



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2024**



**Killina: Sun 1st: 10.30am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Tues 3rd:** Rose and Pat Molloy Cornalar Rahan  
**Thurs 5th: 7.30pm:** Rahan Comhaltas Annual Remembrance Mass in Rahan GYM  
**Fri 6th: 9.30am:** First Friday: Lists of the Dead  
**Sun 8th: 10.30am:** Ca Shields m.m. Joseph and Mary Cantwell, Tully,  
**The Island Sat 30th: 6pm:** Lists of the Dead  
**Fri 6th: 6pm:** First Friday: Lists of the Dead  
**Sat 7th: 6pm:** Mary Conroy , Joseph & Elizabeth Daly, their daughter Kathleen and her husband John  
**Mucklagh Sat 30th: 7.30pm** James & Brigid Keegan Ballykeenehan, Brogan Buckley Cornally, Bridget Monaghan, Belmullet, Co. Mayo  
**Sun 1st: 9am:** Con Dunne and deceased family members  
**Sun 1st: 12noon:** Eileen & Gerry Murray, Margaret Murphy, 25th Anniv. Margaret & Patrick Walsh, Tommy and Mary Boylan and deceased members of the Boylan Family  
**Wed 4th: 7.30pm:** John O' Donoghue, Lynally Grove **Thurs 5th: 9am:** Lists of the Dead  
**Fri 6th: 7.30pm:** First Friday: **Mass of Healing and Anointing Holy Hour 6.30pm**  
**Saturday 7th 10am:** First Saturday Devotions  
**Saturday 7th: 7.30pm** Liz Daly m.m. Mura Bryant m.m Johnnie, Margaret, Peggy and Richard Larkin, Matt and Bridget Bonney  
**Sun 8th: 9am:** Anne & Bill Coonan, Deceased of Senior Citizens Group  
**Sun 8th: 12noon:** Mick and Helen Clavin, Lynally  
**Offertory/Plate Killina €305 The Island €165 Mucklagh €1,320**  
**Development: Killina and The Island €596 Mucklagh €596**  
**If you wish to donate online,** Account Name: St Carthage's Church  
 Current Account IBAN IE30 BOFI 9019 0938 7088 72 BIC: BOFIE2D  
**Pray** for Brendan Wall, Ballard, Patricia Williams, Tuam, Co. Galway mother of Caroline Ward, Screggan , Teresa Casey Ballycumber, Bill Kavanagh Daingean ,R.I.P  
**Today we light the first candle on our Advent Wreath. It is a purple candle representing hope. Hope is a positive and potent spiritual practice** that has the power and influence to pull us through difficult times. Hope is the basic ingredient of **optimism**, a tendency to dwell on the best possibilities. It is often described as — a ray, a beam, a glimmer of hope; the break in the clouds; the light at the end of the dark tunnel. Hope can often be revealed in unexpected places or through others. Hope is energizing. Certain attitudes or virtues can support the development of hope in our lives. One attitude that supports a sense of hope in our lives is **patience**, an ability to tolerate setbacks, a willingness to let events unfurl in their own time. The other is **courage**, an attitude of confidence even when facing the unfamiliar. A third is **persistence**, the determination to keep on going no matter what happens. We have hope when we can say...everything will be ok", and we mean it. Without hope we may lack the courage to continue struggling against hardship. When we are without hope, we easily fall victim to negativism. When the light of hope is absent, we are overcome by gloom and doom, despair and negativity. Hope gives us enthusiasm, courage and drive to continue moving forward in every situation.. With a conscious effort and committed action, and rooted in God's love, our hopes have the power to transform our lives and the lives of others.  
**Christmas Mass Times** As like last year we will have an additional Special Mass for children and families on **Christmas Eve at 4pm** in Mucklagh Church



**Christmas Raffle**

**Lotto's Shamrock's** 9, 14, 26. Bonus 4. **Mucklagh:** 8,15, 22, 25 **Rahan Hall Bazaar** on this Sunday 1st December from 3pm to 6pm. All donations of prizes welcome for wheel of fortune. Come along to a family fun Day with a visit from Father Christmas.

**Annual Parish Christmas Draw:** Our annual parish Christmas draw takes place on **Sunday 15th December in Rahan Hall at 7.00pm.** The usual prizes of €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 Turkeys, 5 Hams, 5 bottles of Brandy, 5 bottles of Whiskey 5 Christmas cakes and lots of other donated prizes will be available. Many thanks to everybody for your support and we rely as always on the area distributors to hand in 2 draw tickets to each household. **Each line is €2 or a card for €10** Please return Cards to the Parochial House Mucklagh, or to any of our parish masses in coming weeks. **Profits from the Draw will go towards paying annual parish insurance €16,952. If you haven't received a card of tickets yet and wish to support the Draw please take a card or 2 from the back of any of churches. Much appreciated**  
**Rahan Parish Senior Citizens Party** Sunday 8th December at 2pm in Mucklagh Center RSVP to 085 2313304 by Tuesday 3rd December.  
**Mucklagh Community Centre Christmas Craft Fair:** Sat 7th December at 2pm. Meet Santa for photo and treat, Local Craft Stalls, Face Painting, Special Music Treat, Refreshments and Raffle. Raffle Tickets €2 or 3 for €5  
**Rahan Parochial House:** A Public Auction will be held on **Tuesday 17th December at 3.30pm in Tullamore Court Hotel and online by Auctioneer James L. Murtagh, of Mullingar.** All proceeds of the sale will go to the parish.  
**We welcome** children in 4th class participating in our masses this weekend **Christmas Mass Bouquets** are now available in our 3 sacristies and in Mucklagh Parochial Office. **Price €5.** Those for whom Masses are requested will be remembered in all of our Christmas masses. If calling to the office Wednesday is the preferred day  
**First Friday Calls** Wed in The Island, Thurs in Killina Friday in Mucklagh.  
**Holy Hour** On the **First Friday, 6th December in Mucklagh** we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **from 6.30pm** Examination of Conscience, Confessions, Music & Reflections Rosary at 7pm. Benediction 7.20pm  
**Mass of Healing and Anointing** will be celebrated in Mucklagh Church on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm . The Sacrament of Anointing will be available to our elderly, our sick and to all who wish to avail of the sacrament.  
**St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal:** The **Annual Society Church Gate Collection** will take place next weekend at all masses  
**Aquired Brain Injury Coffee Morning** in Teach Failte Mountbolus Friday 6th December 10am - 2pm  
**Rahan Hall A.G.M** Thurs 5th 8.30pm in Hall. New committee members welcome  
**A missionary group from Bethlehem in The Holy Land** will be present after all masses in each of our churches on the **14th and 15th of December** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary Beads, Plaques and Nativity Cribs) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support poor Christian families,  
**Blessing of our local Rahan Fitness Gym** will coincide with Rahan Comhaltas Annual Remembrance mass on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm **in the Gym**  
**Mucklagh Playground Committee Table Quiz Fundraiser** raised €2,170.  
**Scoil Charthaigh Naofa Carol Service** Thursday 12th December in Killina Church at 7pm . All welcome  
**Switching on Christmas Tree Lights** at Mucklagh Church **Saturday 7th December after 7.30pm Mass. Come along and get into Christmas spirit**

