



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
5th Sunday of Lent 17th March 2024



Killina Sun 17th: Mass 10.30am: John Hickey, Cappalaughan, Margaret and James McDermott and sons Patrick and Thomas, Dernaugh Desmond "Con" Murphy 10th Anniv & his wife Brigid "Breda" 3rd Anniv.

Tues 19th: Mass: at 8pm Feast of St Joseph

Thurs 14th: Mass at 8.15pm: Feast of Saint Enda

Sun 24th: Mass at 10.30 am: Tom and Mollie Minnock

The Island:

Sat 16th: Mass at 6pm: Michael & Bridget Larkin Kilpatrick & Dec. of Gray family

Sun 17th: St Patrick's Day Mass at 10am Michael Bernard and Elizabeth Gannon

Sat 23rd Mass at 6pm Intentions of Parishioners

Mucklagh:

Sat 16th: Mass at 7.30pm: Josephine Connolly, New York formerly Ballykeeneghan

Sun 17th: Mass at 9am: Joseph and Mary Egan Mucklagh

Sun 17th: Mass 12noon: Peter Moore, Rosemary Fletcher Glaskill

Wednesday 20th: Mass 7.30pm Lists of the Dead

Thursday 21st: Mass at 9am: Jack, Kathleen and Paddy Hynes, Ballina, Mayo

Friday 22nd: Easter Parish Penitential Service at 7.30pm Mass afterwards for Jodie Flaherty and Deceased Family members

Sat 23rd: Mass 7.30pm: Baithen Mooney m.m. Michael (Vinny) Healion 1st Anniv. Deceased of the Geoghegan and Clarke families Glaskill Deceased members of the Owens Family St Colman's Terrace

Sun 24th: Mass at 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 24th: Mass 12noon: Louis Maher, Killina, 1st Anniversary also remembering his son Kevin, Joseph and Annie Malone Ballard, Martin and Maureen O' Dwyer and Deceased of the O Dwyer and Kennedy Families

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

Offertory/Plate Killina €315 The Island €95 Mucklagh €1,080

Development: Killina & The Island €502 Mucklagh €352

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



Please Pray for Bridie Healion, Thomas Mc Cormack brother of Joe
Prayer to St. Joseph from Pope Francis -Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. — **Feast Day on Tuesday**

Today Feast of Saint Patrick Readings of Mass are of the 5th Sunday of Lent
Parish Novena For the homilies of the 4 nights see rahanparish.ie /notices

St Patrick's Day A special day of remembrance and prayer for our Emigrants

Prayers for those away from Home Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us. Keep them safe From all harm, evil, and danger. Bless them with Peace, laughter, Wisdom, love and joy. Grant that we may be reunited In the fullness of love; In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



Rahan Drama Play -The Plan continues this Saturday /Sunday 16th /17th March at 8pm

Shamrock's Lotto: 1, 2, 18. Bonus number 4. Next week €14,800.

Shamrocks GAA Golf Classic Holy Saturday 3 Ball Scramble Team €150

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 8, 10, 13, 16. Next week €13,400

Reflection: The Sunday prayer says " Lord, help us to embrace the world you have given us, and reach joy. "When young, and innocent die, whether in the quiet of home, or in tragedy, on the highway of life, we are numbed, and ask "why". The "why" we cannot explain. Now Jesus says that through Him, there is a larger picture. He tells that pain, in birth, in seed life, or in crushed grape, is "lifted up" into something someone greater. While there is no explanation of death, there is consolation in the Christian view of life, that says, death is not the end. It is transition. Our dear departed are absent, rather than gone. The ultimate is the banquet and joy of Heaven, where there is re-union and fullness of joy, and for the first time, one is fully understood, and totally accepted. Our ancestors, liked saying, that the bigger the ordeal in this world, the greater the joy of Heaven. The "lifting up of Christ" includes our lifting up too. We are with Him, and in Him.

Make a special effort for Lent by Supporting Trocaire and alleviating suffering

Trocaire Boxes will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday. God of creation, you formed the earth, the moon, the stars, seas and humanity. You appointed us as guardians of all that you had created, and yet today our rivers are polluted and are drying up. Your gift of water is unequally shared between the rich and the poor and our world is threatened by the serious effects of climate change. Teach us the way and renew us as stewards of the earth. **Trocaire Boxes available at the back of the church.**



Sacrament of Confession: We have all made a special effort for Lent with Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and an acknowledgement of our need to grow closer to God and to one another. We have become more aware of Jesus passionate love in giving up his life for us and His doing of the will of the Father. As we draw towards our celebration of Jesus Passion may we be strengthened in our passionate love towards Jesus and one another. We can deepen our closeness to Jesus by availing of the Sacrament of Confession **Penitential Service for Easter:** Friday 22nd March. in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm A number of visiting priests available for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Confirmation Prayer Service of Light for the children of Scoil Carthage Naoife on Tuesday at 7pm in Killina church and on Thursday at 7pm in Mucklagh church for the children of St Colman's Mucklagh



Palm Sunday is celebrated next Sunday. We bring pieces of palm home as we ask God's blessing on our homes, families, farms and outbuilding

Part of St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Christ ever be.

Dates for your Diary

Good Friday Card Game in Rahan Hall to raise funds for the Hall €10 Admission

Easter Sunday Dawn Mass in Mucklagh New Cemetery at 6am

Sunday 9th June Mucklagh Cemetery Devotions Mass at 6pm

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

Thursday 15th August Rahan Cemetery Devotions Mass at 7pm

Saturday 24th August Killickfehan Cemetery Devotions Mass at 6pm

Please Note Extra Mass on St Patrick's Day in The Island Church at 10am.

Parkinsons Ireland Offaly Branch: Meeting on Wednesday 20th March at 2.30pm in the Charleville Centre, Tullamore