



Rahan Parish
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Baptism of Our Lord 12th January 2025



Date for Diaries Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on the 4 Tuesdays of February 4th 11th 18th and 25th in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm Lots of nice singing, prayers, readings and reflections ..
Speaker on February 4th will be Fr Denis Luddy Redemptorist Priest
Our Speaker on February 11th will be Fr Paul Crosbie P.P Trim
Our Speaker on February 18th will be Fr Barry Condron parish native
Our Speaker on February 25th will be Elaine Campbell, wife, mother and Director of Faith Formation in Meath Diocese

Killina

Sun 12th: 10.30am: Elizabeth and Martin Byrne
Tues 14th: 7.30pm: Michael Mary and Linda Weir
Thurs 16th 7.30pm James Gibbons Newtown Rahan
Sun 19th 10.30am: Pe and Margaret Molloy

The Island

Sat 11th: 6pm: Camillus Corcoran and deceased family members
Sat 18th: 6pm: Jim and Molly Minnock Clonshanny

Mucklagh

Saturday 11th: 7.30pm: P.J. Barron, Paddy and Bridget Barron

Sun 12th : 9am: Hubert Healion and Deceased Relatives

Sun 12th : 12noon: Intentions of all of the Recently Baptised

Wed 15th: 7.30pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thurs 16th : 9am: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Fri 17th: 7.30pm: Maura Rigney Leabeg Ballycumber

Saturday 18th: 7.30pm: Jimmy Mc Loughlin Murrough Rahan

Sun 19th: 9am: Christmas Mass Bouquets **Catholic Schools Week Begins**

Sun 19th: 12noon: Ted Flynn Charleville Rd, John and Bridie Gonoude

Offertory/Plate: Killina €230 The Island €135 Mucklagh €820

Development: Killina & The Island €875 Mucklagh €659

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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 .40 places are also available to our own parishioners and friends. Early booking is recommended. Contact **057 9355050**

Please Pray for Maeve Burke, Charleville Road, Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 11am in Mucklagh church ,Margaret Coughlan, Tullamore, sister of Ned Dunne, Mucklagh Harry Moyles, Blueball, Bridget Delaney, Pullough, Margaret Buckley, Pullough and Rose O'Brien, Tullamore R.I. P

The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated this weekend. We ask God's blessing on all children baptized in our parish in the past year. There were **58** of them. Their names are in the Crib with the Infant Child of Bethlehem. We ask God's Blessing too on their parents, God parents, Grandparents and all family members .

Prayer for the newly baptised and their families: Lord, as we gather today, we ask your blessing on all newly baptised. Hold them in your arms and bless them. Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life. Lord, we ask your blessing on their parents, grandparents and godparents. May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours. Amen

Christmas Crib: Visit the crib today and with the three wise Kings who arrived on the Feast of the Epiphany on Monday last, offer to God our worship, praise and thanks. It is a tradition to bring home **A Piece of Straw** from the crib and place it in the family home, cars or places of work as a means of asking God's protection in the year ahead,

Mucklagh Church Clean Up on this Tuesday at 10am . All help welcome



A Thought on Baptism I imagine that for any mum or dad, there is no more awesome and inspiring sight than to gaze in wonder at your new-born child, this new person which God has placed into your arms to nurture and to love? Your child is sacred. Your child is unique. Michaela, Conor, Martin, Olivia – or whatever name you chose for your child in Baptism. God has written that name forever in the palm of his hand. In deciding to have your child baptised, over the past year or so, you chose to offer your little one the beautiful gift of faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are choosing to hand on to them a gift that was given to you by your parents and grandparents. Please God one day these little infants will, in their turn, hand on the gift of faith to their children and grandchildren. The gift of friendship with God is one which can inspire and give meaning to their whole lives. What a wonderful privilege it is, as a parent, to be able to introduce your own son or daughter to your friend, Jesus; to teach a little one about how unique and special they are in God's eyes, and about how much God loves them. What a challenge and responsibility it is to teach and explain to your own child the values of the Gospel of Christ, especially nowadays in a world which often promotes attitudes contrary to the Gospel

The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 Logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: **Peregrinantes in Spem** (Pilgrims in hope)

Mucklagh Community Center Social Lunch Club Monday 20th January 12.30pm €10 Booking Preferred Call 085 2312304

Lotto's Shamrock's 15, 19, 24. Bonus 8.

Mucklagh: 7, 12,17,22

Today's Gospel: John the Baptist was a man whose life was driven by one mission: to point people towards Jesus. Today we are reminded that we too have a responsibility through our own baptism in our homes, parishes, communities, and in wider world, like John did, to point the way towards God.