

The Word Became Flesh

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2nd Sunday after Christmas 4th January 2026



Killina Sun 4th: 10.30am Violet Lowry, Newtown
Tues 6th: Feast of the Epiphany (Holyday) Mass at 9.30am
Thurs 8th: 7.30pm Lists of the Dead
Sun 11th: 10.30am Elizabeth, Martin, Tommy and James Byrne, Derrycooley
The Island Sat 3rd: 6pm Intentions of the Sick
Tues 6th: Feast of the Epiphany (Holyday) Mass at 6pm Patrick Daly, Ballybrumcullen
Sat 10th: Camillus Corcoran and his brother Tony, Clonminch
Mucklagh Sat 3rd: 7.30pm Annie and Patsy Fletcher, his brother Tom & deceased relatives Julieta Valerio Bonilla who died recently in Philippines mother of Dina Coyne, Brocca Road
Sun 4th: 9.00am Intentions of Parishioners **Sun 4th: 12noon** Sean and Nora McIntyre, Ballard and deceased of the Kelly family, Nora Kenaney and her husband Bernard
Mon 5th: No Mass
Tues 6th: Feast of the Epiphany (Holyday) Mass at 7.30pm
Wed 7th: 7.30pm St Raymond of Penyafort
Thurs 8th: 9.00am Intentions of the Sick
Fri 9th: 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners
Sat 10th: 7.30pm Peter and Mary Geraghty, remembering their son Willie, Jimmy Mc Loughlin
Sun 11th: 9.00am Christmas Mass Bouquets **Sun 11th: 12noon** Bridie and Jim McCarthy
Christmas Plate Collection Killina €830 The Island €860 Mucklagh €3,880
Plate Collection Sunday 28th: Killina €330 The Island €185 Mucklagh €1,020
Development Fund Killina & The Island €1,108 Mucklagh €929

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Please pray for Nuala Owens Ballyfarrell, and formerly Beechmount Park, Eileen Lynch (née Molloy) Dundrum Dublin and formerly Rahan Philip Cotter Pallaskenry, Limerick Dr Patricia Garry Tullamore, Pauline Flynn Ferbane sister of Donal and Brendan Minnock. Clonshanny RIP

Feast of Epiphany honouring the arrival of the 3 kings is celebrated on Tuesday & is a holyday
Masses in Killina at 9.30am , in the Island at 6pm and in Mucklagh at 7.30pm

Thoughts For New Year: What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year. The attitude you bring, the determination you have, the goals you set, will all result in the type of year that you will have. So let your attitude be positive, your determination be strong and God's will be done

Thank You - Parish Collections A word of gratitude to the many people who supported the Priests Christmas Offering, Plate Collections , Christmas Draw and Building Fund Collections over Christmas. People were very generous. As Priests of the parish we thank you. If you still wish to contribute you may do so by dropping your contribution into the boxes at the back of Churches or, call to the Mucklagh Parochial House **Special Offering Envelopes** are available at the back of our churches and we thank those who have used them to subscribe.

Bringing a piece of Straw from the crib and placing it in our homes and places of work is a traditional way of praying for prosperity and health for our home and livelihoods. The Crib will remain up in all of our churches until Sunday week so as people can observe this tradition

The Work of Christmas: When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the Sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart

Shamrock's Lotto 3, 15, 17, 6 Mucklagh Community Lotto: 14, 26, 29, 32
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

Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank wish everybody blessings for the New Year and thank you for your help, support and generosity.

A Message from Fr Michael and Fr Frank It is a privilege , honor and blessing for us as priests to serve Rahan Parish at all times and especially as we end the Jubilee Year of Hope. We know that life is difficult for many especially in the face of financial difficulties, sickness, bereavement, difficulties in relationships and other areas of discomfort which people endure. As we come to the end of the year of Hope we pray that we as priests will live out our calling as baptized and ordained followers of Christ to be sources of encouragement and Hope for everyone in the face of life's challenges and difficulties, We hope too that all parishioners will live out your calling to be sources of hope and support for each other at home, in school, in the workplace, in our community and in the wider world in which we live.

A Reflection for the Feast of Epiphany It's the whole world that comes with the wise men to the crib, Drawing close to the infant God, that they might find in him meaning in life and light for living. We draw close, Lord, with all those who have lost hope, All those for whom faith is nothing more than a long night to be got through, All those who have lost the taste for seeking and struggling. We draw close, Lord, with all those who are handicapped in body or mind, With those who are paralysed in their suffering, With those left to their loneliness, whom nobody ever comes to console. We draw close, Lord, With all those who've had their home taken, With those living in n poverty and hunger, With those whose dignity has been trodden on, With those who have forgotten the colours of peace. We draw close with confidence To you, child of the crib. Look: we come seeking hope! Feast of Epiphany is on Tuesday

Todays Gospel The Word was made Flesh & dwelt amongst us The words people speak to us do not always do us good. The words we hear from various quarters do not always leave us blessed. On the contrary, they can leave us damaged and diminished. The Word God spoke to us in his Son has greatly blessed and enriched us. St. Paul recognizes this in the second reading today when he sings, "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ." Having been blessed by God's Word in this way, we are called to bless others by the words we speak, by the lives we live. We are called to keep on receiving from the fullness that is always being given to us in Christ, so that we can enrich others from that fullness. As was said of John the Baptist in today's gospel reading, we are to be witnesses who speak for the light. Today we might give thanks for the times when we have spoken for the light, when the words we spoke or wrote gave life and strength to someone, or brought some light into a situation of darkness or cover-up. These were the times when our words had something of the quality of the Word that God spoke in the beginning and that became flesh in the person of Jesus. All of us in different ways have the potential to speak words that make a difference for the better, that leave people more alive and enlightened. As we begin a new year we might resolve to speak words that have something of the life-giving quality of God's Word, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

Date for Diaries As we had in past few years **A Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will be held on the 4 Tuesdays of February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm with 4 visiting speakers. Lots of nice singing , prayers, readings and reflections .Please keep those Tuesday nights of February free

Fr Michael and Fr Frank wishes everyone and their families the blessings of peace, happiness, health for the new year