



Rahan Parish
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Third Sunday of Advent 15th December 2024

Killina) Sun 15th 10.30am: Joe and May Monaghan, Screggan Cross

Tues 17th: 7.30pm: For all who died in the past year

Thurs 19th: 7pm: Sadie Kirwan Newtown, her husband Leo and Amy Kirwan

Sun 22nd: 10.30am: Sr. Marie Walsh 1st Anniversary

The Island

Sat 14th: 6pm) Deceased of Kennedy and Fallon Families Clonshanny

Sat 21st : 6pm For all who died in the past year

Mucklagh

Saturday 14th: 7.30pm Mura Bryant m.m Johnnie, Margaret, Peggy and Richard Larkin, Matt and Bridget Bonney Sean Healion & his parents Joe & Ellen Spollenstown, Paddy and Carmel Reynolds Ballard and deceased of Reynolds and Derham families

Sun 15th: 9am: Lists of the Dead

Sun 15th: 12noon: Liz Daly m.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Wed 18th: 7.30pm: Penance Service for Christmas Mass 8pm

Thurs 19th: 9am: Lists of the Dead

Fri 20th: 7.30pm: Jack Rigney Screggan

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

Offertory/Plate Killina €275 **The Island** €220 **Mucklagh** €580
Development: Killina and The Island €278 **Mucklagh** €203

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Please Pray for Mary Kate Lloyd, Adams Villas, Eileen King from England sister of John Joe Mollin, Agall Sarah Bagnall née Foster formerly Lynamly 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

Annual Christmas Parish Draw: takes place this Sunday 15th December in Rahan Hall **at 7.00pm.** Lots of good 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 **Thanks to everybody for your support.** Each line is €2 or a card for €10. **Please Return Cards to Parochial House Mucklagh, or to masses this weekend or to Rahan Hall by 6pm this Sunday. evening .**

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend

Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath representing Joy There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy. Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life. It is looking for happiness that comes in small packages, knowing the big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life. And it can coexist with pain. Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has taken up home in our hearts

First Friday calls will take place on Tuesday in the Island, Wednesday in Rahan and Thursday in Mucklagh We will also visit parishioners in nursing home care

Christmas Clean Up morning in Mucklagh church on this Tuesday 17th at 10am and in Killina church on Tuesday 17th at 8.15 pm



Christmas Raffle

Lotto's Shamrock's 2, 20, 23. Bonus 5. **Mucklagh:** 2, 6, 14, 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 6th 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 **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

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

Parish Penance Service on Wednesday next 18th December in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm. A number of visiting priests will be present. We complete our Advent journey by availing of the Sacrament of confession which through the forgiveness of God helps us make fresh starts and new beginnings .Don't be concerned about how long you may have been away . A suggested formula for going to confession is I am sorry for all my sins especially and mention the areas of life where you would like to improve and do better. **Mass at 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

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

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

Welcome home all who have come home to be with families for Christmas **Musings:** 'Joy is what makes life worth living, but, for many, joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it. What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.' (Henri Nouwen)

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