



Rahan Parish
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Feast of the Holy Family 28th December 2025



Killina Sun 28th 10.30am Susan Walsh Anniversary
Thurs 1st Jan Mass at 10am Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace:
Fri 2nd: 9.30am First Friday Lists of the Dead
Sun 4th: 10.30am Violet Lowry, Newtown
The Island
Sat 27th: 6pm Intentions of Christmas Mass Bouquets
Fri 2nd: 6pm First Friday Lists of the Dead
Sat 3rd: 6pm Intentions of the Sick
Mucklagh
Sat 27th 7.30pm Breda and Pat Joe Conroy their Great Grandchild Patrick & Dec. relatives
Sun 28th 9am Christmas Mass Bouquets
Sun 28th 12 noon Lucy Kenehan and her parents Eddie and Mary, Betsy Flanagan 5th Anniv.
Mon 29th: No Mass
Tues 30th: 10am Christmas Mass Bouquets
Wed 31st: 10am Christmas Mass Bouquets
Thurs 1st Jan Mass at 11am Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace
Fri 2nd: 7.30pm First Friday Lists of the Dead
Sat 3rd: 10am First Saturday Devotions
Sat 3rd: 7.30pm Annie and Patsy Fletcher, his brother Tom and deceased relatives
Sun 4th: 9.00am Intentions of Parishioners
Sun 4th: 12noon Sean and Nora McIntyre, Ballard and dec of the Kelly family, Nora Kenaney and her husband Bernard,

Plate Collection Killina €250 The Island €220 Mucklagh €1,030
Development Fund Killina & The Island €323 Mucklagh €1,188

Tullamore Church of Ireland Union of Parish's Come and join our ecumenical carol service on **Sunday 28th December at 4pm at St Carthage's ancient church in Rahan**, for joyful traditional Christmas Carols, readings and music by Rahan Comhaltas.

Eucharistic Adoration: Please Note No Adoration for the next 2 weeks

Please pray for Noel Kelly Tullamore, Maisie Claffey Ballinahown,

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas ceremonies in our churches: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Soloists, Adult and children's Choirs, Church Cleaners, Altar Servers, Collectors, Sacristans, Graveyard and church Caretakers. A special word of thanks to Suzanne in parish office for all of her helpfulness throughout the year

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were Offering Days for the support of the priests of the parish. Please use envelope from yearly Box or Special Envelope available at all of our church doors

Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank wish everybody peace and joy for the New Year and thank you all for your help, support and generosity. Welcome home to all who are studying, working or living abroad. We welcome all who are visiting our parish for New Year and those who have made their home in our Parish in the last year.

Fàilte-Welcome-Bienvenida-Witaj-Sveiki-Swagatham-Bienvenue-Benvenuto! Kaije
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Rahan Comhaltas Table Quiz: Monday December 29th at 8pm in The Thatch Rahan. All proceeds to UNRWA (Palestine relief) Table of 4 €40. All support welcome

Shamrock's Lotto 5, 11, 26, 9 Mucklagh Community Center Lotto: 2, 4, 14, 1
Thanks to members of Shamrock's Ladies Football Club for donation of presents to residents in St. Carthages Nursing home for Christmas.

Rahan Hall New Years Eve Dance Dancing to John Molloy and DJ afterwards. Hot-Food served **Adm by ticket only €20** Doors Open 8.30pm Food served 9.30pm sharp
If anyone is ill in hospital or at home and would like a visit, contact either Priest .

Christmas Offering Envelopes are to be found at back of churches or in yearly box of envelopes. Or use ordinary envelope and put name on it and box number if you have one
An Irish Blessing for the New Year: May your joys be as bright as the morning, and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of love. May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness, enough wealth to meet your needs and one thing more; enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the one before

This Sunday, we remember and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. There is often a sense of nostalgia and romance about the birth of Jesus. This can be heard in the best of our much loved Christmas Carols and even seen in the worst of our Christmas cards! These cards show us a crisp winter night, stars in the sky and snow on the manger. That is not to say that they are not helpful, but we need to look beyond them, particularly on this great and important feast. Mary was called personally by her name and asked to take on what would seem to be an impossible task. However, she was not expected to do what she was asked by herself or to rely on her on own efforts or strength. On hearing that she was to be the mother of Jesus, 'she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the greeting could mean.' Told not to be afraid, she was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. She was strengthened and encouraged by God to do what was asked of her. Joseph too was called to take on a role he did not ask for. Like Mary, he too heard the message, 'do not to be afraid.' God who called both of them would not ignore or abandoned them as they became the parents of Jesus. Jesus too in his own life and ministry was guided and led by God. He said, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, I have been called to bring the good news to the poor.' Even Jesus does not rely on his own efforts! On this feast of the Holy Family, it good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect. All our family members, including ourselves have made mistakes and gotten things wrong. We have all done and said things that we have later regretted. Regardless of this, we owe our family everything and for this we thanks God.

Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, In you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

A Reflection -The Present ;The poor little boy was as sad as could be. He had no present for under the tree. "Oh, my Mammy and Daddy work so hard for me, I have nothing to give them to thank them you see." But, later, alone, on his small little bed, he took bright coloured paper and long bits of thread. And he tied up a parcel with nothing inside, and he crept down the stairs when the parcel was tied. When he woke the next day, he went down to the tree, he saw Mammy and Daddy as glad as could be, "We got perfume, a tie and a clock for the shelf, but your present is special, you made it yourself. And your bright little parcel, all tied up and small, was filled up with love, the best present of all. **Christy Kenneally**