



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
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**Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas 5th January 2025**



**Lotto's Shamrock's** 13, 21, 28. Bonus 6. **Mucklagh:** 5, 9, 10, 12  
**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 with 4 visiting speakers. Lots of nice singing, prayers, readings and reflections. Please keep Tuesday nights of February free.  
**Our Speaker on February 4th** will be Fr Denis Luddy who worked for many years with the Redemptorists Mission team

**Killina Sun 5th: 10.30am:** Violet Lowry Newtown  
**Mon 6th: Feast of Epiphany (Holyday) Mass at 10am**  
**Tues 7th: 7.30pm:** Christmas Mass Bouquets  
**Thurs 9th: 7.30pm:** Lists of the Dead  
**Sun 12th: 10.30am:** Elizabeth and Martin Byrne  
**The Island**



**Sat 4th: 6pm:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Mon 6th: Feast of Epiphany (Holyday) Mass at 6pm**  
**Sat 11th: 6pm:** Camillus Corcoran and deceased family members

**Mucklagh**

**Saturday 4th: 7.30pm:** Annie Fletcher and remembering her husband Patsy and brother in law and Deceased family members  
**Sun 5th: 9am:** Marian Smyth who died in Virginia U.S.A. Dr. Paddy O' Kelly  
**Sun 5th: 12noon:** Brendan Wall m.m & Deceased of the Wall & Kinarney Families, Sean & Nora Mc Intyre & Dec, of the Kelly Family, Michael Leonard and Nora Kenaney  
**Mon 6th Feast of Epiphany (Holyday) Mass at 7.30pm**  
**Wed 8th: 7.30pm:** Lists of The Dead **Thurs 9th: 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Fri 10th: 7.30pm:** Christmas Mass Bouquets  
**Saturday 11th: 7.30pm:** P.J. Barnes, Paddy and Bridget Barnes  
**Sun 12th: 9am:** Christmas Mass Bouquets  
**Sun 12th: 12noon:** Private Intention



**Offertory/Plate: Killina €200 The Island €160 Mucklagh €980**  
**Development: Killina & The Island €244 Mucklagh €441**

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**Please pray for** Kitty Russell, Mount Bolus, Lar Daly, Coolnahiley and Carthages Nursing Home, Tracy Mc Hugh Geashill R.I.P



**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 **057 9355050**

**Thoughts For New Year:** What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year. The attitude you bring, the determination you have, the goals you set, all will result in the type of year that you will have. So let your attitude be positive, your determination be strong and God's will be done

**A Prayer for the New Year** Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing: God alone suffices. **St. Teresa of Avila**



**Thank You - Parish Collections** A word of gratitude to the many people who supported the Priests Christmas Offering, Plate Collections, Christmas Draw and Building Fund Collections over Christmas. People were very generous. As Priests of the parish we thank you. If you still wish to contribute you may do so by dropping your contribution into the boxes at the back of Churches or, call to the Mucklagh Parochial House **Special Offering Envelopes** are available at the back of our churches and we thank those who have used them to subscribe.

**Our Speaker on February 11th** will be Fr Paul Crosbie P.P Trim  
**Our Speaker on February 18th** will be Fr Barry Condon native of our parish  
**Our Speaker on February 25th** will be Elaine Campbell, wife, mother and Director of Faith Development for Meath Diocese

**Seekers of Hope- A Reflection for the Feast of Epiphany and The Year of Hope**  
 It's the whole world that comes with the wise men to the crib, Drawing close to the infant God, that they might find in him meaning in life and light for living. We draw close, Lord, with all those who have lost hope, All those for whom faith is nothing more than a long night to be got through, All those who have lost the taste for seeking and struggling. We draw close, Lord, with all those who are handicapped in body or mind, With those who are paralysed in their suffering, With those left to their loneliness, whom nobody ever comes to console. We draw close, Lord, With all those who've had their home taken, With those living in poverty and hunger, With those whose dignity has been trodden on, With those who have forgotten the colours of peace. We draw close with confidence To you, child of the crib. Look: we come seeking hope! **Feast of Epiphany is on Monday**

**Bringing a piece of Straw from the crib** and placing it in our homes and places of work is a traditional way of praying for prosperity and health for our home and livelihoods. **The Crib will remain up in all of our churches until Sunday week so as people can continue to observe this tradition**

**A Message from Fr Michael and Fr Frank** It is a privilege and blessing for us as priests to serve Rahan Parish at all times and especially in this Jubilee Year of Hope. We know that life is difficult for many especially in the face of financial difficulties, sickness, bereavement, difficulties in relationships and other areas of discomfort which people endure. **In this year of Hope** we pray that we as priests will live out our calling as baptized and ordained followers of Christ to be sources of encouragement and Hope for everyone in the face of life's challenges and difficulties, We hope too that all parishioners will live out your calling to be sources of hope and support for each other at home, in school, in the workplace, in our community and in the wider world in which we live.

**The Work of Christmas:** When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the Sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart.

**The Jubilee Year of Hope Prayer** Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen