

**DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR  
TEMPERANCE**

Temperance brings balance and  
prevents excess getting a grip  
- Bishop Eamonn Walsh

**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 2024**

**Killina: Sun 11th Mass 10.30** Liam Kenny, Paddy & Mary Monaghan & son in law Sean

**Monday 12th: Please note Mass at 7.30pm**

**Tues 13th: Please note Note No Mass: Parish Novena in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm**

**Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am: Mass and Distribution of Ashes**

**Thurs 15th: 7.30pm: Pe and Maggie Molloy**

**Sun 18th: Mass at 10.30 am:** Michael Lynam and his parents James and Mary Kate

**The Island: Sat 10th: Mass at 6pm** Maureen Digan, Chicago, m.m .

**Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass at 6pm** Mass and Distribution of Ashes

**Sat 17th: Mass at 6pm:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Mucklagh: 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 , James & Lily Flanagan, Adam's Villas, James & Chrstina Conway, Beechmount Park

**Tues 13th: Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7.30pm**

**Wed 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass at 11am (School Mass )** Distribution of Ashes

**To which all parents and parishioners are welcome . Mass at 1pm Rahan School**

**Wednesday 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass at 7.30pm** Mass and Distribution of Ashes

**Thursday 15th: Mass at 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday 16th: Mass at 7.30pm** **Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries** Mass for Margaret Kelly and her husband Terry and daughter Siobhan and relatives

**Sat 17th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Tom Lawless Senior and his parents Tom and Molly

**Sun 18th: Mass at 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Sun 18th: Mass at 12noon:** Jack and Kathleen Flanagan, Cloonagh

**Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** continues the Tuesdays of February 13th, 20th and 27th in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm with 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 / Hymn books Prayer Cards and Petition / Thanksgiving cards available for everyone. We hope you will find time to join us as many did last Tuesday for this special event .

**Our Speaker on Tuesday next February 13th will be Hilda Campbell.** This Tuesday will be especially **aimed towards young people anf families** but will be inclusive of all .**The theme** of the night will be Mary's Journey of love and loss. **The question** posed how Mary resonates with the experiences of parents children, teenagers & young people.

**Mass of celebration of Marriage anniversaries Fri 16th: February Mass at 7.30pm**

**Offertory/Plate Killina € 205 The Island €85 Mucklagh €970**

**Development: Killina & The Island € 309 Mucklagh € 470**

**February Offerings** Many Thanks for your generosity and support

**Life in spirit seminars continue** St. Brigid's Parish Centre Clara, 15th Feb at 8pm.

**Please pray for** Carthage (Carry) Murphy Pullough, brother of Noel

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

**Rahan Cemetery** Thursday 15th August Mass at 7pm.

**Killickfeehan Cemetery** Saturday 24th August Mass at 6pm

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

**Mucklagh Commubity Centre Lunch club** Monday 12th February 12.30pm



**Shamrock's Lotto:** 5, 16, 30. Bonus number 8. Next week €13,600.

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 5, 10, 31, 32. Next week €12,000 .



**A Further Explanation of The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

The icon is known for being miraculous; over the centuries countless healings and special graces have been attributed to it, The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. Frightened by the vision, he runs to his mother for consolation.

Despite a forboding vision of suffering, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background as a sign of the glory of the resurrection. The royal crowns on the heads of Jesus and Mary also symbolize their triumph as the King of Kings with his Queen Mother. In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands – both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and at the same time presenting Him to us – convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. **Recording of last Tuesday on parish website Mucklagh/webcam**

**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 touse 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.

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

**Trocaire:** During Lent we are asked to support Trocaire's work. Trocaire Boxes available at back of all of our churches

**Parents Reflection** This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way – an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest .We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the workers. We are workers, not master builders, – ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own

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