



The ASCENSION of the Lord

Rahan Parish
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Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
Feast of the Ascension 12th May 2024

Killina Sunday 12th: 10.30am: Jimmy Buckley
Thursday 16th: 7.30pm: Mass for Feast of St Carthage (Feast Day on Wednesday)
Saturday 18th: 11am First Holy Communion for children of Scoil Charthaigh Naofa
Sun 19th: 10.30am: Ann Mc Dermott & Dec of the Mc Dermott and Rabitte families

The Island: Sat 11th: 6pm: Hubert Healy Ballina, Ballycumber
Sat 18th: 6pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Mucklagh Sat 11th: 7.30pm: Maureen Rigney 1st Anniversary
Sunday 12th: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday 12th: 12noon: Michael Walsh Screggan
Friday 17th: 7.30pm: Lists of the dead
Sat 18th: 7.30pm Michael and Mary Fletcher Glaskill
Sunday 19th: 9am: Billy Scully, St. O' Hara's
Sun 19th: 12noon: Mass for Intentions of Exam students.

Please Note Due to Priests Retreat there are **no weekday masses on Tuesday or Wednesday** and Mass on Thursday only at 7,30pm in Killina and on Friday in Mucklagh at 7.30 pm

Offertory/Plate Killina €265 The Island €135 Mucklagh €1,055

Development: Killina and The Island €201 Mucklagh €302

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

Viatores Christi thank you for €2,398 received last weekend .

Please pray for Noel Kavanagh, The Island, John Flanagan Senior, Tullamore R.I.P

Prayers for Exam Students: Special prayers will be offered **over the coming month** in all of our 3 churches for the intentions of all those doing and preparing for exams. **A Prayer for Exam Students** Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me. Amen.

Pope Francis message for 2024 World Day of Social Communications focuses on the theme: **Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.** The Pope explained that it is not enough to be able to store data, like machines do, but that this data must be made sense of, and "human beings alone" are capable of this.

Depending on the inclination of the heart, everything within our reach becomes either an opportunity or a threat," warns the Pope. He notes that the technology of simulation behind AI algorithms can be useful in certain specific fields. However, he adds, the use of AI becomes "perverse when it distorts our relationship with others and with reality. In fact, it is extremely important to know that in the wrong hands, such tools could lead to "disturbing scenarios." Pope Francis then prays that humanity may never lose its bearings, and that the wisdom that was present before all modern technology may return to us. Wisdom, says the Pope, can help us "to put systems of artificial intelligence at the service of a fully human communication."

Dates for your Diary: Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 9th June Mass at 6pm.
Rahan Cemetery Thursday 15th August Mass at 7pm.
Killickfeehan Cemetery Saturday 24th August Mass at 6pm



Shamrock's Lotto: 11,13, 17. Bonus number 4. Next week €16,400
Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto: 12, 18,20, 28. Next week €15,000

Today's Gospel: Going Out or Going Up; The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up. As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard. Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived. We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love. Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care. This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the Ascension is his presence in a new way among us

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 Supermacs 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.. **Time Sheets** for both Esker Hills & Tullamore are now open. To book a time for Esker Hills contact Gerry Buckley 087 929 0722 and for Tullamore contact Paddy Guinan 086 8282741. Early Booking is asked for to get a time that suits all players .

Work has begun on painting of Mucklagh church and in extending walls. Work will be done to flower beds in coming weeks **A Marble Altar and Stations of the Cross** have been acquired for Mucklagh church from the Presentation Convent in Rahan. We have also plans for The Island church which are progressing. **Funds** from The Golf Classic and Development Fund will finance this work .All support & donations greatly appreciated

The month of May is the Diocesan Safeguarding Month. We offer our continued reassurance of our commitment to safeguarding in the parish. **Safeguarding Prayer** Lord Jesus, May we welcome the kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, embracing discipleship and openness to others. You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable. May we seek the truth, Listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice. Give us the strength, to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by You. Amen.

Feast of Saint Carthage occurs on Wednesday next 15th May
Saint Carthage was a Kerry man who set up a monastery, first in Kerry, then at Rahan and finally at Lismore in Co Waterford. The monastery at Rahan had many monks and thrived for over 40 years. To honor the Feast Day we will have a **Eucharistic Proceesion** after the 10.30am Mass next weekend in Killina for which we encourage the children who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year from Scoil Carthage Naofa to join us.

