



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**Palm Sunday 24th March 2024**



**Shamrock's Lotto:** 5, 16, 17. Bonus number 10. Next week €15,000  
**Shamrocks GAA Golf Classic** Holy Saturday **3 Ball Scramble** Team €150  
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 1, 6, 24, 30. Next week €13,600



**Palm Sunday is celebrated this Sunday.** We have **“Handmade Palm Crosses”** made from the bark of palm trees for people to bring home which are suitable for use at home, in cars, workplaces and outbuildings



**Pope Francis has offered advice for how to have a fruitful Holy Week,** urging people to focus on the essentials and look to the cross as the source of hope. The Pope noted how many people today who walk down the street appear sad, focused “only on their cell phones, but without peace, without hope.” He urged people to eliminate “useless things that are substitutes for hope” during Holy Week to focus on the true source of hope found in Christ. “During these holy days, let us draw near the Crucified One. Let us place ourselves before him, to take an honest look at ourselves, removing whatever is superfluous. Let us let Jesus regenerate hope in us,” “This is needed: to go back to the essentials, to a simple life, stripped of many useless things, which are substitutes for hope. Today, when everything is complex and we risk losing the plot, we need simplicity, to clean up what pollutes the heart and makes us sad,” he said. Pope Francis also highlighted how Jesus did not cover up or hide his wounds when he was nailed to the cross. “Brothers and sisters, we too are wounded — who isn’t in life? And many times, with hidden wounds that we hide out of shame. Who does not bear the scars of past choices, of misunderstandings, of sorrows that remain inside and are difficult to overcome? But also of wrongs suffered, sharp words, unmerciful judgments?” God does not hide his wounds, that pierced his body and soul, from our eyes. He shows them so we can see that a new passage can be opened with Easter: to make of our own wounds, holes of light. “By offering forgiveness and love from the cross, Jesus “converts evil into good” and “sorrow into love,” he said. “So today, let us look at the tree of the cross so that hope might germinate in us, that we might be healed of sadness ... It takes a little hope to be healed of the sadness we are sick with, to be healed of the bitterness with which we pollute the Church and the world,” he said. **“Brothers and sisters, let us look at the crucifix our hope is there**

**First Friday Calls** to the sick and housebound will take place on this Monday in the Island, on Tuesday in Killina and on Wednesday in Mucklagh . If anyone wants a visit contact either priest or Mucklagh Parochial house .**057 93 78181**

**Flowers for Easter:** All donations of flowers or small potted plants welcome for our three churches and can be left at the churches on Good Friday



**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 and praying for all who died since last Easter and those laid to rest in all our parish cemeteries. To Mass we invite people to bring a seat and an umbrella but if weather is very inclement we will go to the church. Refreshments in the Community Centre afterwards

**Youth Gathering** this Palm Sunday in **Tullamore church** at 6.30pm.

**Shared Easter Maas Boquets** available in sacristies or Mucklagh House . **€5.**  
**Good Friday A Special Collection** will be taken up at all the Services on Good Friday to support churches & Christians of Holy Land at a time of great need for them

**Pray for** Mary Healy nee Cleary of Tralee Kerry and formerly Ballinamere Funeral mass on Wednesday at 2pm in Killina, Joe Mc Greer of Dublin and Tullabeg who has died. Funeral mass on Monday in Perrystown Dublin Sheila Spollen Cloonagh , Funeral Mass on Monday at 10am in Durrow P.J Kelly and Eileen Dempsey who died recently in St Carthage’s Nursing Home

**Killina**

**Palm Sunday: Sun 24th: Mass 10.30am:** Tom and Mollie Minnock  
**Tues 26th: Mass: at 7.30pm**  
**Holy Thursday 28th: 7.30pm** Evening Mass of The Lord’s Supper  
**Good Friday 29th: 3pm** Stations of the Cross  
**Good Friday 29th: 7.30pm** Celebration of the Lord’s Passion & Holy Communion  
**Holy Saturday 30th: 7.30pm** Celebration of Easter Vigil & Our Lord’s Resurrection  
**Easter Sunday 31st: 10.30 am** Mass of Our Lord’s Resurrection

**The Island:**

**Palm Sunday: Sat 23rd: Mass at 6.00pm:** Intentions of the Sick  
**Holy Thursday 28th: 6pm** Evening Mass of The Lord’s Supper  
**Good Friday 29th: 6pm** Prayer around the cross and Holy Communion  
**Holy Saturday 30th: 6pm Vigil** John & Agnes Sammon & daughter Nuala Colgan  
**Mucklagh: Palm Sunday Saturday 23rd: Mass at 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  
**Palm Sunday: Sunday 24th: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Palm Sunday: Sun 24th: Mass at 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

**Monday 25th: Please note Mass at 10am for Holy Week**  
**Wed 27th: Mass only at 10am** for Intentions of Eucharistic Adoration Groups of our 3 churches. Cup of tea after Mass in Community Center. **7pm Chrism Mass in Mullingar**  
**Holy Thursday 28th: 7.30pm** Evening Mass of The Lord’s Supper  
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**Easter Sunday 31st: at 6am Outdoor Dawn Mass Our Lord’s Resurrection**  
**Easter Sunday 31st: 9am** Mass of Lord’s Resurrection The White Family Screggan  
**Easter Sunday 31st: 12 noon** Mass of Our Lord’s Resurrection Martin Conroy and Deceased members of the Conroy Family Ross. Paddy and Eileen Bracken Roscore

**Offertory/Plate** Killina €315 **The Island** €215 **Mucklagh** €1,095

**Development:** Killina and The Island €245 **Mucklagh** €816

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

**Holy Thursday** There will be an opportunity in our 3 churches to stay and keep watch with the Lord for one hour after the ceremonies.

**Holy Thursday** We invite children preparing for First Holy Communion to join us especially on Holy Thursday for the celebration of the Last Supper

**Trocaire** Please return Trocaire Box on **Holy Thursday** or as soon as possible . What we give will make a difference in lives of those in need

**Divine Mercy Novena** starts Good Friday and continues to First Sunday after Easter when there will be Devotions in Mucklagh church at 3pm .

**Easter Offerings** for the support of the Priests due next weekend. Please use envelope from box of envelopes or an envelope and mark “Easter Offerings” with name on it

**Mucklagh Church Clean Up** Morning on Tuesday at 10am . All help welcome

