

**FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
5th Sunday of Lent Time 6th April 2025

Killina Sun: 6th 10.30am John Carroll Glaskill and his parents Anne and William
Tues 8th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners
Thurs 10th: 7.30pm: Private Intention
Sun: 13th 10.30am John Mc Loughlin m.m.

The Island

Sat 5th 6pm Paddy Daly and parents Patrick and Mary
Sat 12th 6pm Joe and Mary Heaton and Dec. relatives
Kilpatrick **Mucklagh**

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

Mon 7th: 7.30pm **Extra Mass for Lent**

Tues 8th 9am **Extra Mass for Lent**

Wed 9th: 7.30pm: Paddy Kubaki

Thurs 10th: 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 11th: 7.30pm Damian Flaherty Screggan **Stations of Cross 7.10pm**

Sat 12th: 7.30pm: Pat Harnett m.m. Kathleen Egan m.m.

Palm Sunday 13th: 9,00am: Mass offered for all who are ill

Palm Sunday 13th: 12noon: Tony Cleary m.m. Joe Grogan Screggan Anniv.

Development: Killina & The Island €420 **Mucklagh** € 855

Plate Collection Killina €240 **The Island** €160 **Mucklagh** €830

Work to paths in Mucklagh Old Cemetery has now been completed

Please Pray for Fr. Michael's aunt Hannah who has died in England, Gerdy O' Connor Tullamore



Holy Week begins next Sunday with **Palm Sunday** "Handmade Palm Crosses" made from the bark of palm trees available for people to bring home which are suitable for use at home, in cars, workplaces and outbuildings Please bring a palm cross also to a friend or neighbor .

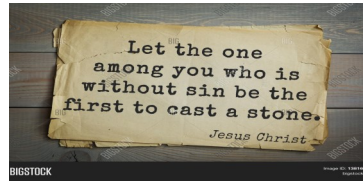
Sacrament of Confession: Reconciliation is one of the seven sacraments in the Catholic Church . It is a sacrament of grace. This is a powerful gift from God. It shows His great love and mercy for us. Reconciliation is important because it brings us closer to God. In Reconciliation, we ask for forgiveness and receive it. We are healed and made new again. This sacrament is not just about admitting what we did wrong. It is also about finding peace in Jesus. We bring Him our struggles and weaknesses. We meet Him in our brokenness, and He lifts us up. Reconciliation gives us a chance to start fresh. It reminds us of God's mercy and His desire to help us be better. Receiving this sacrament often makes a difference. It helps us see the habits that lead us away from God. It helps us change for the better, one step at a time. Each time we confess, we open our hearts to God's grace. It's not just a duty—it's an invitation to grow closer to Jesus.

Parish Penitential Service for Easter: Friday 11th April in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm A number of visiting priests available for the Sacrament Confessions

Rahan Parish Golf Classic Friday 13th June in only Tullamore Golf Club this year.

Shamrocks GAA Golf Classic Friday 25th April in Tullamore Golf Club **Time Sheet now open** for 3 ball scramble. Team of 3 €150.

Trocaire Boxes available at church doors for people to bring home.



Lotto's: Shamrock's 6, 24, 25. Bonus 17. **Mucklagh:** 8, 14, 21, 27

Todays Gospel: This is a powerful story of justice and mercy. Jesus is on the side of the woman who has been accused of sin and crime. It was an unjust accusation, and the people who brought her had little good in mind. Jesus offers more than forgiveness - he brings mercy. Mercy forgives with compassion and doesn't need lectures. It restores dignity to the victims of injustice like the lady in this story. It is the same in Jesus, for those who do not receive their dignity because of something they are, or something they did and are unjustly treated. Jesus did not condemn; he turns the tables a bit. He simply says: Anyone here without sin - take the stone and throw it. Nobody does. In this atmosphere of darkness we need to hear something of the love and the mercy of God. Would the light of mercy come into the darkness of their condemnation? This is also about the challenge to live honestly and without sin; and to be able to take steps like this woman's life, to move on. All hear this word from Jesus - I do not condemn you. This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others. What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves. Lord may we enter this world of mercy wherever we need to. May we hear these words always, 'I do not condemn you,

Make a special effort for Lent by Supporting Trocaire & alleviating suffering

Trocaire Boxes will be collected at Mass on Holy Thursday.



Trócaire is the Irish word for mercy. Irish people have a great reputation for sharing mercy and kindness to those most in need. Each Lent with our Trócaire box and generosity we show mercy and kindness to the poor, who cry out to us to please share what we have with them.



Building Hope with Open Hearts —Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Our faith calls us to open our hearts, not only to renewing our own commitment to Christ, but to rediscovering our parishes and partnerships of parishes as places of mission. It is the whole Church that is missionary, not just priests and religious. In all our parishes, in every parish of this Diocese, there are vibrant communities who live out the Gospel, who live out of the words and actions of Jesus that have been handed on to us. Those vibrant communities may now be small, but smallness is not the issue. Smallness was never an issue for Jesus, and smallness is never an issue for his heavenly Father, with whom he is one "Do not be afraid, little flock" Remember "the Mustard Seed... the smallest of all seeds..." Smallness is not an issue for the Father of Jesus, because the Creator sees the potential in what He has created: God sees what things can be. God looks at what creation can give, what all can become. Smallness is not an end-point, but a beginning. This is how the Church began. It is always how the Church begins. Let us find our way, step-by-step, working more deeply together, as we build our partnerships of parishes, embracing the road the Spirit is bringing us on, in such a way that, as our Pope says, 'our lives can become a song of love for God

The Building Hope Prayer Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation. May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace. May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service. We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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