

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Day for Life 2024

*'The Lord is my Shepherd -
Compassion and Hope at the End of Life'*

Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
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Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th June 2024

Killina

Sun 16th June: 10.30am: For all deceased Fathers, Grandfathers & Great Grandfathers
Tues 18th: 7.30 pm Mass: Rose O'Rourke (Sister of Treasa Keyes who died recently)
Thurs 20th: 7.30pm Mass: **The Blessed Irish Martyrs and World Refugee Day**
Sun 23rd: 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners

The Island:

Saturday 15th June: 6pm: Ned Bracken, Castletown and also remembering his parents, sisters and brothers
Sat 22nd: 6pm: Ray Minnock 1st Anniv., John Molloy and his mother Nora, Dublin

Mucklagh

Sat 15th: 7.30pm James and Bridget Shiel Derrynanagh their son in law Pat Lacy and daughter in law Kathleen Shiel
Sunday 16th: 9am: Intentions of all Exam Students
Sun 16th: 12noon: Nora Wall, Dannie and Margaret Clavin and their son Donal and Dec members of the Clavin & Gaffney families Tom Mahon, Screggan 4th Anniv
Wednesday 19th: 7.30pm: Feast of St Romuald
Thurs 20th: 9am: The Blessed Irish Martyrs & World Refugee Day
Friday 21st June at 10am. End of year Mass for St Colman's N.S
Fri 21st: 7.30pm: Dolly Malone and her parents, Ballard
Sat 22nd: 7.30pm: Maura Ryan, m.m., Patricia Reynolds, Ballard
Sun 23rd: 9am: Intentions of the Sick

Sun 23rd: 12noon: Ann Ryan, Charleville View

Offertory/Plate Killina €175 The Island €170 Mucklagh € 810

Development: Killina and The Island €266 Mucklagh €495

June/Summer Offering Collection: will be taken up this weekend and for following few weekends. If using an ordinary envelope please put your name and address on it

Exam Students: We pray that they will be blessed with the gifts of calm, right judgement, wisdom and understanding that will help them do and give of their best.

Fathers Day is celebrated this Sunday. A day of prayer and thanksgiving for all fathers living and deceased for all they have done and continue to do for us.

Prayer for Fathers: Dear God, thank You for the gift of our Fathers. Thank You for their encouragement, their guidance, and their provision for us. Thank You for their patience, understanding, and sense of humor - in short for their unfailing love. Please bless our Fathers with your Spirit of wisdom, counsel, and fortitude. May they feel Your love in their hearts. Your peace in their minds, and Your joy in their spirits this day. We ask all this in the name of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ through the intercession of Good St. Joseph, whom You chose to be His Father on earth. Amen

Mucklagh Cemetery Devotions: Many Thanks to all who contributed to the evening of family and community remembrance of all the departed laid to rest in Mucklagh Cemetery. **A special thank you to** Tony Reynolds cemetery caretaker, Jim Griffin for his work on the sound, all Collectors, Readers, and Sacristans. **Money Collected was €2,380** which will go towards maintenance of the cemetery throughout the year. Unfortunately we weren't blessed with a fine evening but as always a good evening for meeting up.

Brian Whittaker A Second Year Trainee Teacher thanks all who supported the **Table Quiz** in The Thatch and the Go Fund me page in aid of his trip to Arusha Tanzania for the month of July to teach English to disadvantaged children. **Many Thanks**



Summer Sessiún

Shamrock's Lotto 7, 11, 25. Bonus number 2. **Mucklagh Lotto:** 11, 13, 30, 31.



Rahan Parish Golf Classic Rahan Parish Golf Classic: Thanks to all who supported, helped and contributed to the organizing of a great social and financial success which our first ever parish Golf Classic was. A special thank you to both Tullamore and Esker Hills for the use of both golf courses. A huge word of thanks to our very hard working committee for work done in preparing for and also on the day of the golf classic. As monies continue to come in we will give a full report of profits next week **Presentation of Prizes for the Golf Classic in the Thatch, Rahan** on this **Saturday night 15th June at 9.30pm** to which all parishioners, golfers and sponsors are very welcome to join us for music and refreshments.



'Day for Life' is a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. The Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: **The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.** This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

Today's Gospel: The Parable of the mustard seed reminds us that God can be at work in situations and places that seem very unpromising to us. There is a stark contrast between the tiny mustard seed (the smallest of all the seeds), and the large shrub that grows from it, in whose branches the birds of the air can nest. Insignificant beginnings can lead to a wonderful result. The kingdom of God is like that; it often finds expression initially in what is small and seemingly insignificant. We can feel that our own faith is insignificant, as small as a mustard seed. Jesus assures us that the Spirit is working in and through such faith. Our hope can appear to diminish to the size of a mustard seed. The parable says that such hope is enough for the Lord to work with. Our various efforts can seem to bear very insignificant results. The parable assures us that the Lord will see to it that the final harvest from those efforts will be abundant. Sometimes we have to learn to be content with the small seeds that we can sow, trusting them to bear fruit in ways that will surprise us. The kingdom of God is something very humble and modest in its origins. We need to learn to appreciate little things and small gestures. We may not feel called to be heroes or martyrs every day, but we are called to put a little dignity into each corner of our little world. There are little seeds of the kingdom that all of us can sow, a friendly gesture towards someone in trouble, a welcoming smile for someone who is alone, a sign of closeness for someone who is in despair, a little ray of joy for a heart full of distress. God's reign comes in power through the seemingly insignificant actions of each of us.

Rahan Comhaltas Summer Sessiún Rahan Hall starts Tuesday June 18th @ 8pm

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