mucklagh €1,050

Development: Killina & The Island €212 Mucklagh €491

First Penance for the children of Scoil Charthaigh Naofa this Tuesday night 5th March in Killina church at 7pm and for children of St Colman's N.S. in Mucklagh church on Thurs.7th March at 7pm **Reason for change of weekday mass times in Killina**

For a Link to Statement of Irish Bishops Conference Message regarding the Referendums on March 8th see parish website www.rahanparish.ie/notice

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes July 25 –28 Cost €625. Laura 9355050 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Please pray for Winifred Cahill, The Island, Jeremy Goode, Clara, Donal Buckley , Ballykilmurray, brother of Caroline Connolly, Ballykeeneghaq, Mary Cleary, Killeigh

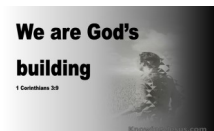
Colin Dunne Memorial Road Race: Sunday 3rd March. Register at Mucklagh N.S. or at poppraces.ie. Starts 2pm at Mucklagh National School

Rahan Drama: present 'The Plan' (3-Act comedy by Aidan Grennan), Rahan Hall, 15/16/17 March at 8pm. Booking 086 0886648. Adults €12, U-16s €5.

Mucklagh Social Lunch Monday March 11th at 12.30 pm Call/Text 085 2313304

Shamrock's Lotto: 21, 22, 24. Bonus number 4. Next week €14,400.

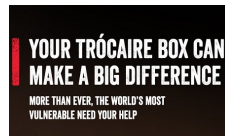
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 16, 17, 20, 29. Next week €12,000



Today's Gospel - God's Building: Why is Jesus angry? Religion has come down to ritual, and the center is missing. The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus. The temple has disappeared now . We are God's building. Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so devoid of joy and energy .It's religion only from the neck up. The forty six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones. Think of what is most central to your life. Lord, keep me close to all you love and value in life..

Lent - Springtime of the Spirit: Each year, the trees give us a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom and finally the shoot. Spring dresses the trees in a new robe and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in autumn, they let go of their old leaves and in between, endured a period of nakedness and vulnerability. Lent is the springtime of the Spirit. Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits and to face our spiritual poverty in order that you may renew us and so, at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship

Meditation Lord Jesus, when I am sad and depressed Help me think of you praying in the garden. Lord Jesus, when I am fearful help me to think of you being taken prisoner. Lord Jesus, when I am ill help me to think of you being scourged at the pillar. Lord Jesus, when I have a headache help me to think of you wearing the crown of thorns .Lord Jesus, when I am tired help me to think of you carrying the cross for love of me. Lord Jesus, when I am humiliated help me to think of you being stripped of your garments. Lord Jesus, when I am in pain help me to think of you being nailed to the cross. Lord Jesus, when I am dying Help me to think of you dying on the cross for love of me. Lord Jesus, help me to remember how you suffered for love of me and help me to love you and others more and more



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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



Pope Francis speaks "Here is a good resolution for Lent: cultivate open gazes, become 'seekers of light,' seekers of the light of Jesus, in prayer and in people." " Do I seek out every little ray of Jesus' light, which is reflected in me and in every brother and sister I encounter? And do I remember to thank the Lord for this?" Pope

Francis went on to urge the faithful to join him in asking themselves some key questions. "In my journey, do I keep my eyes fixed on Christ who accompanies me? And to do this, do I make room for silence, prayer, and adoration?" "Pope Francis concluded by praying that Mary, "radiant with the light of God," might help us "to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, and to look at each other with trust and love."