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The Baptism of our Lord 11th January 2026



Novena to
Our Lady of
Perpetual
Help

Killina Sun 11th: 10.30am Elizabeth, Martin, Tommy and James Byrne, Derrycooley

Tues 13th: Mass at 7.30pm **Feast of St Hilary** Pe and Maggie Molloy

Thurs 15th: 7.30pm **Feast of St Ita** Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 18th: 10.30am James Gibbons Killina

The Island Sat 10th: Camillus Corcoran and his brother Tony, Clonminch

Sat 17th: Dan, Annie and Margaret Clavin

Mucklagh Sat 10th: **7.30pm** Peter & Mary Geraghty, and their son Willie, Jimmy Mc Loughlin

Sun 11th: 9.00am Christmas Mass Bouquets

Sun 11th: 12noon Bridie and Jim McCarthy **Mon 12th: No Mass**

Tues 13th: Mass at 9am **Wed 14th: 7.30pm** Michael, Mary and Linda Weir

Thurs 15th: 9.00am Christmas Mass Bouquets

Fri 16th: 7.30pm Maura Rigney Leabeg, Ballycumber

Sat 17th: 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 18th: 9.00am Lists of Dead

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

Plate Collection Killina €190 The Island €135 Mucklagh € 975

Development Fund Killina & The Island €290 Mucklagh €834

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Pray for Kate Digan, Pullough, Claire Wyer Tullamore, Annie Thompson formerly Mount Bolus



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

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 will be **Fr Paddy Byrne** the parish priest of Abbeyleix who frequently uses the metaphor of sowing seeds to discuss faith, new life, hope, and the potential for positive outcomes even in times of adversity.

Recipe for a Happy New Year Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, cleanse them completely from every clinging pain; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past – have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time. Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing – don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humour.

Shamrock's Lotto 10, 14, 26, 5 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 11, 15, 25, 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.

The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated this weekend. We ask God's blessing on all children baptized in our parish in the past year. Their names are in the Crib with the Infant Child of Bethlehem. We ask God's blessing too on their parents, God parents, Grandparents and all family members.

Prayer for the newly baptised and their families: Lord, as we gather today, we ask your blessing on all newly baptised. Hold them in your arms and bless them. Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life. Lord, we ask your blessing on their parents, grandparents and godparents. May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise. May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours. Amen

Christmas Crib: Visit the crib today and with the three wise Kings who arrived on the Feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday last, offer to God our worship, praise and thanks. **It is a tradition to bring home A Piece of Straw** from the crib and place it in the family home, cars or places of work as a means of asking God's protection in the year ahead,

A Thought on Baptism I imagine that for any mum or dad, there is no more awesome and inspiring sight than to gaze in wonder at your new-born child, this new person which God has placed into your arms to nurture and to love? Your child is sacred. Your child is unique. Michaela, Conor, Martin, Olivia – or whatever name you chose for your child in Baptism. God has written that name forever in the palm of his hand. In deciding to have your child baptised, over the past year or so, you chose to offer your little one the beautiful gift of faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are choosing to hand on to them a gift that was given to you by your parents and grandparents. Please God one day these little infants will, in their turn, hand on the gift of faith to their children and grandchildren. The gift of friendship with God is one which can inspire and give meaning to their whole lives. What a wonderful privilege it is, as a parent, to be able to introduce your own son or daughter to your friend, Jesus; to teach a little one about how unique and special they are in God's eyes, and about how much God loves them. What a challenge and responsibility it is to teach and explain to your own child the values of the Gospel of Christ, especially nowadays in a world which often promotes attitudes contrary to the Gospel

Todays Gospel At the baptism Jesus heard the best words he could hear; You are my beloved. God led Jesus to John to hear these words. One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us. Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know - like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved. Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that - plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us. The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The Son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus. So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people. Let the word 'beloved' echo in your mind and heart. This is God's word for you today.

Catholic Schools Week starts January 18th to Sunday 25th. More details next week.

Clean Up Morning in Mucklagh Church on Tuesday at 10am. All help appreciated

Cosy Café will meet 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kilbeggan Parish Centre on Tues 13th January

