

THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
3rd Sunday of Lent Time 23rd March 2025

Killina

Sun: 23rd: 10.30am: Michael and Ronnie Grennan, John, Mary Ellen and Breda Grennan and Rena Cogan, Margaret and James McDermott and sons Peter and Thomas

Tues 25th 7.30pm Feast of Annunciation of The Lord

Thurs 27th: 7.30pm: Private Intention

Sun: 30th 10.30am Mass for all Mothers living and deceased

The Island

Sat 22nd: 6.00pm: Intentions of Parishioners

Sat 29th: 6.00pm: Mass for all Mothers living and deceased

Mucklagh

Sat 22nd: 7.30pm: Louis and Kevin Maher, Killina

Sun 23rd: 9.00am: Intentions of the Sick

Sun 23rd: 12noon: Martin and Maureen O' Dwyer and deceased members of the O' Dwyer and Kennedy families.

Mon 24th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Oscar Romero **Extra Mass for Lent**

Tues 25th 9am **Feast of Annunciation of The Lord** **Extra Mass for Lent**

Wed 26th : 7.30pm: Intentions of our Sick and all who care for them

Thurs 27th: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 28th 7.30pm Jodie Flaherty & dec relatives Beechmount Pk **Stations of Cross** 7.10pm

Sat 29th 7.30pm: James and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Coyne) Brocca Road

Sun 30th: 9.00am: Mass offered for all Mothers living and deceased

Sun 30th: 12noon: Michael & Kathleen O Hanlon & dec, relatives The Fingerboard

Development: Killina & The Island €350 Mucklagh € 560

Plate Killina €285 The Island €170 Mucklagh €890 St Patrick's Day €625 in 3 churches

Please Pray for John Mc Loughlin , Murrrough , Rahan Dr .John Taaffe Tullamore Ollie Murray Beechmount Park RIP

Lent - Springtime of the Spirit: Each year, the trees give us a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom and finally the shoot. Spring dresses the trees in a new robe and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in autumn, they let go of their old leaves and in between, endured a period of nakedness and vulnerability. Lent is the springtime of the Spirit. Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits and to face our spiritual poverty in order that you may renew us and so, at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship



Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to Children of our Parish Schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday last.

Thanks to the children's parents and teachers who helped them prepare.

Thanks also to all involved in providing music for the ceremony and all who helped with having the church, grounds and interior of church looking so well.

Ideas For Lent: 1. Fast, maybe skip one meal from time to time .a reminder that many people in the world go hungry. 2. Meditation and Prayer - these lead to a closer connection with God; do the Stations of the Cross or a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. 3. A day or weekend away from the mobile. 4. Visit a relative in nursing home

Date for Diaries Easter Sunday: Outdoor Dawn Mass at 5.30am for all parishioners and friends in unused part of Mucklagh New Cemetery at which we will be remembering and praying for all who died since last Easter and those laid to rest in all our cemeteries

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

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Lotto's: Shamrock's 13, 14, 26. Bonus 5. **Mucklagh:** 2, 5, 8, 22

Congratulations to Under 15 hurlers on winning Offaly Feile last weekend **Shamrock's GAA Table Quiz** in the Thatch next Friday 28th Table of 4 €40

Today's Gospel: Third Sunday of Lent. Spring is a time of new beginnings. Leaves sprouting, birds mating, blossoms bursting, all indicate new life. Hope is in the air. Good beginnings engender hope. It is almost as if a bountiful harvest can be foreseen. But there is many a slip between sowing good seed and harvesting a bumper crop. A late frost can arrest growth. Summer storms can wreck havoc. Still, there is hope. Without hope nothing worthwhile is achieved. Something similar happens in life and in particular, in the life of faith. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage vows and Ordination all speak of new beginnings pregnant with great expectations. Selfishness and sin, weakness, fear, pride and prejudice can hinder growth into mature faith-filled living. But no matter what the setbacks here, there comes the chance to make a fresh start. Today's gospel is an invitation to make the most of such an opportunity with its clarion call to repent and its challenging image of the barren fig tree reminding us that we are called to go before the Lord with a bumper harvest of good works, of kindnesses to those in need, of fidelity in the face of suffering, of steadfastness in sharing faith. To be willing and able, to make a fresh start in life is God's greatest gift to us. He offers it now to each one of us

Family on this years Trocaire Box Many families in Guatemala are already living in extreme poverty and dependent on their crops not only for their livelihood but for their survival. Changes to the climate can be catastrophic if their crops can't withstand the extremes. It's a struggle that Ilma knows all too well. his loss of income could also have a devastating impact on Ilma and Julio's children. As parents, they worry that the current situation threatens their children's chance of an education and their future. Ilma knows that if they don't have the money to pay school fees, their children will be held back at a critical moment in life. "I worry because my children are studying here in the community, but we are not going to have the money for them to go to secondary school." For 10-year-old Julio, school is more manageable: he attends the small primary school in their community. It's in a single room for all ages with one teacher. Ilma is most worried about her daughter Miriam. She's 12 and should be attending secondary school in a nearby town, but the family can't afford the €5 a week for her education.

The Mission of My Life God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about. **St John Henry Newman**

Oscar Romero Quotes — Feast Day on Monday 1, We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

2. This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.