

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th August 2024

Killina: Sun 4th: 10.30am: Charlie and Mary Scully Killina

Tues 6th: 7.30pm Transfiguration of the Lord Special Intention 40th Wedding Anniv.

Thurs 8th August: 7.30pm Mass Saint Dominic

Sun 11th: 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners

The Island:

Saturday 3rd: 6pm: Pe & Kit Daly Ballina and grandchildren

Edwin and Catriona and Deceased members of the Daly and Lowry families

Saturday 10th: 6pm: James & Annie Boland Deerpark & Dec. Relatives and friends

Mucklagh

Sat 3rd: 7.30pm: Gerard Donovan 2nd Anniv. and Deceased family members

Sean Curley 2nd Anniv. Deceased members of the Condrion family Glaskill

Sun 4th: 9am: Aidan Doyle Anniv.

Sun 4th: 12noon: Joe and Josie Molloy and their daughter Patricia Dwyer and

Brigid Quinn, Bunatarn 2nd Anniv

Wed 7th 7.30pm: Mass: Special Intention 60th Wedding Anniversary

Thurs 8th: 9am: Saint Dominic

Fri 9th: 7.30pm: John and Rosy Horan O Moore Street Tullamore

Sat 10th: 7.30pm: Jacinta (Gerry) Flaherty, Pat Ryan, Paddy and May Fogarty

Sun 11th: 9am: Lists of Dead

Sun 11th: 12noon: For God's Blessings on all who work the land and for a bountiful and fruitful harvest

Offertory/Plate Killina €160 The Island €115 Mucklagh €820

Development: Killina and The Island €342 Mucklagh €858

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Please Pray for Sean Mc Carthy, Charleville View, laid to rest on Thursday

Rahan Cemetery Thursday 15th August Mass at 7pm.

Killickfehan Cemetery —Saturday 24th August —Mass at 6pm

The Collection at the entrance to both Cemeteries on Cemetery Day is for their maintenance and upkeep throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

The Letter to the Ephesians today could almost have been written as a column on New Year's resolutions. It invites us to 'put away your former way of life' and to 'clothe your-selves with the new self', while also speaking of becoming 'renewed in the spirit of your minds'. But the source of this makeover – bodily and spiritual – is not ourselves, but Christ whose peace is said to 'rule in our hearts' according to a similar passage found in the Letter to the Colossians. What areas of my life do I need to be renewed at the moment – and what parts of my life do I need to let go of?

Tullamore Agricultural Show: Next Sunday 11th August we welcome the Tullamore Agricultural Show. We extend our very good wishes to the Organizing Committee and we hope that the weather will be favourable on the day.

Pope's August prayer intention: for August "In his prayer intention for the month of August, the Holy Father invites the faithful to join him in prayer "that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poorest." Politics properly so-called – "listens to what is really going on.

Shamrock's Lotto 10, 15, 17. Bonus number 8. **Mucklagh Lotto:** 2, 3, 17, 24

Today's Gospel: The hungers of life: We hunger for a feeling of importance. Nobody wants to be a nobody. We all want to matter, if only to one person. We hunger for acceptance. If we are not accepted it becomes almost impossible for use to realise ourselves. We hunger for relationships. Without them we are at the mercy of cold winds of anguish and loneliness. We hunger for motivation. Without it we are like a sail boat without the wind. We hunger for faith, for a set of positive beliefs to guide us. Otherwise we are like a ship without chart or compass or port of destination. We hunger for hope. If this was fully satisfied then most of our other hungers would disappear. However, there is one further hunger, a deeper one, and one that underlies all our other hungers, including that of love. It is the hunger for eternal life. In other words, the hunger for God. To experience this hunger is not a misfortune but a blessing. Only God can satisfy our deepest hungers



Feast Day of The Transfiguration is celebrated on Tuesday next

The challenge of our times is to keep hope alive: hope in ourselves, hope in one another and hope in God. On many fronts, we live in an atmosphere of decay, destruction and despair. A cancer of our time is to be constantly seeking out and highlighting conflict rather than consensus, failure rather than fidelity, gratification rather than generosity, thuggery rather than thankfulness. This destructive perspective undermines respect, responsibility and relationships as it corrodes initiative, service and leadership. In such a demanding climate, a people's communal vision of the good life must be nurtured and enriched as must each individual's hope. We need to glimpse the reality of God among us. We need to know the greatness of God's love for us each day.

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday, 11th August and the Pilgrimage of the Fr. Willie Doyle Association will also be held.



President Jarlath Burns pays tribute to hidden heroes of GAA

If you are a parent who has put up a set of GAA posts in your back garden, this belongs to you, "If you are a coach, from u8 to senior, this belongs to you. "If you are a member of a committee, at any level, that organises our games voluntarily, this belongs to you. "If you are a linesman or an umpire at our club matches or underage games in the cold winters and wind, this belongs to you. "If you line the pitch, cut the grass or put out flags, today belongs to you. "If you make the tea after a game or if you're a teacher, who gives up your time to help our pupils develop our games, this belongs to you. "Today is your day, because the GAA is where we all belong." Today belongs to a man who lifted the cup here in 2002 and stuck with this team in the last 10 years." In our church and in our parish it is very important that we all feel we belong also. It is very important too to have that voluntary spirit. through which people use their gifts and talents to build up church and community life.

Prayer for our community Embracing Father, You grace each of us with equal measure in your love. Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance & indifference. May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey. Amen



Quote of the week I was a little girl from a tiny village. I still am that little girl from Sligo. I was able to win a medal at the Olympics. It just shows you, you can do anything you put your mind to. It's definitely down to a lot of hard work and trying to be the best I can be, and keep pushing to be better **Mona Mc Sharry Bronze medalist at the Olympic Games this week**