

Rahan Parish Fr. Michael 087-2900844 Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm 17th Sunday of Year 27th July 2025

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Sun 27th 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners For all Grandparents Tues.29th 7.30pm: Feast of Saints Martha Mary and Lazarus

Thurs 31st Please Note No Evening Mass

Fri 1st 9.30 am First Friday Lists of the Dead Sun 3rd 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

The Island:

Sat 26th 6pm Intentions of all Grandparents

Fri 1st 6pm First Friday Feast of St Alphonsus Ligouri Lists of the Dead

Sat 2nd 6pm Owen Malone and Deeased Parents, his sister Mary and her husband Paddy Mucklagh

Sat 26th 7.30pm Patrick Conway Beechmount Park Mass for all Grandparents

Sun 27th 9am: Lists of the Dead Mass for all Grandparents

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 For all Grandparents Monday 28th 7.30pm Extra Mass

Tuesday 29th 9am Extra Mass Feast of Saints Martha Mary and Lazarus

Wednesday 30th 9am Please Note Change of Mass Time:

Thursday 31st 9am: Feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola

Fri 1st 7.30pm First Friday Feast of St Alphonsus Ligouri Lists of the Dead Mary and Paudge Condron and Deceased Relatives Mary Dunne Mucklagh and her parents Martin and Mary Pierce Patrick and Mary Bridget Dunne and Deceased relatives

Sat 2nd 7.30pm Tom Deegan and Deceased Relatives Clonaslee Ger Donovan and Deceased of the Donovan and Leavy Families

Sun 3rd 9am: Lists of the Dead

Sun 3rd 12noon Intentions of Parishioners

Plate Collection Killina € 180 The Island €150 Mucklagh €875 **Development Fund** Killina and the Island €205 Mucklagh €564

Pray for Mary Grogan Kilcormac Rita Egan, Ballycumber, Thomas Kavanagh Kilcormac Mick Delaney, Healy Street, Raymond Bergin Kells. and formerly Charleville View

Foroige are interested in setting up a Club in the parish for teenagers 12 –18 years. To set up a branch we need volunteer parent leaders and those 18 years and upwards. If interested contact Fr Michael 087 2900844 or Aoife 086 8147513 Offaly Development Officer

Prayer of Petition: I asked for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I had hoped for. Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered; I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

First Friday Calls to sick, elderly and housebound will take place in The Island and Rahan on Tuesday (Note change of day) and on Friday in Mucklagh

Holy Hour Mucklagh Church on Friday next the First Friday from 6.30pm to include Exposition, Rosary, Opportunity for Confessions, Prayers for Peace.

Lotto's: Shamrock's 17, 24, 30, Bonus 8. Mucklagh Center: 5, 19, 28, 30

This Saturday 26th is Feast of Joachim and Anne Grandparents of the Child Jesus 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

Todays Gospel Trust in prayer: Often I pray to St Anthony and I find what I was looking for. I can't understand why but it brings up the question of praying for what we want and need. People pray hard for an intention; some pray for ages and are answered, some are not. We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving, and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began. For any time we give to prayer, we get something. We are transformed. St. Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer – an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I began. In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow. Prayer increases our trust in God, that he wants our good and is with us in love. So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. This is one of the greatest acts of faith and trust in God of all.



Cemetery Days Rahan Cemetery Friday 15th August Mass at 7pm. Killickfeehan Cemetery Saturday 23rd August -Mass at 6pm Farnavilla Cemetery Saturday 13th September Mass at 2pm **Jesuit Cemetery Rahan** Monday 15th Sept Mass at 7pm Lynally Cemetery Monday 22rd September Mass at 7pm In this Jubilee Year of Hope as we gather to remember departed loved

ones please try to make all **Pilgrimages to Parish Cemeteries** a journey in which we grow in the ways faith, prayer, hope, kindness and in love of God and of one another...

Fr John Moorehead will celebrate his retirement from Eglish / Rath Parish with a Mass & Refreshments on Fri 1st Aug at Rath Church and Hall at 7pm.



A Jubilee Year of Hope Fundraising Concert to raise funds for our 3 churches will be held in Mucklagh Church on Friday 7th November at 8pm .Simon Casey will be preceded by the Offaly County Council **Choir**. Funds raised will go towards a new heating system for the Island Church, the continued development of both Mucklagh and Killina churches and the development of a **New Parish Office** in the Garage at

Mucklagh House . Tickets €20 will be on sale shortly . Donations of Sponsorship towards the Concert (\in 50 or \in 100) and Prizes towards a Raffle on the night very welcome. All Donations and Raffle Prizes will be acknowledged publicly on the night and privately by us afterwards. Donation Envelopes and Letters seeking Raffle Prizes will be available shortly at the back of our churches. Many Thanks

Rahan Comhaltas Summer Sessiún concludes this Tues 29th July in Rahan Hall @ 8.30pm A Raffle will be held on the night as part of a national fundraising drive to raise funds for A Mobile Maternity Unit for Gaza All support much appreciated

Killickfeehan Cemetery Committee Meeting Monday 28th 8.30pm at Island church Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Sun 10th August Bus from Tullamore Parochial House, 9am. Details from Regina 086 8510238; Camilla 087 6752806