

Rahan Parish

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Flag of Zambia - Cead Mile Failte to You All 3rd Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024

Killina Sunday 14th: 10.30am: John Carroll and his parents Annie and William

Tuesday 16th: 7.30pm: Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 18th: 7.30pm: Intentions of Easter Mass Bouquets

Sunday 21st: 10.30am: John and Katie Cooney, Killina

The Island: Sat 13th: 6pm: Joe and Mary Heaton and deceased family members

Saturday 20th: 6pm: Joe Sammon and Deceased relatives Brockagh The Island

Mucklagh

Sat 13th: 7.30pm: Joe Grogan, 1st Ann, Rose Mollen, 1st Ann Joe Craven & dec.. relatives

Sunday 14th: 9am: Bridie Healion, Spollenstown, m.m.

Sun 14th: 12noon John Joe & Elsie Lambe, Kevin Smyth, Eileen Lucey

Wednesday 17th: 7.30pm: Tommie Joe Mooney Lynally 1st Anniversary

Thursday 18th: 9.00am: Intentions of the Sick

Friday 19th: 7.30pm: Bridget, John and Willie Monaghan

Sat 20th 7.30pm John V. Mc Namara , Michael, Mary and Linda Weir

Sunday 21st: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 21st: 12noon Intentions of Easter Mass Bouquets

Offertory/Plate Killina €250 The Island €175 Mucklagh €1,049

Development: Killina and The Island €509 Mucklagh €357

Divine Mercy Collection for Holy Land Amount € 1,385

Trocáire Boxes: Amount received thus far €6,200 "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty & you gave me to drink, naked and you clothed me. Remaining monies can be returned asap. We give simply so that others may simply live .

Thanks to all who contributed to **Easter Offerings** for the support of the Priests.

Offering Envelopes available at back of churches for those who wish to use them

Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to Children of our Parish Schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday last. Thanks to the children's parents and teachers who helped them prepare. Thanks also to all involved in providing music for the ceremony and all who helped with having the church, grounds and interior of the church looking so well.

Vocations Sunday is celebrated next weekend. A special day of prayer and financial support for those preparing and studying for priesthood and religious life. The collection next Sunday will go towards their support, education and upkeep. Please be as generous as you can. **Please also use envelope from yearly box to contribute** "Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" Pope Francis.

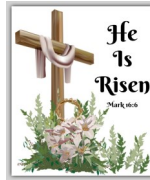
"Dear young people do not bury your talents, the gifts God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream great things." We encourage no church gate collection next weekend.

Prayer for Vocations: God our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we received in baptism touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our diocese the wisdom and courage to support young people In searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen

Please Pray for Paddy Dunican , Kilbeggan , Bob Lynch Tullamore and Ballyboy

Easter Holy Water available in containers at the Altar in our 3 churches

Rahan Parish Community Games Track and Field: Mon 15th April at Tullamore Harriers €5entry fee per athlete or €10 per family. Register at 6pm. First event 6.20pm



Shamrock's Lotto: 7, 13, 18. Bonus number 6. Next week €15,600
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 7, 19, 24, 28. Next week €14,200
Today's Gospel We find the apostles being imprisoned, punished and being told not to speak in "the name of Jesus." Despite all this, they preach with enthusiasm, urgency and daily, we are told, people are added to their number. Where did they get this courage? The answer, it seems, comes from the many occasions Jesus revealed himself to them after his resurrection. His greeting of choice was "Peace be with you" and, on almost all occasions, he seems to have shared food with them. Often they came to recognise him in the very sharing of food "the breaking of bread." Is there something being said to us at this time? Something about where we find our courage to be people of faith and voices of hope? Something about where we find courage and how we respond to what we have found? Is there a message here about the need in our time to spend time with Jesus, allowing him to reveal himself to us? Is there a message about Jesus being present to us every time we break bread at Mass in the Eucharist. Maybe that's what we need to do, more and more, these Easter days - to realise how Jesus is present to us and to allow time and space for Jesus to reveal himself and encourage us in our daily living .

Killina Secondary School —Zambia Immersion Programme

2 Teachers and A Parish Pastoral Leader from Kaoma District in Zambia which the school is twinned will join us at the 10.30am Mass in Killina next Sunday 14th to speak about the difference the contribution of the Killina students and the support our Parish makes in the lives of people in Kaoma **Refreshments** after mass in the secondary school . Please join us and give a **cead mile failte** to those who have travelled so far to join us.



Rahan Parish Golf Classic: in both Tullamore and EskerHills Golf Clubs on **Friday 14th June 2024** to raise funds for our Parish. Team of 4 €200 which includes food on the course. 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 to be included on literature promoting the golf classic. Thanks to **Phil O' Reilly Undertakers, NIS Ltd and The Thatch Pub** who have offered main sponsorship. However additional ain sponsors are still invited and welcome. Sponsorships of tee box €50 and of a green €100 Contact Fr Michael in relation to main sponsorship 087 2900844.

Pope Francis—Have faith in the Risen Christ

On the second Sunday of Easter, Pope Francis emphasised the transformative power of encountering the risen Jesus, urging believers to embrace faith, prayer, and love and spread Easter joy. On this occasion, he said, the Gospel tells us that, by believing in Jesus, Son of God, we can *have life* in His name. "To have life: what does it mean?" asked the Pope. The Holy Father explained that each of us wants to "have life", but that there are various ways of doing so. "There are those who reduce existence to a frenetic race to enjoy and possess many things", said the Pope, describing this as a road that "at first seems pleasurable", but that " does not satiate the heart". This, therefore, is not the correct path to take to "have life" as it does not lead to happiness. Pope Francis went on to note that today the Gospel says that this fullness of life, to which every one of us is called, is realised in Jesus. "But how can one gain access to it, how can one experience it?", he asked. Having life, the Pope continued, means "fixing one's eyes on the crucified and the risen Jesus, encountering Him in the Sacraments and in prayer, recognising that He is present, believing in Him letting oneself be touched by His grace and guided by His example, experiencing the joy of loving like Him. Every living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life". Finally, the Pope invited the faithful to ask themselves Do I let myself be drawn into a relationship with Him? And do I let myself be prompted by Him to love my brothers and sisters, and to hope every day?".

