



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th August 2025

Killina Sun 24th 10.30am Joseph and Josephine Molloy Glasshouse Blueball and their daughter Patricia Dwyer Casletown Laois
Tues 26th 7.30pm: Intentions of those who are ill
Thurs 28th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Augustine
Sun 31st 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

The Island:

Sat 23rd 6pm Killickfeehan Cemetery Devotions

Sat 30th 6pm Marguerita (Rita) Egan m.m.

Mucklagh

Sat 23rd 7.30pm Patsy Murphy Fivealley Birr Catherine Gath Bunatarn Screggan

Sun 24th 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

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

Tuesday 26th 9am Extra Mass Special Intention

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Monica Intentions of those who are ill

Thursday 28th 9am Feast of Saint Augustine Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 29th 7.30pm The Passion of Saint John the Baptist Lists of Dead

Sat 30th 7.30pm Rose Mollen Agall

Sun 31st 9am: Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 31st 12noon For all who died recently

Plate Collection Killina €205 The Island €270 Mucklagh €975

Development Fund Killina and The Island €258 Mucklagh €596

Pray for Liz Nolan nee Mooney Charleville Rd and formerly Lynally Elsie Keenahan (nee Healion) Ferbane sister of Margaret Boland Castletown RIP

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



National Ploughing Championships and Jubilee Year of Hope

Dear /Parents /Children Young people To coincide with the National Ploughing Championships due to be held at Screggan from 16th — 18th September and to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope in our churches we are inviting children and young people **1. To compose a poem**. There

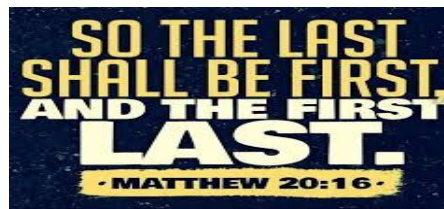
is much in common between Ploughing and Hope. The Hope is that the ploughed fields of Spring will produce a rich harvest in the Autumn. The poem can include words like plough, tilling, seeds, harvest, soil, tractor, etc. All entries to be on an **A4 page** laminated if possible and typed or hand written. **And / Or 2. Draw a picture or make up a collage** to incorporate the Theme of Ploughing and Hope again on an A4 page and laminated. Entries with persons name and age below poem or picture /collage to be returned to child's /young persons school or parish office in Mucklagh by Wednesday 10th September at 6pm. All entries will be displayed in Mucklagh church for a Mass of Blessing for the Ploughing to be held in the Church on Sat. 13th September at 7.30pm.

Cemetery Dates Farnavilla Cemetery Saturday 13th Sept Mass at 2pm Jesuits Rahan Monday 15th Sept Mass at 7pm Lynally Cemetery Monday 22nd Sept. Mass at 7pm

Best Wishes to all who received **their Leaving Certificate** results this week. There is a place for everyone in the world. We pray that they may have a happy and fulfilled life, and that they will know God's love for them, no matter what result they achieve.

Upcoming events Masses to mark **Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis** 6th/7th Sept.

Masses to mark **National Ploughing C'ship & Harvest Thanksgiving** 13th /14th Sept.



Shamrock's Lotto 3,13,14,5 Next weeks Jackpot €10,200 Match 3 €500
Mucklagh Community Center Lotto :



This 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 Many Thanks to all who contributed to **€2,745** collected at Cemetery Gates for upkeep of cemetery throughout the year. Much Appreciated.

Bus Escort Required for Children to and from St Colman's N.S. Mucklagh Mornings 8am to 9.10am and evenings 3pm to 4.10 pm. Contact Fr Michael 087 2900844

Today's Gospel Today in our modern society of iPhones, emails and the internet, a lot of celebrities claim to have millions of followers and friends. It is very easy to be an electronic follower or friend of a person you have never met. Following Jesus is not as easy as this. He invites us to be his friend and follower with the words, if you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me. At times this is not an easy path to follow. Following Jesus asks of us more than just pressing a button. We all claim to be followers of Jesus; for the most part we are faithful churchgoers who on Sunday eat and drink in his company. This Sunday's gospel reminds that this isn't enough. What could this possibly mean for us today? The path that we are called to follow as we become followers of Jesus is demanding, but it is equally rewarding. It will test us, but it will also strengthen and encourage us. When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes made once. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day. Each day, in often seemingly small ways we are asked to take up our cross for the sake of the Gospel and others. This is how we pass through the 'narrow gate' and enter through the 'locked door.' When we put our faith into concrete action, our yes to Jesus becomes real not only in our lives but in the lives of others. In short, being a follower and disciple of Jesus today requires some effort and commitment from us; we can't do it on line! It is through the quality of our daily lives with others that we show that we are willing to enter through the 'narrow gate' and pass through the 'locked door.'

Jesuits Cemetery Rahan Further Clean Up & Painting Evening this Tuesday at 7pm