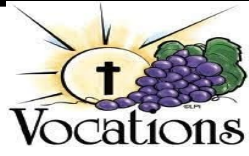




**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**4th Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024**



**Flag of Zambia**

**Killina Sunday 21st: 10.30am:** John and Katie Cooney, Killina  
**Tuesday 23rd: 7.30pm:** Feast of Saint George  
**Thursday 25th: 7.30pm:** Feast of Saint Mark  
**Sunday 28th: 10.30am:** Eileen and Dinny Kelly Goldsmiths Lot, Teresa Gaye Killeranny, Sr. Oliver Wrafter  
**The Island: Sat 20th: 6pm:** Joe Sammon & Deceased relatives Brockagh The Island  
**Saturday 27th: 6pm:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Mucklagh Sat 20th: 7.30pm:** Joe Neville Lynally 1st Anniv. John V. Mc Namara, Michael, Mary and Linda Weir  
**Sunday 21st: 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 21st: 12noon:** Annie White, Pearse Park  
**Wednesday 24th 7.30pm** Patsy and Kathleen Rigney and Deceased Relatives Killina  
**Thursday 25th: 9.00am:** Intentions of the Sick  
**Friday 26th: 7.30pm:** Rosy and John Horan O Moore Street, Tullamore  
**Sat 27th: 7.30pm** John Mc Keown, 1st Anniv, William White Adams Villas, 1st Anniv. Celine Larkin Anniversary

**Sunday 28th: 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 28th: 12noon:** Intentions of all who are ill  
**Offertory/Plate Killina €260 The Island €155 Mucklagh €1,285**  
**Development: Killina and The Island € 631 Mucklagh €1,219**

**Trocáire Boxes: Amount received thus far €6,395** "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



**Vocations Sunday is celebrated this weekend.** A special day of prayer and financial support for those preparing and studying for priesthood and religious life. **The collection taken up leaving mass this 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 . At present we have 4 students studying for the priesthood for our Diocese in various colleges .Rev Anthony Kerr, Mark Caffery, Martin Smith and Nicola Tamburrino **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** Elizabeth Sweeney, Tullamore mother of Sheila Dunne Killina, Sheila McLoughlin St Carthages Nursing home, Mark Walsh Portlaoise and Daingean

**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 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh this Saturday to speak about the contribution of the Killina students & the support our Parish makes in the lives of people in Kaoma

**Refreshments** after mass in the Community Center. Join us and give a **cead mile failte** to those who have travelled so far to be with us

**Rahan Community Hall Social Dance:** 27th April, 9.30pm. Music by Declan Angier €10 adm

**Shamrock's Lotto:** 1, 7, 18. Bonus number 3. Next week €15,800  
**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 2, 12, 24, 25. Next week €14,400



**Today's Gospel Good Shepherd Sunday** The Lord who knows us by name, who gave himself in love for each one of us, also calls us by name. He calls us in our uniqueness with our very particular temperament, our unique identity, the background that is specific to each one of us. No one of us is like anyone else. From the time of our baptism, we are each called to be the Lord's disciples, to follow the good Shepherd. However, the particular way in which the Lord works through us is unique to each one of us. I can do something for the Lord that only I can do. Each one of us has a unique contribution to make to the work of the Lord in the world and in the life of the church. That contribution is just as vital as anyone else's contribution. Each one of us is vitally important to the Lord. The first reading talks about the stone that was rejected by the builders becoming the keystone of the building. There is a clear reference there to Jesus himself, the rejected one. We can all feel at times like the rejected stone, for whatever reason. Yet, we are never rejected in the Lord's eyes. He continues to call us in the way that is unique to us. He sees us as the keystone for some aspect of his work. He recognizes the potential for good that is within us all. On this Vocations Sunday we commit ourselves anew to hearing and responding to the call of the Good Shepherd



**Rahan Parish Golf Classic:** in both Tullamore and Esker Hills 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 main 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** recently met with a group of 200 children at a parish in Rome. Responding to the children's questions, he offered a brief catechesis on the topic of the prayer of thanksgiving . "It's important to give thanks for everything. For example, if you enter a person's house and don't say thank you, or don't say hello, is that good? The first word is 'thank you,' and the second is 'please' he told the children "The third word is 'forgiveness,' Is a person who never asks for forgiveness good? It's difficult to ask for forgiveness, sometimes shame and pride go with it. But it's important to say I'm sorry a lot Next, Pope Francis asked the children: "But do you pray? How do you pray? What can you say to the Lord?" One of the children said that he and his family pray before eating. Pope Francis then continued But do you know that there are so many children who don't have food? Do I thank the Lord for giving me food? Do I thank you for giving me a family?" he asked. The last question touched on the topic of faith. "But are you Christians?" Pope Francis asked. "Do you have faith? Let's say it together. Thank you, Lord, for giving me faith." During the exchange, one of the children's most emotional questions was from a 10-year-old named Alice: "How can I thank the Lord in my illness?" Even in dark moments, we have to thank the Lord, because he gives us the patience to tolerate difficulties. Let's say it together: Thank you, Lord, for giving us the strength to tolerate pain," the pontiff said.

**Darkness into Light 11th May 2024:** We are planning to organize a walk on the morning of Darkness into Light. **A meeting to organize** same takes place next Wednesday 24th April at 8.30pm in Mucklagh Community Centre. All help welcome

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Lourdes 2024 September 10th 4, 5 and 6 night options, Fares starting at €769 Booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours, 01 2410 800.