



Rahan Parish
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd March 2025



Killina

Sun 2nd March 10.30am Mary Buckley m.m
Tues 4th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners
Wed 5th: 9am Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Prayers & Distribution of Ashes for Secondary school in church 2 services starting at 9.30am
Prayers and Distribution of Ashes for Rahan Primary school at 1pm in the school
Thurs 6th: 7.30pm: Lists of the Dead **Fri 7th 9.30am First Friday** Lists of the Dead
Sun 9th March: 10.30am: Ann Mary Healy, nee Cleary, Ballinamere and Tralee 1st Anniv, Mary Connolly, Ballykeenahan

The Island

Sat 1st March: 6pm Intentions of Parishioners
Wed 5th: 6pm Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes Dan Fogarty & relatives
Fri 7th: 6pm: First Friday Lists of the Dead
Sat 8th: March: 6pm: Lists of the Dead

Mucklagh

Sat 1st: 7.30pm Eileen Daly m.m. Bridie Brassil m.m. also remembering her husband Joe, Colin Dunne and Marie Farrell, Terry and Margaret Kelly and their daughter Siobhan, Geraldine O'Brien Agall
Sun 2nd March 9am: Parish Novena Intentions
Sun 2nd 12noon: Carmel Kinahan, William and Catherine White Cloonagh and their son Richard, John Carroll, St Colman's Terrace
Wed 5th: 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Service & Distribution of Ashes at 11.30am for the Primary school in Mucklagh church
Thurs 6th: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Fri 7th: 7.30pm: First Friday Lists of the Dead
Sat 8th: 7.30pm Gabe Neville also remembering his recently deceased nephew David Neville New York, Patrick Carroll, Kilcormac
Sun 9th March 9am: Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 9th 12noon: Matt Buckley 1st Anniversary, also remembering his wife Lizzie

Development: Killina & The Island €231 Mucklagh €573

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Pray for Michael Rigney Lusk, Peter Kelly, Coolnahiley, Siobhan Smith, Cootehill, niece of Mary Bracken, The Island, Rosaline O'Leary Coolmines mother of Clare, Ross Rd
Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Many Thanks to readers, Sandra and Kevin who helped with prayer books distribution and to all of the excellent speakers over the 4 nights. Thanks to Louise for music and joint church choirs who led the singing. Thanks to the Community Center and volunteers who provided a cup of tea on the last night. Thanks to Stephen Tony and Michael who helped with car parking. A huge thank you to one and all who attended and helped create the great supportive, strengthening, prayerful and joyful atmosphere. Collection received on final night amounted to **€1,895** which will defray costs to speakers, heat and light and prayer books given freely to all.

World Day of Prayer Service Tullamore Catholic church on Fri 7th March at **6pm.**

Sacrament of Confirmation Prayer Service of Light children of Mucklagh Mon 7.30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation Prayer Service of Light children of Rahan Tues 6.30pm

First Penance for children of Mucklagh Thursday 7.30pm in Mucklagh church



Lotto's: Shamrock's 16, 18, 23. Bonus 7. **Mucklagh:** 2, 3, 18, 21

Today's Gospel: Blessings of Peace and Quiet. In today's world it's hard to find a little peace and quiet in order to meet oneself and God. It's not easy to avoid the constant harassment of all kinds of calls and messages. The worries and hurry of each day take up our whole attention. Not even in our own home, pervaded by television and digital media, is it easy to find the tranquility and recollection we need to joyfully relax with God. Have we forgotten what it means to pause, interrupt our hurry, free our minds for a few moments and let ourselves be penetrated by the silence and calm of sacred space? Often it's enough to stand still and be silent for a short time, in order to quiet the spirit and recover lucidity and peace. How much we need to find the silence that helps us to enter into contact with our very selves in order to recover our freedom and to rescue once again all our inner energy. Without that inner silence, we can't hear God, recognize the divine presence in our life and grow from within as human beings and as believers. According to Jesus, people draw goodness from the store of goodness in their hearts. Goodness doesn't blossom without help. We need to cultivate it and make it grow in the depth of our heart. How our lives would blossom if we stopped to notice what God is stirring up in our heart

Rahan Mens Shed meet on Friday in Rahan Hall at 10am. An opportunity for chats, laughs, projects and a cup of tea. New members welcome. **Fundraising Table Quiz** on Friday the 7th March in the Thatch at 8.30pm. Table of 4 € 40.
Rahan Drama present 3-act comedy 'Pretend Sick' in Rahan Hall, 14/15/16 March at 8pm. Tickets on sale. Ring Deirdre to book ticket at 086 0886648

International Women's Day A Coffee Morning to mark the day will be held in **Rahan Hall on Saturday 8th March** from 10.30am – 12.30pm, All ladies welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

Lent: During these 40 days We must Pray. Properly speaking, prayer means we communicate with God on an interior level. We do more than attend Mass or speak prayers aloud. Prayer is first and foremost a secret and interior communication with God We speak, but more than that, we listen, hear, understand and respond. Without all four of these qualities, prayer is not prayer. It's not communication "It's only us talking to ourselves"
During these 40 days We must Fast Especially in our day and age, our five senses are overwhelmed with activity and noise. Our eyes and ears are often dazzled by TV, radio, computers, etc. Our taste buds are constantly satiated with fine foods, sweets and comfort foods, often to excess. Our five senses need a break from the bombardment of the delights of the world so as to turn to the deeper delights of a life of union with God.

During these 40 days We must Give. Greed often takes hold of us without us even realizing the extent of its grip. We want this and that. We consume more and more material things. And we do so because we seek satisfaction from the world. We need to detach from all that distracts us from God, and generosity is one of the best ways to achieve this detachment. Reflect, today, upon these three simple words: pray, fast and give. Seek to live these qualities in a hidden way known only to God this Lent. If you do so, the Lord will begin to do greater wonders in your life than you may currently realize are possible. He will free you from the selfishness that often binds us and will enable you to love Him and others better

Colin Dunne Memorial Fundraising 5K Race takes place this Sunday at 2pm

Trocaire Boxes are available at church doors, Please take one home

First Friday Calls Tuesday in the Island Thurs in Rahan & Fri in Mucklagh

Students from Killina Secondary travelling to **Zambia** in June will speak at all Masses next weekend and hold a collection after Masses to fundraise for the trip.

Holy Hour Mucklagh on Fri from 6.30pm to include Stations of Cross at 7.10pm