

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

Rahan Parish
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Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
6th Sunday of Easter 5th May 2024

Killina Sunday 5th: 10.30am: Sr Margaret Mary Larkin and Deceased parents Edward and Annie and Deceased Relatives

Tuesday 7th: 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday 9th: 7.30pm: Europe Day

Sunday 12th: 10.30am: Jimmy Buckley

The Island:

Sat 4th: 6pm: Intentions of all who are ill

Sat 11th: 6pm: Hubert Healy Ballina, Ballycumber

Mucklagh Sat 4th: 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 5th: 9am: Kathleen White Screggan, Birthday Rememberance

Sun 5th: 12noon: Joe Margaret and Karl Mc Gee and Deceased Relatives

Jean Claude Gerard who died recently in France. R.I.P

Wednesday 8th: 7.30pm: Anne Craven, Mucklagh

Thursday 9th: 9.00am: Europe Day

Friday 10th: 7.30pm: Maria Murray nee mc Dermott

Willie Healion and Deceased Parents Molly and John

Sat 11th: 7.30pm Maureen Rigney 1st Anniversary

Sunday 12th: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 12th: 12noon: Michael Walsh Screggan

Offertory/Plate Killina €310 The Island €250 Mucklagh €985

Development: Killina and The Island € 266 Mucklagh €538

Trocáire Boxes: Amount received so far €6,615 .

Vocations Sunday €2,286 Remaining envelopes from annual box can be returned asap



Viatores Christi Mission Awareness Volunteers will join us for Mass this weekend . Viatores Christi, is an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, .**Why are they talking at The Masses** 1 To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay

missionaries, both at home and overseas. 2. To offer an opportunity to anyone who feels called to volunteer. 3. To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer. They will have **an exiting collection** at all masses in aid of their work

Pope Francis on his recent visit to Venice spoke "Remaining united to Christ means to grow in relationship with Him, to converse with Him, to embrace His Word, and to follow Him on the path of the Kingdom of God." It calls us, he said, to continual growth, engagement, and action. To remain in the Lord is to embark on a journey of discipleship, where we embrace His teachings, embody His love, and bear fruits of justice, peace, and solidarity in our communities. Pope Francis called for "carefully-made choices to preserve our environmental and human heritage." "We need our Christian communities, neighbourhoods, and cities to become welcoming, inclusive, and hospitable places,"

Tax Rebate Forms: Within the next few weeks we will be in a position to send out these forms to parishioners who are PAYE taxpayers and Self Employed who have donated €250 or more to the parish for 2023. Thank you for your generosity

Killina Parents Association Church Gate Collection this weekend

May is the month of Mary. An opportunity for a May Altar in your home or class room and also an opportunity to pray the Rosary. We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May

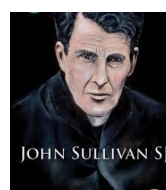


Shamrock's Lotto: 20, 25, 28. Bonus number 4. Next week €16,200

Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 4, 13, 27, 31. Next week €14,800

Today's Gospel : Choosing and being chosen The experience of being specially chosen by someone can be a welcome one. It might be as simple as someone choosing us to be on their team; or, some years later, to be their referee, when applying for a job; they trust us to give them a good reference. But being chosen can be even more significant still. At the root of every happy marriage is the fact that two people once chose and then kept on choosing each other. At the heart of every true friendship is a similar choice. Two people choose to be friends with each other; they valued their relationship as special and worthwhile. As in marriage, the choice must be mutual if the friendship is to last. When the choice is one-sided, there can be heartbreak for the one not chosen in return. In the gospel today Jesus uses this language of choice and friendship. He tells them (and us), "I chose you," "I call you friends." We can each hear those words as addressed to us. The disciples here represent us all. He has handed over his life for us all. Like St. Paul we can each say that the Son of God loved me and gave himself for me. In giving his life for us, Jesus chose us, personally, called each of us his friend. His words are to us, "You are my friends." The Mass makes present the self-giving death of Jesus in every generation, to every community that gathers for the Breaking of Bread. Right here and now he continues to speak those same words from the last supper, "You are my friends," "I chose you."

A Prayer for Month of May: **May** you be happy. **May** you stay healthy. **May** you stay safe. **May** you find comfort. **May** you sense peace. **May** you give love. **May** you possess courage. **May** you have faith. **May** you have special joy. **May** you be kind. **May** you experience showers of blessings each day. **May** your days be bright and beautiful like the flower buds of May.



Blessed John Sullivan whose feast Day is on Wednesday has an association with our parish because like Fr Willie Doyle he spent some of his novitiate years in the Jesuit Retreat house at Tullabeg, Rahan **Among quotes attributed to him** 1. Remember, each time you fall, that you are not back where you were before but are starting again, from where you fell. 2. Be always beginning. Let the past go. The saints were always beginning that is how they became saints. 3. Take life in instalments. This one day now. At least let this be a good day. Be always beginning 4. You don't inspire your team mates by showing how amazing you are You inspire them by showing how amazing they are

Darkness into Light Saturday 11th May Walk begins at 4.15 am. Assemble at gates of Mucklagh Old Cemetery and walk to Screggan Cross and back. Support of all walkers, stewards, musicians and singers welcome to set up along the route



Rahan Parish Golf Classic in both Tullamore and Esker Hills Golf Clubs on **Friday 14th June 2024** .Team of 4 €200 which includes food on the course. Main Sponsor is €500 which will include a team entry Thanks to **Phil O'Reilly Undertakers, NIS Ltd, The Thatch Pub,**

Michael Bracken and Sons Building Contractors, Kenny Properties and Hickey Engineering, Kilderanny for main sponsorship already offered. However additional main sponsors are still invited. **Sponsorship of a Tee Box is €50 and of a Green €100 which are welcome from households and businesses . Sponsorship Envelopes** are available at back of churches along with invitation letters for teams and sponsors. If you know someone who plays golf or who you feel could give sponsorship it would be most welcome and please ask them to support on our behalf.

Work begun on power hosing Mucklagh church with a view to painting and also on removal of big trees and shrubs smothering light surrounding the church and we have plans for The Island Church which are progressing.