



**Rahan Parish**  
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**Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2026**



**Shamrock's Lotto 1, 6, 18, 1 Mucklagh Community Lotto: 9, 18, 22, 29**



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January** The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes from Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" Paul's epistles stress the importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience & love. **Prayer for Christian Unity** God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Rahan Hall A.G.M** on Tuesday 27th January at 8.30pm . Can a representative of each group who use the hall please attend .

**Rahan Hall Appreciation Night in The Thatch** on **Saturday 31st January** at 8,30pm for all who give of their time in any way with activities throughout the year. Refreshments served. For catering purposes if attending contact Jim at 086 3790448



**Catholic Schools Week** which we celebrate this week celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Saint Carlo Acutis—canonised as the first millennial saint—this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. **This year's theme, "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness,"** resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to, sainthood. "Each of us is called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness to Christ in everything we think, do and say ."

**From 10th January 2026 to 10th January 2027 Pope Leo has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year to coincide with 800th Anniversary of death of Saint Frances of Assisi** During the year every Christian is invited to become a model of holiness and a constant witness to peace. In this age marked by so many interminable wars, by internal and social division that create mistrust and fear Pope Leo has said that Saint Frances' message of peace is needed more than ever because he points to the authentic source of peace that is Christ Himself. Pope Leo has asked the Saint's intercession to give us the courage to build bridges rather than boundaries

**"Would you like to be a saint?"** A girl at the back of the class was the first to respond: "I am struggling with this idea," she said. "I don't think it is for me." Another hand went up: "Oh no, definitely no ... I could never be a saint!" "It would be no fun!", said another. From the left of the room, John joined the conversation: "If I was to be a saint, I would have to stop doing many things I enjoy." It was obvious that most of the group could imagine sainthood only with great difficulty. In fact, a good number of them had very little desire to tread the road toward such a calling. Changing the line of questioning, I asked: **"Well, do you desire to be the best that you can be in life?"** Anna was the first to answer: "Sure, we all desire to be the best that we can be in life." "Well, that gives us far more hope of achieving something worthwhile," said John. It seemed that every one of my students wished to be the best that they could be. While very few wished to be saints. It took considerable time to explain that "to be the best that you can be" and "to be a saint" might be much closer than they thought. **For a saint is someone who, with God's help, has grown into the best and finest version of who they were called to be**

**Killina Sun 18th: 10.30am** James Gibbons, Newtown , Rahan  
**Tues 20th Mass at 7. 30pm Feast of St Fabian and Sebastian**  
**Thurs 22nd: No evening Mass Feast of St Vincent**

**Sun 25th: 10.30am** Reuben Kennedy

#### **The Island**

**Sat 17th: 6pm** Dan, Annie and Margaret Clavin

**Sat 24th: 6pm** Jim and Molly Minnock Clonshanny Hill also remembering their daughter

Pauline Flynn who died recently

#### **Mucklagh**

**Sat 17th: 7.30pm** Intentions of Parishioners

**Sun 18th: 9.00am** Lists of Dead

**Sun 18th: 12noon** John & Bridie Gonoude, Ted Flynn Charleville Road, Peter & Peggy Rosney

**Mon 19th 7.30pm** Lists of the Dead

**Tues 20th Mass at 9am Feast of St Fabian and Sebastian**

**Wed 21st: 7.30pm Feast of St Agnes**

**Thurs 22nd: 9.00am Feast of St Vincent**

**Fri 23rd: 7.30pm** Pat Joe Kelly Anniv

**Sat 24th: 7.30pm** Elizabeth ( Éileen ) Daly 1st Anniversary

**Sun 25th: 9.00am** Michael Carter Charleville Road

**Sun 25th: 12noon** Intentions of Parishioners

**Plate Collection Killina €265 The Island €245**

**Development Fund Killina & The Island €214**

**Mucklagh €1,190**  
**Mucklagh €500**

**Pray for** Teresa Mooney (née Grogan) Mullingar & formerly Brocca, Veronica Mooney Tullamore

**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. **The Theme of the Novena will be that of Healing. Hope, Seeds and Signs of New Life in our Church and in our Parishes.**

**Speaker on February 3rd** will be **Fr Joe Campbell** Tullamore **Theme Healing and Hope.**

As it is the feast of Saint Blaise we will have blessing of Throats at the end of ceremony

**Speaker on February 10th** will be **Fr Vincent Sherlock** who is Parish Priest of Tubbercurry-Cloonacool Parish in Co. Sligo and is a regular contributor to the Irish Catholic Newspaper

**Speaker on February 17th** will be **Noeleen Lynam** a member of the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan committee for liturgical Formation

**Speaker on February 24th is Fr Paddy Byrne** who frequently uses the metaphor of sowing seeds to discuss faith, new life, and the potential for positive outcomes even in times of adversity.

**Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help, which we encourage people to pray in advance of Novena**

With the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture, to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment, when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of His Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need, you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned with others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony; but your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life; help us not to lose heart; may we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen