



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**Second Sunday of Advent 8th December 2024**



**Killina:** Ca Shields m.m. Joseph and Mary Cantwell, Tully  
**Mon 9th 9.30am Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary** (Deferred from Sunday)  
**Tues 10th 7.30pm Our Lady of Loretto** Patrick & Bridget Foran, their son Thomas and deceased relatives  
**Thurs 5th: 7pm: Carol Service Scoil Charthaigh Naofa** No evening Mass  
**Sun 15th: 10.30am:** Joe and May Monaghan, Screggan Cross

**The Island**  
**Sat 7th: 6pm:** Mary Conroy, Joseph & Elizabeth Daly, daughter Kathleen & husband John  
**Mon 9th 6pm Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady** (Deferred from Sunday)  
**Sat 14th : 6pm:** Deceased of Kennedy and Fallon Families Clonshanny  
**Mucklagh 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  
**Mon 9th: 7.30pm Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary** (Deferred from Sunday)  
**Wed 11th: 7.30pm:** Ann Howard Tourtelotte **Thurs 12th: 9am:** Lists of the Dead  
**Fri 13th: 7.30pm:** Feast of Saint Lucy  
**Saturday 14th: 7.30pm** Sean Healion and his parents Joe and Ellen Spollenstown, Paddy and Carmel Reynolds Ballard and deceased of Reynolds and Derham families  
**Sun 15th: 9am:** Lists of the Dead  
**Sun 15th: 12noon:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Offertory/Plate Killina** €300 **The Island** €140 **Mucklagh** €940  
**Development: Killina and The Island** €208 **Mucklagh** €490  
**If you wish to donate online,** Account Name: St Carthage's Church  
**Current Account IBAN IE30 BOFI 9019 0938 7088 72 BIC: BOFIE2D**

**Please Pray** for Carthage Condron Loughroe, John Murray, Kilcormac, Agatha Meehan nee Lambe, Portarlinton and formerly of Roscore R.I.P  
**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** **Annual Parish Christmas Draw:** Our annual parish Christmas draw takes place on **Sunday next 15th December in Rahan Hall at 6pm. (Note time change)** 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 and wish to support the Draw take a card or 2 from the back of our churches .**

**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  
**St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Church Gate Collection** takes place this weekend **Monday 9th December. Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day**  
**Parish Senior Citizens Party** this Sunday 8th Dec. at 2pm in Mucklagh C. C.

**Lotto's Shamrock's** 6, 10, 19. Bonus 2. **Mucklagh:** 2, 9, 28, 30

**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 2nd 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

**Carol Service** **Scoil Charthaigh Naofa Rahan** are celebrating their Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 12th December in Killina church at 7pm .  
**Switching on Christmas Tree** **Sat 7th after 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh**

**The second Candle of Advent. Again it is a purple candle** It is known as the **Bethlehem Candle representing Love.** Jesus' whole ministry was about loving against the rules. A love that chooses mercy instead of violence. A love that chooses the outcasts first, that makes family out of tax collectors, and prostitutes, and the sick and disabled, and the overlooked and forgotten and the hated. Society says stay away from those people, they're problematic. You're not allowed to love those people. It's wrong. It's unclean. You can't. And Jesus says: watch me. And Jesus also says that about loving us – about the most hidden, unbearable, broken parts of us. And it all starts in a manger, in a tucked away, forgotten corner of the world with a young couple who all the rules say shouldn't be together, but they are anyway. May love surprise us all this Christmas, may it flow through every crack and well up in surprising, beautiful ways.

**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

**Advent Prayer:** Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts. Come into our homes. Come to those who are lonely. Come to those who are fearful. Come to those who are sick. Come to those who are poor. Come to those who are grieving. Come to those who have no faith. Come to those who have no hope. Come to those who have no love. Come to the victims of violence. Come to those in the grip of addiction. Come to those in prison. Come to us in our needs at Christmas. Amen

**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

**Penance Service for Christmas:** Wednesday 18th December 7.30pm Mucklagh church with a number of visiting priests. Mass commencing 8pm

**Confessions** also in the Island on Saturday 21st December before and after 6pm Mass and in Killina on Christmas Eve 11am –11.30am and in Mucklagh Christmas Eve 12 noon to 12.30pm

**Rahan Hall Bazaar** realized a profit of €2,635 Many thanks for support  
**Killina Parents Council Clothes Collection** Tuesday 17th December Clothes can be dropped off at the school on Tues 16th Dec after school or between 6-7pm or on 17th before 9am