

FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT



Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh
Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
4th Sunday of Lent Time 30th March 2025

Killina

Sun 30th 10.30am Joe Mc Greer 1st Anniv Mass for all Mothers living and deceased

Tues 1st 7.30pm Feast of Saint Celsus of Armagh

Thurs 3rd: 7.30pm: Private Intention

Fri 4th 9.30am First Friday Lists of Dead

Sun: 30th 10.30am John Carroll Glaskill and his parents Anne and William

The Island

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

Fri 4th 6pm First Friday Lists of Dead

Sat 5th 6pm Paddy Daly and parents Patrick and Mary

Mucklagh

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

Mon 31st: 7.30pm Extra Mass for Lent

Tues 1st April: 9am Extra Mass for Lent Paddy Hynes, Jack and Kathleen Hynes and their daughter Bernadette Tuohy

Wed 2nd: 7.30pm: Intentions of our Sick and all who care for them

Thurs 3rd: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 4th: 7.30pm First Friday Holy Hour 6.30pm -7.30pm Stations of Cross 7.10pm

Sat 5th: 7.30pm: Eamon Carroll m.m Martin Conroy & Dec. family members Ross

Sun 6th: 9.00am: Mass offered for all who are ill

Sun 6th: 12noon: Martin Manley, Eileen Lucey Mucklagh

Development: Killina & The Island €442 Mucklagh € 550

Plate Killina €345 The Island €135 Mucklagh €855



Trocaire This year the Trocaire box focuses on a family who lives in Guatemala. Deadly storms and droughts led to entire harvests lost.

Livelihoods and education opportunities, gone. One in every two children under the age of five are malnourished. The parents of the children on the

Trocaire box must choose between school fees that offer hope for tomorrow, and food for their little ones. There is not enough for both anymore. But with your Trocaire box this Lent, you can give new opportunities to families in Guatemala. Trocaire helps them to train in new farming techniques, with seeds and tools that restore soils and protect harvests. You can help families send their children to school and build the kind of just, sustainable future that God desires for everyone. **Trocaire Boxes** are available at church doors. Please take one and contribute regularly.

First Friday Calls to the sick and household take place on Wednesday in the Island, on Thursday in Killina and on Friday in Mucklagh.

Please Pray for Bob Paisley Killurin P.J. Stack Tullamore father of Niall, Tegan Court, P.J Healion, Durrow Dan Keyes Ballard

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 5th 7pm -9.30pm and Sunday 6th April 10.30am -5pm Bus leaving Parish House Tullamore on Sunday 6th at 8.30 am. Pre Booking essential Contact P.J. Martin 087 6386270

Kilbeggan Dementia Support Cosy Café meet **Tuesday 8th April in Kilbeggan Parish Center from 11am -1pm**. Speaker Catherine Ryan O'Brien solicitor & Noelle Dillon occupational therapist will also be present along with music and refreshments



Lotto's: Shamrock's 5, 21, 24. Bonus 10. **Mucklagh:** 1, 2, 14, 16

Today's Gospel: The Prodigal Son and The Forgiving Father This story describes in detail the meeting of the father with this son who had abandoned house and home. Even when the returning son was still some way off, the father spotted him, recognised him and was moved down in his heart. Only the father's kindness and compassion can save us. Only God sees us and understands us so fully. Look at who does the running. It's not the homecoming son; it's the father who runs and who reaches out in welcome. "He caught him by the neck and kept kissing him". Jesus tells us that God is like that: running with open arms to welcome those who come back. What a gift it is when somebody shows us that they love us as we are, that they cherish us with all our negative and positive feelings and desires, that they respect our freedom to be ourselves with all our giftedness and mistakes. Such an experience of being loved deeply and with few conditions is rare. What a surprise it is when Jesus tells us that this is the kind of love God has for each of us. To enjoy God's presence, we can come to Him as we are, as God's heart is big enough to embrace us, warts and all

Blessing for Mother's Day Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Lourdes Petitions If anyone wants a petition brought to Lourdes please place them in the box available in each church by Good Friday

A thought for this week: Maybe...

Maybe we are supposed to meet the wrong people before meeting the right one so that, when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift

Maybe... it is true that we don't know what we have got until we lose it, but it is also true that we don't know what we have been missing until it arrives

Maybe... the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way

Maybe... the best kind of love is the kind you can sit on a sofa together and never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had

Maybe... you shouldn't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.

Maybe... you should hope for enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy

Maybe... Love is not about finding the perfect person, it's about learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.'

Dates for your Diary

Good Friday Card Game Rahan Hall to raise funds for Rahan Mens Shed €10

Easter Sunday Dawn Mass in Mucklagh New Cemetery **at 5.30am**

Sunday 8th June Mucklagh Cemetery Devotions Mass at 6pm

Friday 13th June Parish Golf Classic in Tullamore Golf Club

Friday 15th August Rahan Cemetery Devotions Mass at 7pm

Saturday 23rd August Killickfehan Cemetery Devotions Mass at 6pm