

THE APOSTLES SAID TO THE LORD.
"INCREASE OUR FAITH!"
 LUKE 17:5 NIV

Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael 087-2900844
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th October 2025



Killina Sun 5th 10.30am Lil Shiels
Tuesday 7th 7.30pm Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday 9th 7.30pm Feast of John Henry Newman
Sun 12th 10.30am Prisoners Sunday Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis
The Island
Sat 4th: 6pm: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Sat 11th: 6pm: Peter, Rita and Danny Egan Deerpark Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis
Mucklagh
Sat 4th 7.30pm Ferdie Fitzmaurice m.m. Bill Daly and Deceased members of the Boylan family, Deceased members of the Wrafter and Moore families
Sun 5th 9am Tom Gallagher Charleville Rd. Ollie Larkin Junior St Colman's Terrace
Sun 5th 12noon Michael White, Cloonagh and Pearse Park, Tullamore, Annie White, Pearse Park, Tullamore **Feast of Saint Faustina**
Mon 6th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Bruno
Tue 7th 9am Feast of Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 8th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners
Thurs 9th 9am Feast of John Henry Newman
Fri 10th 7.30 pm Childrens Day of Prayer for Missions
Sat 11th 7.30pm Bridget Boyle Ward m.m, Joe Mc Keown, Elvis Tierney, his father Pat and grandparents Peter and Julie
Sun 12th 9am Deceased of the Maher and Byrne Families **Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis**
Sun 12th 12noon Ger Glavin 1st Anniversary, **Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis**
Plate Collection Killina € 210 The Island €210 Mucklagh €1, 015
Development Fund Killina and The Island €450 Mucklagh €391
Pray for Bernadette Galvin Tullamore sister of Patsy Healion and Catherine Nolan
Rahan Hall Table Quiz in the Thatch, Rahan on Friday 17th October at 8.30pm
Rahan Hall have a new Facebook page Go to facebook and rahan community hall **Scoil Carthage Naofa Parents Association Tractor Run** on Sunday 26th October
Registration 12 noon Start Time 2pm . Rahan Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 14th to 21st April 2026 Price €845 per person sharing. Single room supplement of €280 Price includes all flights, 7 nights in 4 Star Hotel with breakfasts & dinners. Full religious programme, services of a guide .Contact Kieran or Laura at **057 9355050** or text or whatsapp **085 1792364**
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 .**Donations of Sponsorship** towards Concert of €500 (Main Sponsors) or €50 or €100 from households, businesses individuals and families welcome. **Thanks to Phil O'Reilly Undertakers who has offered main sponsorship** . However more main sponsors are welcome. Donation Envelopes & invitation letters to sponsors available in our 3 churches **Tickets €20** There are **550 tickets in circulation** at present and ticket sales are going very well, Many thanks
Rahan Drama AGM on Wed 15th October at 7,30pm in Island church meeting room

Shamrock's Lotto 8, 23, 26, 7 Next Jackpot €10,400 Match 3 €500
Mucklagh Community Center Lotto : 1, 3, 18, 27

Today's Gospel :Gift of Faith Interesting that Jesus says we don't need much faith - only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this? He seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from God which grows throughout our lives 'fanned into a flame', as in the second reading. We need to have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise. In a parish, *we have the people who serve the sick and the poor; *those who pray a lot , *those who reflect on faith and question. *There are the families where faith is expressed in many different ways. *Every moment where we come in touch with the world beyond ourselves, whether directly religious or not, is a moment of faith. We can trace the history of our own faith and remember personal moments that strengthened the faith. These can be varied - prayer, love, works of justice, the beauty of creation, times of illness and death, sacramental life. What is important is that they are personal moments between us and God, which are privileged times of the growth of the mustard seed of faith. We need the faith community. We need to work together for the just world recognised in the first reading as the prophet 'denounces violence, contention and discord. We need the leadership of the community, clerical and lay, to point out ways of faith for our culture and our times, In this way God grows the mustard seed, which is the beginning of faith. In the end faith grows in surprising ways. God is at work all the time, supporting our faith in varied and heartfelt ways. **Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.**



Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated next Tuesday. 7th October Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honour of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

October is World Mission Month and will culminate in World Mission Sunday on October 19, 2025. The official theme for 2025 is **Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples,** highlighting the importance of spreading hope and the love of Christ to those in need. Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure. These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy. appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society. **"Pope Leo XIV,**



Feast of Our lady of the Rosary Tuesday 7th October A global charity that works in some of the most difficult parts of the planet with vulnerable communities is appealing to young Irish people to pray the Rosary for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and other war zones. Aid to the Church in Need Ireland is hoping many Irish schools and parishes will join with children all over the world praying for peace on Tuesday 7th October next, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The initiative – One Million Children Praying the Rosary – aims to focus attention on parts of the world where young people experience difficulties due to war and conflict.
Mucklagh N.S. Enrolment 2025/26: Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website from www.mucklaghns.ie or can be collected from the school office