



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**Forth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024**

**Killina Sun 22nd: 10.30am:** Sr. Marie Walsh 1st Anniversary  
**Tues 24th** Christmas Eve: Mass 9.00pm: Mass and Blessing of crib. Mass Bouquets Nellie Dunne and dec of the Hickey family, Roscore, John and Anne Buckley, Goldsmith's Lot  
**Wed 25th** Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30am:  
**Thurs 26th** Feast of St Stephen Mass at 10am  
**Friday 27th** Feast of St John the Apostle Mass at 10am  
**Sun 29th: 10.30am:** Susan Walsh



**The Island**  
**Sat 21st : 6pm** For all who died in the past year  
**Tues 24th** Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm: Mass & Blessing of Crib. Dan and Mary Fogarty and their son Martin Castletown  
**Wed 25th** Christmas Day: Mass at 10am Special Intention. Mass Bouquets  
**Sat 28th: 6pm:** Mass Bouquets  
**Mucklagh Saturday 21st: 7.30pm:** For all who died in the past year  
**Sun 22nd: 9am:**Breda Larkin St Colmans Terrace, Deceased of Egan and Gallagher families  
**Sun 22nd** 12noon Eamon Walsh St Colman's Terrace  
**Tues 24th** Christmas Eve: Mass at 4.00pm: Children's Mass of the Nativity  
**Tues 24th** Christmas Eve: Mass at 7.30pm: Mass and Blessing of the Crib.  
**Wed 25th** Christmas Day: Mass 9.00am: The Galvin family, Tullamore & the White family, Screggan  
**Wed 25th** Christmas Day: Mass at 12noon: Sean Murray, Ballyshannon  
**Thurs 26th** Feast of St Stephen Mass at 9am  
**Friday 27th** Feast of St John the Apostle Mass at 9am  
**Saturday 28th: 7.30pm:** Breda and Pat Joe Conroy and their great grandchild Patrick and deceased relatives  
**Sun 29th: 9am:** Mass Bouquets  
**Sun 29th** 12noon Lucy Kenehan 1st Anniv. And her parents Mary and Eddie, Bessy Flanagan

**Offertory/Plate Killina** €235 **The Island** €185 **Mucklagh** €1,090  
**Development: Killina and The Island** €259 **Mucklagh** €1,319  
**If you wish to donate online,** Account Name: St Carthage's Church  
**Current Account IBAN** IE30 BOFI 9019 0938 7088 72 **BIC:** BOFIE2D  
**Adoration:** Please Note No Adoration for the next 2 weeks  
**Please Pray** for Annie Kelly (née Gorman) Mountmellick R.I.P



**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
**Christmas Eve** 4pm in Mucklagh **Christmas Eve** 6pm in The Island  
**Christmas Eve** 7.30pm Mass Mucklagh **Christmas Eve** 9pm in Killina **Candlelit**  
**Christmas Day** 9am in Mucklagh **Christmas Day** 10am in The Island  
**Christmas Day** 10.30am in Killina **Christmas Day** 12 noon Mass in Mucklagh  
**Confessions** in the Island on Saturday 21st before and after 6pm Mass and in Killina on Christmas Eve 11am -11.30am in Mucklagh Christmas Eve 12 noon -12.30pm  
**Fáilte-Welcome-Bienvenida-Witaj- Sveiki- Swagatham Bienvenue-Benvenuto! Kaije**  
 Welcome home to all parishioners who are studying, working or living abroad. We welcome all who are visiting our parish for Christmas and those who have made their home in our Parish in the last year. We invite all family members to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus at Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

**Lotto's Shamrock's** 12, 15, 21. Bonus 8. **Mucklagh:** 2, 3, 12, 28

**We welcome** children in 5th class participating in our masses this weekend  
**Christmas Offerings:** Offering Envelopes available at back of church or in yearly box of envelopes. Or use an ordinary envelope and put your name on it and box number if you have one.



**Parish Pilgrimage** from 2nd - 9th October 2025 will be to Venice, Padua, Treviso and Burano .**Cost €1,060** to include all dinners boat trips, coaching tours, and return flights . We will be joined on the Pilgrimage by 40 members of the Meath Diocesan Choir. 40 places are also available to our own parishioners and friends. Early booking is recommended. Contact Laura **057 9355050** (Mon to Fri,) 9am to 5pm

**The Missionary group from Bethlehem** in The Holy Land thank you for €4,115 received for purchases last weekend in support of poor Christian families

**If anyone** is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, please contact either Priest and we can arrange same.

**Thanks** to children for decorations for Christmas trees in our churches

**Sharing And Celebrating Faith:** One of Mary's first recorded journeys was after the announcement to her that she was to be the mother of God. It was a journey of service, a visit to her cousin who needed help. When dealing with such challenges as pregnancy bereavement redundancy a son in prison or a daughter on drugs – we want to talk and we want support. Mary and Elizabeth had something else to share – their faith. The prayers they said have been said ever since. The stage was small but the audience is millions ever since. They were not shy about their faith in their God. In a time like ours we need to externalise our faith – to go to Church, send a card with a Christmas greeting, not just a season's wish – not to parade, but to make present our faith. The meaning this week is Jesus is born, and we celebrate that together, with thanks, music, socialising, prayer and Mass. We need to find God again, and let ourselves be open to him in the deepest areas of life, just like the husbands of both these women, Joseph and Zechariah, as well as their wives, were open to God. Nothing need keep us from God or from the crib at Christmas. The real meaning of Christmas is to meet God and to help our neighbour

**Christmas Masses:** In all of our Christmas Masses we will be remembering all homes and families of our Parish and all friends of our Parish. Special prayers will be offered for our sick, for those away from home, for peace in our world, for all married in the year, for all baptised and for all who died during the year

**Christmas Toys** To any of our Masses on Christmas Morning we invite children to bring one of their small Christmas Toys and during Mass to place it beside the crib Please put your child's name on the present so that they can recognise it and bring it home afterwards and also please don't bring toys that are battery operated.

**Prayer** Thank you, Jesus for all our toys. Thank you, Jesus for Christmas Joys. Thank you Jesus, for all you've done. Thank you, Jesus for Christmas fun. Thank you Jesus, we would like to say . Thank you Jesus, for Christmas Day. Thank you Jesus, for being a friend . Thank you Jesus, at Christmas end . Amen

**Parish Christmas Draw** Thank you for your support for our parish draw which realised a profit of **€8,000**. Thanks to committee who helped and those who donated extra prizes. Many thanks to all. See results on website

**Parish Office:** Will reopen on Thursday 2nd January from 9am-5pm

**Christmas Eve Mass** for children and families at 4pm in Mucklagh church .

**Please come early** to Christmas Masses for singing of carols

**Remembrance Mass:** Will be celebrated at 11am on Christmas Day in the church ruins at the old Killoughey graveyard outside Mountbolus

**Rahan Comhaltas Table Quiz:** Fri 27th Dec at 8.30pm in The Thatch, Rahan. In aid of Friends of Tullamore Hospital. Table of 4 €40. All welcome