



Rahan Parish
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February 2024

Killina: Sun 4th: Mass 10.30 am: Mary Marshall, Josie & Katie Corcoran **Blessing Throats**
Monday 5th: Bank Holiday Please note Mass at 10.30am: Feast of Saint Agatha
Tues 6th: Note No Mass: Parish Novena in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm
Thurs 8th: 7.30pm Pat Joe & Anna Corcoran son Camillus & daughter Ann, Shane Tuohy
Sun 11th: Mass at 10.30 am Liam Kenny, Paddy & Mary Monaghan & son in law Sean
The Island Sat 3rd: Mass at 6pm Anna Corcoran & Dec relatives **Blessing Throats**
Sat 10th: Mass at 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners
Mucklagh: Sat 3rd: Mass at 7.30pm: Ivan Conroy, Beechmount **Blessing of Throats**
Sun 4th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners **Blessing of Throats after Mass**
Sun 4th: Mass at 12noon: Catherine and William White, Cloonagh and deceased relatives **Blessing of Throats after Mass**
Tues 6th: Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7.30pm
Wednesday 7th: Mass 7.30pm: Feast of Saint Mel of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise
Thursday 8th: Mass at 9am: Patrick and Margaret Ryan
Friday 9th: Mass at 7.30pm Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Gerry O'Reilly m.m and his parents Jane and Michael the Fingerboard **Mass of Healing and Anointing of Sick**
Sat 10th: Mass at 7.30pm: Billy Fox, Josephine Walsh
Sun 11th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 11th: Mass at 12noon : Patrick & Emily Lambe their son Gussie daughters Sr Pacifique , Sr Albert and Josie and her husband Pat Glasshouse Blueball



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. **Thanksgiving Prayer Cards and Petition Prayer Cards** can be returned to boxes in any of our 3 churches. **Novena Prayer books(Hymn Books) and Prayer Cards** available for everyone

The Parish Novena An Invitation..... An Opportunity to grow as a family, as a community in praying together, gathering, listening and singing together. 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.

Our Speaker on this Tuesday February 6th will be Fr Derek Ryan, The theme of the night will be Mary the Mother of Jesus, as a woman of openness to the will and ways of God. **The Question** What does it mean to have faith and 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 This Tuesday will be especially **aimed towards young people** but will be inclusive of all .

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

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**

Offertory/Plate Last weekend: Killina € 315 The Island €155 Mucklagh €1050

Development: Killina & The Island € 257 Mucklagh € 755 Many Thanks

Pray for Julie Cronnelly formerly Rahan sister of Vincent Cummins & Mary Jennings

Shamrock's Lotto: 3, 24, 30. Bonus number 9. Next week €13,600.

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 11, 12, 25, 27. Next week €12,000 .

Today's Gospel: Jesus, in today's gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society, and still today there are many people in our own society who are completely alienated and stigmatized. Jesus is moved with pity for this man. What moves you with pity? Who do you pity? What alienates you from others? Who is alienated in our lives? Who is it that we need to reach out to? . May all of us have the courage, like Jesus to reach out to those who feel excluded within our families and communities and our world.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick is celebrated on Sunday next 11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes To mark the day **Mass of Healing and Anointing: will be celebrated on Friday next 9th Feb at the 7.30pm in Mucklagh church.** Sacrament available to all

Life in the spirit seminars St. Brigid's Parish centre Clara, commencing 8th Feb for 7 nights, starting at 8pm. Guest speakers. Enquires to Kay @ 0857114205

Parkinson's Ireland- Offaly Branch Meeting Wednesday 21st February at 2.30 pm the Charleville Centre, Tullamore. Speaker, Lisa Wynne, Specialist Parkinson's Nurse **Alone** "Would you be willing to make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided.0861366539.

Offaly Volunteer Center If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations 0830154669



An Explanation of the The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

It depicts Mary holding the child Jesus, who is frightened by the sight of angels holding the instruments of his crucifixion. Frightened by the vision, he runs to his mother for consolation. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals as he quickly flees into the arms of his Mother. Mary is seen as a loving mother who is always ready to intercede on behalf of her children. The title of Perpetual Help reminds us that Mary's help is always available to us, no matter what difficulties we may be facing. She is a source of strength and consolation in times of sorrow, and a guide in times of uncertainty.

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.

Mucklagh Community Center Lunch Club Mon 12th Feb 12.30pm **085 2313304** .