



Rahan Parish
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Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

Shamrock's Lotto: 16, 18, 23. Bonus number 1. Next week €15,200
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 5, 22, 27, 31. Next week €13,800



Easter Sunday: Outdoor Dawn Mass at 6am Mass for all parishioners and friends will be offered in **unused part of Mucklagh New Cemetery** at which we will be remembering all who died since last Easter and all laid to rest in **all** of our parish cemeteries.



Pope Francis: Youth are living hope of a Church on the move The "certainty" that "Christ is alive and He wants you to be alive" has inspired Pope Francis to write to young people, "Above all," Pope Francis says in the message released on Monday, "I would like my words to be a source of renewed hope" to young people who may feel discouraged in a world "marked by so many conflicts and so much suffering." The Holy Father assures young people that "Christ is alive and He loves you with an infinite love." The Holy Father invites them to "walk with Jesus as a friend, welcome Him into your life, and let Him share all the joys and hopes, the problems and struggles of this time in your life." He goes on to remind young people of the "great mission" they have received "to bear witness before everyone to the joy born of friendship with Christ," reminding them of his invitation to make their voices heard Living in the presence of Jesus, the Pope tells our young will allow their "memory of the past" to prove fruitful and help them to "find courage in the present" and "face the future with hope." Reminding them that they are "the living hope of the Church on the move," Pope Francis thanks our young people for their presence in and contribution to the life of the Church.

Offaly Sports Partnership: Older Adult Programme for April/May: Boccia, Pickleball, Walking Football, Darts, Scooch, Chair Volleyball, Flizk, Activator Poles, Go for Life games. Monday 8th April 10am-1pm in Mucklagh Community Centre.



Contact Denise 086 7912513 for more information
Rahan Parish Golf Classic: in both Tullamore and Esker Hills Golf Clubs on Friday 14th June 2023 to raise funds for our Parish. Team of 4 €200 which includes food. We are seeking sponsorship from businesses and households. Main Sponsor /s are €500 which will include a team entry names of which we need as soon as possible so as to be included on all literature. Sponsorships of tee box €50 and of a green €100 which we will be seeking also in coming weeks Contact Fr. Michael in relation to main sponsorship asap 0872900844



Easter Hope: In world where there is often the reality of suffering, violence and injustice, we are called to be people of hope. This is not ordinary human hope. This is the hope that comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus. In the face of sadness, difficulty and pain, we are called to look to and rely on the resurrected Jesus and not just on our strength and resources. The call, invitation and even challenge of Easter is that I experience it personally deep within myself. I am called to be an Easter person, a person of the resurrection. I am called and asked to be a person who is filled with the new life and hope of the resurrected Jesus. We may be tempted to give in and give up about the world as it is today. However, because we now share in the powerful resurrection of Jesus, we are to live our daily lives full of Easter hope. As Pope Francis says to us, as Christians, we must never look like people who are too sad or downhearted. This Easter Sunday and for the rest of the Easter Season, may we be people who are filled with the Light Joy, Life, and Hope of the Resurrection of Jesus. **The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Pope Francis Prayer for Peace Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.



He is Risen

Killina Reminder If getting up for Dawn Mass Clocks go forward 1 hour tonight

Easter Sunday 31st: 10.30 am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th: 10.30 am Mass offered for Joe McGreer of Tullybeg who died recently at request of neighbours and friends

The Island:

Holy Saturday 30th: 6pm Vigil John & Agnes Sammon & daughter Nuala Colgan

Divine Mercy Vigil Saturday 6th Paddy Daly and his parents Patrick and Mary

Mucklagh:

Holy Saturday 30th: 7.30pm Isaac and Bridget Bryant Cloonagh, Paddy and Jane Grogan and deceased of Grogan family

Easter Sunday 31st: at 6am Outdoor Dawn Mass Our Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday 31st: 9am Deceased of The White Family Scraggan Thomas and Nora Gallagher and deceased family members, Athlone

Easter Sunday 31st: 12 noon Martin Conroy and Deceased members of the Conroy Family Ross. Paddy and Eileen Bracken Roscore

Saturday 6th: 7.30pm James and Elizabeth Coyne Brocca Road

Divine Mercy Sunday: 7th 9am Intentions of Parishioners

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Please Note No Weekday masses this week in any of our churches

Offertory/Plate Killina €270 The Island €165 Mucklagh €960

Development: Killina and The Island €252 Mucklagh €430

Easter Offerings for the support of Priests due this weekend. Please use envelope from box of envelopes or an envelope & mark "Easter Offerings" with name on it

Many Thanks to everyone for their support and generosity throughout the year which has enabled much good work to be done in our churches and parish

Pray for Mary Healy nee Cleary of Tralee Co Kerry and formerly Ballinamere. Joe Mc Greer of Dublin and Tullabeg Sheila Spollen, Cloonagh, Dymrna Morell (née Feighery) who died recently

Divine Mercy Novena started Good Friday and continues to next Sunday when there will be Mass and Devotions in Mucklagh church **at 3pm**. **Confessions at 2.30pm**

Trócaire Lenten Campaign Contributions to Trocaire can be returned to Churches or Mucklagh Parochial House. Those in poorer countries of the world need our support to have basic necessities of water, food, clothing, shelter to survive. We encourage each individual and households to give what you can to Trocaire's Lenten Appeal. We give simply so that others may simply live.

Holy Water on Easter Sunday: The new water of Easter will be blessed during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. We ordered 400 portable bottles so that you can take holy water home this Sunday. They remind us of the link between the new water of Easter and the life of grace into which we are reborn by our baptism.

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter Ceremonies in our churches. A special thanks to Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Organist, Choir, Musicians, Caretakers, Collectors and Sacristans.

Flowers for Easter: Thanks for all donations of flowers received for our churches **Shared Easter Mass Bouquets** available in sacristies or Mucklagh House. **€5.**