



**Rahan Parish**  
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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

Julietta 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**

**If you wish to donate online:** Account Name: St Carthage's Church Current Account

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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, all will 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 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**

