

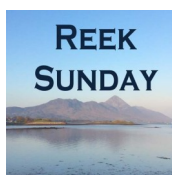
Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181.
Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
16th Sunday of Year 20th July 2025



Killina Sun 20th 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners
Tues 22nd 7.30pm: Joe Keyes and dec of the Keyes family, Loughroe
Thurs 24th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Declan
Sun 27th 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners
The Island: Sat 19th 6pm Kevin Kinahan Edward & Mary Cornally and Deceased of the Dunne and Cornally families
Sat 26th 6pm Intentions of all Grandparents
Mucklagh
Sat 19th 7.30pm Intentions of our sick **Sun 20th 9am:** Lists of the Dead
Sun 20th 12noon: Tom, Rose, Mary, Philip & Nan Lynam, Screggan Baby Winnie Steele Swansea
Monday 21st 7.30pm Extra Mass
Tuesday 22nd 9am Extra Mass Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm: Feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden **Patron of Europe**
Thursday 24th 9am: Feast of Saint Declan of Waterford and Lismore
Fri 25th 9am Feast of St James Apostle **Note change of Mass Time No evening Mass**
Sat 10am Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 26th 7.30pm Patrick Conway Beechmount Park Mass for all Grandparents
Sun 27th 9am: Lists of the Dead
Sun 27th 12noon Brendan O Connor m.m Sean Mc Carthy 1st Anniv. Paul Keyes 10th Anniv. his mother Dolores and sister Carmel Mary Walsh Anniv
Plate Collection Killina € 230 The Island €100 Mucklagh €1,005 Peters Pence €2,631
Development Fund Killina and the Island €203 Mucklagh €460
Prayfor Pat Mc Asey Charleville Rd, father of Oisín St O'Hara Cormac Delaney, Birr brother of Kieran. College View, Rahan, Mary Grogan Kilcormac Tony Healy, Skerries, Dublin and formerly Ballycumber brother of the late Hubert Healy Ballina
Rahan Comhaltas Summer Sessiún continues Tues 22nd July in Rahan Hall @8.30pm.
Mary's Meals Church Gate Collection this weekend 19th /20th July All support welcome
Foroige are interested in setting up a Club in the parish for teenagers 12 –18years. To set up a branch we need volunteer parent leaders and those 18years and upwards. If interested contact Fr Michael 087 2900844 or Aoife 086 8147513 Offaly Development Officer
Grandparents A Special Kind of Love There's a special kind of love that grandchildren have for their grandparents. It's filled with respect for their wisdom and accomplishments; With gratitude for the values they've given us... with delight in the stories of our family that they remember and share. It's a special kind of love that's built on a lifetime of caring and giving. It's the kind of love that's felt for you my dear grandparent, today and always. **Prayer of Pope Francis for Grandparents** Dear Grandmother, Dear Grandfather, May our Lord, Jesus Christ be always close to you. We thank you for all you have contributed to life and for the gifts you continue to give to your families And to our community. We pray that your closeness to God will bring you the health and the strength you need to continue your journey on the road of life. May you continue to enjoy your life, your work, and your prayers. May your memories always be happy and may you achieve your dreams for the future. One day we will all be united in God's Kingdom, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen **Saturday next 26th July Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne parents of Blessed Virgin Mary** Mass at 10am and 7.30pm in Mucklagh and at 6pm in the Island

Lotto's: Shamrock's 1, 18, 30, Bonus 9. Mucklagh Center : 4, 15, 17, 31

Todays Gospel: Jesus and Hospitality - God's Footprints The half door on the old Irish house had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe. Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him – Mary just sat there listening to him – the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives. The Indian poet Tagore writes – 'and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.' Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. 'Self knows that self is not enough' writes the poet, Brendan Kennelly. For friendship and love, especially when I find it in unexpected places and people, thank you, Lord.



Reek Sunday will be on next Sunday July 27th, It is the annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick and is also known as Garland Sunday. The Pilgrimage is dedicated to Saint Patrick and the theme for 2025 is "Christian Hope". **Mass will be celebrated** on the summit of the mountain on the hour with the first Mass at 8am and the last Mass at 2pm. **Confessions** will be available on the summit from 7.30am to 2pm.
Pope Leo In his address last weekend reflected on the question put to Jesus in the Gospel: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The Holy Father recognized that the man's question expresses a deep desire of the human heart, which is "for an existence free from failure, evil, and death." He noted that we can never gain eternal life by force or negotiate to obtain it, but rather we must inherit it. "Eternal life, which God alone can give, is bestowed on us as an inheritance, as parents do with their children," he said. For this reason, Pope Leo said Jesus says we must do God's will, which means loving God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourself. "When we do these two things, we respond to the Father's love," The Pope urged Christians to look to Jesus for the meaning of authentic love, saying that love is generous, forgiving, and expansive, never leaving us closed in on ourselves. Just as God drew near to humanity in Jesus Christ, so too are we called to care for those around us. "Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world," he said, "we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment." Pope Leo XIV concluded his Angelus reflection by recalling that the supreme commandment to love God and our neighbour supersedes all human laws and gives them their true meaning. "In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together." In seeking to serve life, said the Pope, we become "artisans of peace in our daily lives."



Congratulations to Ella Cantwell and Evan Monaghan successful on **Leinster Girls and Boys Under18 Inter Provincial** winning teams this week
CHY3 Forms They are an invaluable source of income for our parish. For all those who received forms even if in doubt about eligibility all you need to do is fill in your PPS number, sign and date and return completed form to the parish office as soon as possible