

CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
Week



Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh
Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th January



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
Our Speaker on February 11th will be Fr. Paul Crosbie, P.P. Trim
Our Speaker on February 18th will be Fr Barry Condron
Our Speaker on February 25th will be Elaine Campbell, wife, mother and Director of Faith Formation in Meath Diocese



Catholic Schools Week 2025 will be celebrated from 19th to 25th January, with the theme of Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ. Christ calls us together as a living faith community so that our schools, parish and families may support and animate one another. Our Catholic schools are places where faith is lived in service to one

Killina Catholic Schools Week Begins

Sun 19th: 10.30am: Pe and Margaret Molloy, Roscore

Tues 21st: 7.30pm: Feast of Saint Agnes

Thurs 23rd: 7.30pm Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 26th: 10.30am: Reuben Kennedy Anniversary Fr Seamus Dunican

The Island

Sat 18th: 6pm: Jim and Molly Minnock, Clonshanny

Sat 25th: 6pm Christmas Mass Bouquets **Sunday of the Word of God**

Mucklagh

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

Wed 22nd: 7.30pm: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Thurs 23rd: 9am: Christmas Mass Bouquets

Fri 24th: 7.30pm: Feast of Saint Francis De Sales

Saturday 25th: 7.30pm: Tony Claffey Blueball also remembering Aishling Murphy

Sun 26th: 9am: Michael Carter Charleville Road **Sunday of the Word of God**

Sun 26th: 12noon: Intentions of Parishioners

Offertory/Plate: Killina €245 The Island €90 Mucklagh €910

Development: Killina & The Island €219 Mucklagh €479

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Christmas Crib: 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

Christian Unity Week 18th -25th January. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage

and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. The guiding biblical text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 comes from John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, "Do you believe this?" (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus. **Prayer For Unity** God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom. Teach us to love as you did, even to laying down our lives for our friends. Help us to carry the cross daily with you. Be with us as we travel the pilgrim road so that our hearts may ever burn with love, hope and joy. Amen

Pease pray for Maeve Burke, Charleville Rd, Rita Donohue, Durrow, Greta Mulroy Portmarnock, Dublin sister of Rody Corcoran, Rahan, John Craven, Kilcormac, father of Christina Craven, Mucklagh Parochial Hose and St Carthage's Nursing Home R.I.P

Mucklagh Community Center Social Lunch Mon. 20th Jan 12.30pm 085 2312304

Lotto's Shamrock's 10, 12, 20. Bonus 7. **Mucklagh:** 1, 4, 21, 27

Mucklagh Tidy Towns Church Gate Collection this weekend. All support appreciated



another in a spirit of inclusion, joy, hope and belief in one another as gifts from God The second reading, of Mass today from 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, speaks of the variety of gifts given to us by the Spirit. The gospel reading is a foretelling of the Eucharistic celebration in the account of the Wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11). Both readings provide inspiration for the themes of thanksgiving, the abundance of gifts given to us by the Spirit, the call to change so that we become more alive in Christ, the call to be Christian and the value of each person and each gift. This marries well with the educating nature at the core of our catholic schools: to bring out what is within and to bring out the divine qualities of the soul as well

Today's Gospel Cana: New wine for life The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their lives. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding, but more so, it is the promise of the fullness of God. We look for the fullness of life in money, food, travel, security, reputation- none last. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation. A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life - 'what is happiness?' 'Find happiness now' was his answer - 'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have... and asking God for what he knows I need. No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God.

HOPE Pope Francis on the Jubilee Year of Hope Pope Francis highlights the Jubilee as a time for a **new beginning**, rooted in the transformative power of God's Kingdom, drawing on the example of John the Baptist, a "great prophet of hope." Hope, is not merely "a habit or a character trait", but a "strength to be asked for" and also a gift of God that spurs Christians "to start again on the journey of life." As the Gospel of Luke tells us, it requires a recognition of our human smallness in the face of God's greatness. "It does not depend on us, but on the Kingdom of God," where even the "least" become great, the Pope said. Pope Francis also addressed the struggles of faith, drawing on John the Baptist's moments of doubt during his imprisonment. These doubts, the Pope noted, resonate with the challenges faced by Christians today navigating a world where "many Herods" still "oppose the Kingdom of God." Yet, he stressed, the Gospel provides an antidote to this despair through its transformative teachings, particularly the Beatitudes, which chart a new path of hope. Pope Francis concluded with a call to embrace hope and renewal through service and fraternity, particularly towards the least, and through responsibility for our "common home" the Earth "so often abused and wounded."

