

**I came to send
fire on the earth**



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August 2025

Killina Sun 17th 10.30am Bernadette Claffey, Ballydrohid
Tues 19th 7.30pm: Intentions of those who are ill
Thurs 21st 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 24th 10.30am Joseph and Josephine Molloy Glasshouse Blueball and their daughter Patricia Dwyer Casletown Laois

The Island:

Sat 16th 6pm Denis Higgins, his parents Pat & Nan, his sister Ita, her husband Ron & deceased relatives, David Mary Conroy & their sons Fr. David and Stephen, Deerpark,
Sat 23rd 6pm Killickfeehan Cemetery Devotions

Mucklagh

Sat 16th 7.30pm Dan and Elizabeth McKeon, Joseph and Elizabeth Galvin, Paddy and Joseph Jnr, Mary Teresa and Kathleen, Paddy and May Fogarty

Sun 17th 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 17th 12noon Intentions of the Sick

Tuesday 19th 9am Extra Mass Special Intention

Wednesday 20th 7.30pm Intentions of those who are ill

Thursday 21st 9am Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 22nd 9am Lists of Dead (**Note No Evening Mass**)

Sat 23rd 7.30pm Patsy Murphy Fivealley Birr

Sun 24th 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 24th 12noon Mick Delaney Healy Street Tullamore m.m.

Plate Collection Killina €85 The Island €150 Mucklagh €910
Development Fund Killina and The Island €180 Mucklagh €568

Pray for Lil Hickey Brocca, Elaine Healion Spollenstown Vittorio Venturi, Rome father of Laura Troy, Newtown Sean Slevin. Kilcormac, father of Ursula Craven, Mucklagh, Jack Gilligan, Cloghan Vincent Austin Dysart Mullingar Mary Loonam Cloghan RIP

Killickfeehan Cemetery Mass Saturday 23rd August **Mass at 6pm** **The Collection** at the entrance to Cemetery on Cemetery Day is for its maintenance and upkeep

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 2025 August 13th to 21st. In this Jubilee Year, the theme of the Novena to Our Lady of Knock is “**Pilgrims of Hope**” **Ceremonies each day at 3pm & 8pm** For full details of speakers & activities see Knock Shrine website
Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Knock: Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”. Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love & concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen

National Ploughing Association Organising Meeting will be held in Tullamore Rugby Club on Wednesday night next 20th August at 8.30pm All Welcome

Unveiling of the Killoughey Graveyard map will take place in the old Killoughey graveyard outside of Mount Bolus on Sunday 17th August at 2pm following a prayer service. A plaque honouring the Killoughey Martyrs will also be unveiled on the day

Shamrock's Lotto 2, 4, 13, 9 Congrats to €20,000 Jackpot winner Bertha Guilfoyle

Mucklagh Community Center Lotto : 16, 21, 24, 26

Today's Gospel - At the time that Luke was writing his Gospel, the early Christian community was experiencing division. Households were indeed divided over whether to believe in this new Good News. It is not that Jesus was in favour of division; rather, not everyone was ready to accept his teachings and to acclaim him as Messiah. ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were blazing already! Jesus does not want division; He wants the flame of faith to burn strong and to spread across the earth. How he wishes it were blazing today; how he wishes we were so on fire with the Good News that the flame would pass on to those we meet. We are familiar with the saying ‘It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness’. Pass on the flame of faith. The flame may burn bright or burn out, or the embers might be kept gently glowing for future reference. If your faith is causing debate and division, you are probably doing something right



Next Sunday, 24th is designated as a day of prayer for Gaza

In recent weeks and days, especially, people have told me and written to me about how distressed they are in seeing the images of Gaza on our TV and social media screens. We become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of “man’s inhumanity to man”. We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by

hunger. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing. “Is there anything we can do?” we ask, doubting we can do anything. We know it’s not a question of money but rather it has to do with the conversion of the hearts of those who have the possibility to change the course of history Let us remember our powerful weapon & that is prayer. As Archbishop Eamon suggests, we can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; Pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day “let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament in Mucklagh church on Sunday 3pm to 6pm** **4 Rostered people** needed for each hour and all are welcome to drop in at any time for as long as you wish **Please sign sheet available in each church at a time suitable to you.** During each hour 20 minutes before start of next hour we will say the Rosary Benediction 6pm



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 Parochial House Tickets €20 will be on sale shortly Donations of Sponsorship towards the Concert (€50 or €100) and Prizes towards a Raffle on the night welcome.

Rahan Cemetery Devotions Many Thanks to all who helped with Rahan Cemetery Devotions on Friday and contributed to making it a great family and community occasion. A special word of thanks to those who maintain the cemetery throughout the year .Thanks to all Car Park Stewards, Readers, Eucharistic ministers Sacristans, all who helped with amplification and collection .Amount €

Cemetery Days Farnavilla Cemetery Saturday 13th September Mass at 2pm
Jesuit Cemetery Rahan Monday 15th Sept Mass at 7pm
Lynally Cemetery Monday 22nd September Mass at 7pm **Clean up Night in Jesuit Cemetery on this Tuesday 19th at 7pm** All help with trimmers , mowers welcome

Best Wishes to all who receive **their Leaving Certificate** results during the week. We wish all of them God’s blessings in college, in the workplace , in apprenticeships in travel and in all of their future careers .