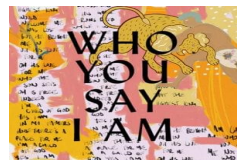




**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September**

**Killina: Sun 15th: 10.30am:** Kathleen Flanagan 1st Anniv. Molly Minnock  
**Tues 17th: 7.30pm:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Thurs 19th: 7.30pm:** Lists of the Dead  
**Sun 22nd: 10.30am:** Deceased members of the Sherlock Family Killina  
**The Island: Sat 14th: 6pm:** Mick Bermingham & family and Mick Delaney  
**Sat 21st: 6pm:** Willie and Mary B. Kinahan their sons Harry, Peter and Liam Henry O'Rourke and Deceased family members  
**Mucklagh Sat 14th: 7.30pm:** Anne Daly Tegan Court 2nd Anniv. Dan Daly 4th Anniv, Mattie and Nora Smyth, Charleville Road  
**Sun 15th: 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 15th: 12noon:** William Wall, Agnes Brady, her husband Denis and son Din and Deceased family relatives  
**Wed 18th: 7.30pm:** Mass for Peace  
**Thurs 19th: 9am** Special Intention  
**Fri 20th: 7.30pm:** Harry, Margaret & John Comerford, Ellen Doheny nee Comerford  
**Sat 21st: 7.30pm:** Michael and Una Cooney, James, Mollie and Mary Gleeson  
**Sun 22nd : 9am:** Oliver Larkin Snr St Colman's Terrace  
**Sun 22nd : 12noon:** Michael Kilroe, Sonny and Margaret Mc Grath Adams Villas  
**Offertory/Plate Killina €180 The Island €155 Mucklagh €815**  
**Development: Killina and The Island €207 Mucklagh €1,087**  
**If you wish to donate online, the details are** Account Name : St Carthage's Church  
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**Parish Accounts 2023:** In the coming year we hope to commence work around the Island church. Our new envelope year commences on weekend of 5th/ 6th October and boxes are now available for distribution. Many thanks to all who help with this. If you wish to make a contribution before the end of the financial year it would be most welcome. **If anyone did not receive a box of envelopes for the past year and would like to receive one please contact the parish office 057 9378181 on Wednesday.**  
**September Offerings:** Will be taken up at all Masses over the next month. Please use envelope from box of envelopes or an ordinary envelope with your name, address and envelope number if you have one. As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity.  
**Please pray for:** Josephine Mc Claren, Tullamore sister of Annie Murray, Mucklagh Margaret Scully, Mount bolus, Pauline Kelly nee Multaney, Eyrecourt and formerly of Cloonagh, Joe Buckley, Pullough, brother of Pam Carroll and Laura Dunne, Beechmount Park, Gertie Troy, Cappincur. Funeral Mass in Mucklagh on this Sunday at 1.30pm  
**First Holy Communion Preparation:** Meeting on Thursday 19th September in Mucklagh Church at 8pm. for all parents of children preparing for First Communion this year from St. Colman's N.S., Mucklagh and Scoil Charthaigh Naofa. .  
**Mucklagh Playground Committee** are hosting a Scrap Metal Collection in association with KMK Metals on Saturday 21st September from 10am -4pm at Shamrock GAA grounds Mucklagh. All support much appreciated  
**Mucklagh Social Lunch Club:** In Mucklagh Community Centre on Monday 16th September, 12.30. Booking is required. Spread the word To book call/text 085 2313304  
**Mucklagh School Boys / Girls Community Soccer Club** are hosting a **12 hour Soccer Marathon Fundraiser** on this Sunday 15th September from 7am to 7pm in Mucklagh Community Center. Light refreshments on the day. All are welcome

**Shamrock's Lotto** 7, 20, 28. Bonus number 10. **Mucklagh Lotto:** 1, 11, 14, 28  
**Today's Gospel: Losing and Finding:** Giving up is part of life – you give up your time and money for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their faces. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that you like. In sport we sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something more comes through for us when we give up and we get back a lot more than we expected. It seems strange for Jesus to say – lose your life to save it. He's talking about losing good things, to get better things. This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very 'me' conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without having enough care for others. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of Jesus is never done. Losing life and saving yes to life with Jesus is a call to community, to neighbourliness, to friendship and to the world. It's about saying yes to making our part of the world a better place. If my own life is my only concern. If my circle of care extends just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the outcast, then I am called today to the challenge of the gospel to lose selfishness, and find more the generosity given to me in my heart by God. Think ahead to today or this week. Offer love and service to God and to others Lord, teach me to be generous in your service.



**National Ploughing Week Prayer**  
**Prayer:** Creator God, you give us the amazing gift of soil in which to grow crops to feed both humans and animals. Grant us wisdom as we seek to work with you and in harmony with the micro-organisms and worms in maintaining soil fertility and proper drainage. As we plant successive crops, we trust you for the miracle of growth enabled by the balance of light, warmth, nutrients and moisture to produce an abundant crop. Keep us alert to maintain and use our farm machinery carefully and give us pride and satisfaction in our work. This we pray in the name of Christ, who set his hand to the plough and did not look back. Amen.

**Like to start your own business** but not sure how to do it? Offaly Local Development Company are meeting unemployed people now for places on their next Business Development Programme. Contact Des 087 969 9998.s.  
**Jesuit Cemetery Rahan Cemetery Devotions Mass Monday 16th Sept 7pm**  
**Lynally Cemetery Cemetery Devotions Mass Monday 23rd September 7pm**  
**Farnavilla Cemetery Cemetery Devotions Mass Saturday 5th October at 2pm**  
**Learn to Dance Classes Rahan Hall Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9pm €10 per night**  
**Table Quiz: Friday 27th September at 8.30pm** in the Thatch to raise funds for **Crumlin Children's Hospital.** All Donations welcome



**Altar Servers** We are at present recruiting altar servers from children in third class and upwards. Thanks to children and parents for their co-operation. For children attending schools outside of our parish enrolment forms are available in the sacristies and from Mucklagh parish office. Forms to be returned by Friday 20th September



**Blessed Carlo Acutis:** The primary Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will visit St. Mary's Church, Navan from Assisi on Sunday 15th – Monday 16th September See Rahan parish website for details  
**Meath Diocese Samuel Group** for young adults (age 18-40) Meet one Sunday a month, from October to May, at St. Mary's in Navan for talks, Holy Hour, Confessions, and Mass, with commitment to daily prayer. Led by Franciscan Sisters of Renewal. Info at [ww.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://ww.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony)  
**Tullamore Community Employment** Caretaker position available. **057 9321421**