



**Rahan Parish**  
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**Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025**



**Killina Sun 7th 10.30am** Joseph and Mary Cantwell  
**Mon 8th Mass at 9.30am:** Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)  
**Tuesday 9th 7.30pm** Joe Smyth  
**Thursday 11th No Mass Rahan National School Carol Service 7pm**  
**Sun 14th 10.30am** Michael and Eileen Kearney Tully  
**The Island Sat 6th 6pm** Mary Conroy and Deceased Relatives and Friends  
**Mon 8th Mass at 6pm** Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)  
**Sat 13th 6pm** Joseph and Elizabeth Daly their daughter Kathleen and her husband John  
**Mucklagh Sat 6th 7.30pm** Harry Gunning m.m Mary Kate Llyod 1st Anniv Mikey Llyod  
 Sean Healion Spollenstown and his parents Joe and Ellen  
**Sun 7th 9am** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 7th 12 noon** Mary Fahey Charleville Rd, Thomas & Mary Boylan & Dec Relatives  
**Mon 8th Mass at 7.30pm** Feast of The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)  
 Johnnie, Margaret and Richard Larkin, Matt and Bridget Bonnie.  
**Tue 9th 9am** Lists of the Dead  
**Wed 10th 7.30pm Our Lady of Loretto Human Rights Day** John O Donoghue  
**Thurs 11th 9am** Intentions of the Sick  
**Fri 12th 7.30pm Saint Finian Patron of our Diocese** Carthage Condron 1st Anniv,  
 Con Dunne, Roscore, and deceased family members  
**Sat 13th 7.30pm** Paddy & Carmel Reynolds & Dec of the Reynolds & Derham families  
**Sun 14th 9am** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Sun 14th 12 noon** Bill and Ann Coonan, Beechmount Park  
**Plate Collection Killina €240 The Island €180 Mucklagh €1,246**  
**Development Fund Killina & The Island €316 Mucklagh €515**



**Our Annual Parish Christmas Draw next Sunday 14th December in Rahan Hall at 6 pm.** 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 support towards

Parish Funds in so many ways **If you haven't received Draw Cards please take 1 or 2 from the back of all our churches.** The proceeds of the Draw will go towards the continued development of parish facilities **Many Thanks**

**St Finian of Clonard Patron Saint of our Diocese Feast Day on Friday next**  
**Prayer for the Feast of St Finian** By the work of your bishop Saint Finian, Lord you formed a multitude of Saints in the knowledge of the Gospel and in the monastic life; In our own day raise up, we pray, at his intercession, saints to edify your people by the vitality of their Christian lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Christmas Offering Envelopes** available at back of church or in yearly box of envelopes. Or use an ordinary envelope and put your name on it and box number if you have one

**Penance Service for Christmas:** Wednesday 17th December 7.30pm Mucklagh church with a number of visiting priests. **Mass commencing 8pm**

**Monday 8th December. Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is A Holy Day.** We honour Mary without sin all during her life, a great role model for us to follow

**Alzheimer's Support Group** Christmas Party 11-1 this Tues 9th Dec in Kilbeggan Parish Centre

**Scoil Carthage Naofa Carol Service** Killina Church this Thursday 11th December **7pm**

**Switching on Christmas Lights** Mucklagh Church this Saturday after 7.30pm Mass

**Shamrock's Lotto 1, 2, 24, 5 Mucklagh Community Center Lotto: 7, 13, 29, 31**

**Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in our 3 sacristies and in Mucklagh Parochial Office. Price €5.** All for whom Masses are requested will be remembered in all of our Christmas masses. If calling to the office Wednesday is preferred day

**The Second Candle of Advent. Again it is a purple candle It is known as the Bethlehem Candle representing Love.** Jesus' whole ministry was about loving against the rules. A love that chooses mercy instead of violence. A love that chooses the outcasts first, that makes family out of tax collectors, and prostitutes, and the sick and disabled, and the overlooked and forgotten and the hated. Society says stay away from those people, they're problematic. You're not allowed to love those people. It's wrong. It's unclean. You can't. And Jesus says: watch me. And Jesus also says that about loving us – about the most hidden, unbearable, broken parts of us And it all starts in a manger, in a tucked away, forgotten corner of the world with a young couple who all the rules say shouldn't be together, but they are anyway. May love surprise us all this Christmas, may it flow through every crack and well up in surprising, beautiful ways within our families, our friendships within our neighbourhoods and community

### **Christmas Mass Schedule in our Parish**

**Christmas Eve 4pm** in Mucklagh **Christmas Eve 6pm** in The Island  
**Christmas Eve 7.30pm** Mass Mucklagh **Christmas Eve 8.30pm** in Killina **Candlelit**  
**Christmas Day 9am** in Mucklagh **Christmas Day 10am** in The Island  
**Christmas Day 10.30am** in Killina **Christmas Day 12 noon** Mass in Mucklagh

**Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend** As ever your support is very much appreciated in our reach out to all in need

**Rahan Hall Social Dancing** this Friday 12th Dec Dancing to Checkers 9pm **Adm €10**

**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

**Evening of Christmas Reflection with Music.** Join us on **Tuesday, 6th December at 8pm in Mucklagh church** for a Christmas Reflection with Music. It's an opportunity to stop, and prepare for Christmas using the medium of music with a large number of experienced musicians. It's simple, straightforward, and something different.

**Have Your Say about your Catholic School** The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want change. See [gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey) before 16 December

**Today's Gospel** The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need the one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it. God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide no name calling, no bringing the axe to the tree, but calling each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down. Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process. Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of others. Think of or remember a time when you made a decision to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again. Lord God, make our hearts like yours and help us each day to make our lives a greater copy of your life

**Children's Choir** We are hoping to have a children's choir in place to sing at the 4pm Mass in Mucklagh Church on Christmas Eve, Mary Gillespie a former music teacher in Sacred Heart Secondary School Tullamore has agreed to help out. **Children from 3rd to 6th classes in all schools** are invited to participate. **A Practise will be held in Mucklagh church on Monday 8th of December from 3.15pm to 4.15pm** and the support of parents and children will be much appreciated and welcome.