



Rahan Parish
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th November 2025

Killina Sun 16th Nov 10.30am John and Katie Cooney, Johnny and Molly Monaghan
Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Mollie and Jack Buckley Margaret and Patrick Hughes, Tommy Duncan, Mary and Patrick Walsh **Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul**
Thursday 20th 7.30pm Intentions of the Sick
Sun 23rd Nov 10.30am Kathleen Monaghan and her husband Paddy, Mrs Scott and her husband Ned

The Island Sat 15th Nov 6pm Noel and Mary Ballesty
Sat 22nd Nov 6pm Lists of the Dead

Mucklagh Sat 15th 7.30pm James and Brigid Keegan Ballykeenaghan

Sun 16th 9am Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 16th 12noon Jackie Mitchell, John Lucey

Mon 17th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners **Feast of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**

Tue 18th 9am Feast of Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

Wed 19th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners

Thurs 20th 9am Intentions of the Sick

Fri 21st 7.30pm Feast of Presentation of Our Lady

Sat 22nd 7.30pm John O Reilly Kibride Tullamore and formerly of Crann House Coothéhill, Cavan

Sun 23rd 9am Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 23rd 12noon Tom, Ann & deceased of the Craven family, Pat Fletcher and his sisters Maureen and Kathleen

Pray for: Margaret McIntyre (née Mooney), Tyrellspass and formerly Lynally, Johnny Dillon, Melbourne, Australia, late of Gorteen, Killeigh RIP

Plate Collection Killina €255 The Island €224 Mucklagh €1,165

Development Fund Killina and The Island €295 Mucklagh €684

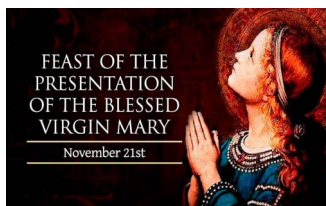
World Day of the Poor — Pope Leo's Message calls on the faithful to rediscover Christian hope as a response to the instability that pervades our world. Pope Leo notes how the poor, though deprived of material security, often embody a hope that is deep and enduring. "They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions... their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere," he writes. "The gravest form of poverty," he continues, "is not to know God." Citing Pope Francis's he highlights the fact that spiritual care must not be denied to the poor, who "have a special openness to the faith." In a world plagued by war, displacement, and environmental degradation, he insists that hope remains the anchor holding human dignity fast. "Charity is not just a promise," the Pope says "It is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility."

40 Hours Adoration in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November, to conclude at 4pm with sung Vespers and Benediction with Bishop Alan Mc Guckian SJ as homilist. **Our parish hour is Sunday 23rd 3pm to 4pm** but we will stay to conclusion of prayers at 5pm. We hope to have a bus going if there are sufficient numbers. If you wish to travel by bus please sign sheet available in 3 churches

Seamus Boland and his family wish to thank greatly all associated with the well wishes to him, the presentation and reception afterwards in the Island church last weekend.

Killina Secondary School Parents Association Table Quiz in the Thatch Rahan on Friday 21st November at 8,30pm Table of 4 €40 All support welcome

Parish Accounts All cheques to be addressed to St Carthage's Church from now on
Shamrock's Lotto 3, 8, 14, 3 **Mucklagh Community Center Lotto:** 8, 11, 16, 20



Jubilee Year of Hope Fundraising Concert Many Thanks to all who helped organise, sold tickets, bought tickets, attended, donated Raffle Prizes or helped in any way with the Concert on Friday of last week which realised a profit of about **€15,000.**

International Men's Day. Breakfast and Banter: Wednesday November 19th at the Charleville Centre, Tullamore, starting at 11:00 a.m., The morning will begin with a hot breakfast, followed by talks from Michael Duignan and Dr. Domhnall McGlacken -Byrne. This is a free event, but booking is essential Contact Aoife 0877385989.

The Future of our Parishes: Communities of Belonging and Evangelisation"

Bishop Tom Deenihan writes The Parish to which one belongs indicates a community, a sense of belonging and a sense of pride. While a parish is a church structure, it is also more than that. The parish is a place of evangelisation, a place where the sacraments are celebrated and a place where we celebrate our faith but it is also a place with which we identify ourselves. It is also true that whereas in the past a parish was defined in geographical terms, there are now challenges to a parish's identity arising from rural depopulation in some parts of the Diocese and phenomenal growth in others. In addition, many choose to attend a particular parish for reasons of the time of celebration or for liturgical preferences such as a particular choir. It can be hard to define precisely what a parish is and, at times, what parish one belongs to. As Pope Francis reminded us, the parish is 'the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration'. This is the task of a parish today: to be a community, to rediscover its identity as a community of faith, hope and love. One is not a Christian all by oneself.

Today's Gospel foretells the second coming of Jesus. This is a text difficult enough to understand. The Angels, he said, will gather his chosen ones from the four winds. It is both a wonderful and a terrible idea, that we shall be chosen, because it suggests that we may *not* be chosen, too. There will be many whom the angels do not choose, and this should be a reminder to us, to live more truly and consciously, more attentively, to the will of God, that we may more truly inhabit the Gospel message in all that we are and do, in how we speak and act. After all, nobody knows when this will happen. And, as Scripture says elsewhere, he will come like a thief in the night. All of what we know will pass away, he says. All, but his words. So, we must cleave to them as to a ledge in a tricky place. Yes, eventually, all that we know moves on, passes away as we die, and yet we will be carried by God to a new place. Carried by the Spirit who used the Gospel to transform us. Even as we live, we may feel that our only constant is the Gospel, especially in light of the world we currently live in, when environmental disaster looms large and goes largely ignored. Then, let us renew our efforts to hear the Gospel, to properly hear it, with our hearts and our ears truly open to the Spirit who works to move us. For in his moving us, we are transformed. And in our transformation, the heavenly Kingdom we shall become.

Parish Draw: Our Annual Parish Christmas Draw takes place on Sunday 14th December in Rahan Hall at 6.00pm. Many thanks to all those who distribute the draw cards. The usual prizes of €500, €300, €200, €100, 5 Turkeys, 5 Hams, 5 bottles of Brandy, 5 bottles of Whiskey, 5 Christmas cakes and lots of other donated prizes will be available. Many thanks to everybody for your huge support for the Parish of Rahan and good luck to one and all and we rely as always on the area distributors to hand in 2 draw tickets to each household. Thanks to all who are helping to distribute tickets.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Presentation Day on Friday stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's Saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. hey—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.