

I Am the Living Bread

Rahan Parish
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th August 2024

National Heritage Week

Killina: Sun 11th: 10.30am: Intentions of Parishioners

Tues 13th: 7.30pm: Andy & Rose Meacle, Ballycowan, The Meacle family, Kilgurtin and Caoimhe Molloy

Thurs 15th August: 7.00pm: Rahan Cemetery Devotions. Feast of the Assumption

Sun 18th: 10.30am: Bernadette Claffey, Maura Corcoran

The Island:

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

Thurs 15th: 6pm Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 17th: 6pm: Denis Higgins, his parents Pat & Nan, his sister Ita, her husband Ron & deceased relatives, David and Mary Conroy and their sons Fr. David and Stephen, Deerpark, Owen Malone his sister Mary and his parents Stephen and Mary

Mucklagh

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

Sun 11th: 9am: Lists of Dead

Sun 11th: 12noon: On Tullamore Show Day we pray for God's Blessings on all who work the land and for a bountiful and fruitful harvest

Wed 14th 7.30pm: Vigil for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thurs 15th: 9am Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 16th: 7.30pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Sat 17th: 7.30pm: Daniel & Elizabeth McKeon, Glaskill and Joseph, Elizabeth, Patrick, Mary Teresa, Kathleen and Joseph Jnr Galvin

Sun 18th: 9am: Lists of Dead

Sun 18th: 12noon: Intentions of the Sick

Offertory/Plate Killina €240 The Island €140 Mucklagh €965

Development: Killina and The Island €394 Mucklagh €520

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Thursday Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday)

Mass Times Vigil Mass in Mucklagh on Wednesday at 7.30pm **Thursday 9am** in Mucklagh **Thursday 6pm** in the Island, **Thursday 7.00pm: Rahan Cemetery Devotions**

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.

New Day Prayer: God of my life I welcome this new day. It is your gift to me, a new creation, a promise of resurrection. I thank you for the grace of being alive this morning. I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me. I thank you for this chance to make a new beginning. This day, Lord, is full of promise and opportunity: let me waste none of it.

This day is full of mystery and the unknown: help me to face it without fear and anxiety. This day is blessed with beauty and adventure: make me fully alive to it all. During this day keep me thoughtful, prayerful and kind. May I be courteous and helpful to others and not always thinking about myself. Keep me from any word or deed that would hurt or destroy or belittle. And may the thoughts of my mind be pleasing in your sight

Heritage Week Please join your host, Anna Orman, and guest speaker James Scully as we Explore the connections, routes, and networks of St. Carthage's Ancient Cemetery Rahan on **Saturday 17th August from 2-4pm** Talk at grave of parents of Bishop John Cantwell . Music by Rahan Comhaltas Enactment by Midlands Theatre Group . Tea refreshments

Shamrock's Lotto 7, 13, 21. Bonus number 6. **Mucklagh Lotto:** 6, 14, 15, 26

Today's Gospel: When it's put like that, you might get the impression that bread is a very personal thing. As long as I have enough of it, that's fine—my hunger, my mouth, my tummy, my fill — ah, that's great! But bread of its nature is a social thing. It's meant for sharing. A father and mother work for years to put bread on the table for the family. It's there for visitors too. 'would you like a slice of bread? Bread is such a social thing that the word 'companionship' comes for the latin word for bread. The word is panis. The Latin word for 'with' is cum. Cum panis—companionship—the unity, the feeling for other people that comes with the sharing of bread. The bread of life, the Holy Communion that we share every Sunday, has a social dimension too. It's not just my communion with Christ. It's our communion with each other in Christ. We don't just go to communion as individuals. We receive or share together as a community. There's bread for everybody. And the bread that we share challenges us to build up community during the week to make companionship real in daily life.

Jesus - Bread of Life: Jesus reveals himself as bread, that is, the essential, what is necessary for everyday life, without him it does not work. Not *one* bread among many others, but *the* bread of life," he commented. "In other words, without him, rather than living, we get by because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; He alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; He alone gives us the strength to love and forgive in difficulties; He alone gives peace to the heart that it is searching for; He alone gives eternal life when life here on earth ends. He is the essential bread of life."

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock This Sunday, 11th August and the Pilgrimage of the Fr. Willie Doyle Association will also be held. **National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 14 to 22 August 2024**

In this dedicated Year of Prayer, the theme of this year's Novena is 'Whispering with God – How do you pray?'. The nine-day programme will explore how prayer, in all its forms, is an integral part of our daily lives. The year of Prayer, Pope Francis explains, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Knock: Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen

Tullamore Show Tullamore Agricultural Show: This 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



A Prayer of Blessing for the Show: Creator God we praise you for the wonder of creation. the glory, the beauty, the magnificent and the mundane; for plough and for pasture, for the sheer delight of being alive in your world we praise your holy name. For this Show the staff and the stewards, Exhibitors and visitors, For trade stands and craft skills, the traditional and the innovative; for this celebration of farming, the countryside, the people, the livestock, the land; for knowledge and wisdom, technology and science, We praise your holy name. For friendship and business, for farming and food; for sharing, for laughter; for eating and dancing for all we enjoy as we gather together. Creator God, we praise your holy name Amen

