



**Novena to  
Our Mother  
of  
Perpetual  
Help**

**Rahan Parish**  
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Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9am-5pm  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th February 2025

**Killina Sun 9th : 10.30am Parish Novena Intentions**  
**Tues 11th No Mass. 7. 30pm Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Mucklagh**  
**Thurs 13th: 7.30pm:** Lists of the Dead  
**Sun 16th 10.30am** Liam Kenny and Michael Lynam Ballincloghan  
**The Island**

**Sat 8th: 6pm:** Anna Corcoran and deceased relatives  
**Sat 15th: 6pm** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Mucklagh**

**Sat 8th: 7.30pm** Mary and Peter Geraghty and son William Killurin  
**Sun 9th: 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 9th: 12noon:** Billy Fox, Andrew Watson and his sister in law Josephine Walsh  
**Tues 11th: 7. 30pm Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Wed 12th: 7.30pm:** Mass of blessing of Marriage anniversaries  
**Thurs 13th: 9am:** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Fri 14th: 7.30pm: Mass of Healing and Anointing**  
**Sat 15th: 7.30pm** Tom Lawless Clonminch & High Street & his parents Tom & Molly  
**Sun 16th: 9am:** John Craven, Kilcormac, m,m  
**Sun 16th: 12noon:** James and Lilly Flanagan Adams Villas James and Christina  
Conway Beechmount Park

**Offertory/Plate:** Killina €310 The Island €95 Mucklagh €860  
**Development:** Killina & The Island €246 Mucklagh €431

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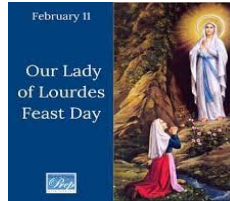
**Pray** for Mary Buckley Newtown Rahan, Bridie Brassil Ballard, Annette Rafferty Sheena, Charleville Road Eamon Grennan Glenageary, and Rahan RIP

**February Offerings** due this month Offerings can be given in envelope from box of envelopes or an envelope marked "Priests Offerings" with your name and address on it

**Rahan Parish Christmas / Valentines Dinner Sun 16th February at 2pm.**

**Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** continues the Tuesdays of February 11th, 18th and 25th in Mucklagh Church at 7.30pm with visiting speakers. Lots of nice singing, prayers, readings and reflections. Novena Prayer / Hymn books available for all. We hope you will find time to join us as many did last Tuesday for this special event. Our Speaker on Tuesday next February 11th will be Fr Paul Crosbie P.P. Trim. **This Tuesday Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be especially focused on Mary as a mother of never ending help especially for the sick and those in need.** We encourage people to come along and to especially pray for family members or friends you know to be ill. Include them in written prayers of intercession which you can place in the boxes in each church.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for healing** O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen



**Lotto's: Shamrock's 5, 6, 25. Bonus 3. Mucklagh: 12, 20, 21, 23**  
**A Further Explanation of The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

The icon is known for being miraculous; over the centuries countless healings and special graces have been attributed to it, The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. Frightened by the vision, he runs to his mother for consolation. Despite a forboding vision of suffering, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background as a sign of the glory of the resurrection. The royal crowns on the heads of Jesus and Mary also symbolize their triumph as the King of Kings with his Queen Mother. In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands – both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and at the same time presenting Him to us – convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man.

**Recording of last Tuesday on parish website Mucklagh /webcam**

**Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life

**We are seeking help of extra volunteers to help in our parish and its churches**

As priests it is an honor to serve our 3 churches and the people of our parish and we are very grateful to all who already help in these ministries. However any additional help would be much appreciated. If you wish to discuss further please contact either Fr Michael or Fr Frank. Saint Paul reminded us that all of us have been given gifts by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of church, community and the common good of all. There is a wide scope of ministries in the parish which everybody can choose from. **Forms available at the entrance to Churches which you can take home and think about how you could help out and return to any of churches or Mucklagh Parochial House asap**

**Celebrating a Marriage Anniversary February Month of St. Valentine.** Mass of blessing of Marriage anniversaries 10th, 25th, 40th 50th, 60th - or any year in between. on Wednesday 12th Feb at 7.30pm Mass in Mucklagh

**Kilbeggan Cosy Café** meet on Tue 11th Feb, from 11—1 p.m. in the Parish Centre



**World Day of Prayer for the Sick** is celebrated on Tuesday 11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes To mark the day Mass of Healing and Anointing: will be celebrated on **Friday 14th Feb at the 7.30pm in Mucklagh church.** Sacrament available to all



**Daffodil Day Volunteers Required** for Daffodil Day on Friday 28th March Launch on Friday 7th March in the Bridge House at 7,30pm All welcome Contact Maureen on 068 3682582

**Prayer to Saint Valentine** God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love. As we gather to celebrate the feast of this loving and caring saint we ask you to bless our friendships. May the love and affection we share with each other, always come from a sense of care and respect. May we always follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.