

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181.
Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
2nd Sunday of Lent 1st March 2026

Killina Sun 1st March 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Lists of the Dead

Thurs 5th 7.30pm Mass Joseph and Annie Minnock Kilgurtin

Fri 6th:9.30am First Friday

Sun 8th 10.30am Margaret and James Mc Dermott and sons Patrick and Tommy

The Island

Sat 28th 6pm Lists of the Dead

Fri 6th:6pm First Friday

Sat 7th 6pm Lists of the Dead

Mucklagh

Sat 28th: 7.30pm Eamon Carroll Killiskea 1st Anniv. Rosemary Brennan

Sun 1st: 9.00am Intentions of Parish Novena

Sun 1st 12noon Colin Dunne. Marie Farrell, John Carroll St Colman's Terrace
Geraldine O'Brien Agall Margaret, Terry and Siobhan Kelly. Carmel Kinahan

Mon 2nd: 7.30pm Intentions of Parish Novena

Tues 3rd 9am Lists of the Dead

Wed 4th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners Saint Casimir

Thurs 5th: 9.00am Intentions of Parish Novena Saint Kieran of Ossory

Fri 6th:7.30pm First Friday **Stations of Cross 7. 10pm**

Sat 7th: 7.30pm Pakie Carroll Freagh Kilcormac

Sun 8th: 9.00am **International Womens Day** Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 8th 12noon Michael and Kathleen O'Hanlon and Deceased family The Fingerboard

Plate Collection Killina €250 The Island €170 Mucklagh €1,030

Development Fund Killina & The Island €252 Mucklagh €390

Please Pray for Laura Scully, St O'Hara, Margaret Capindale Sharavogue, Birr, sister of Ann Foran, Killina, Tony Molloy, Tinnycross.

Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Many Thanks to helpers, readers, and to all of the speakers over the 4 nights. Thanks to Louise for music and joint church choirs who led the singing. Thanks to the Community Center and volunteers who provided a cup of tea on the last night. Thanks to Stephen Tony and Michael who helped with car parking. A huge thank you to one and all who attended and helped create the great supportive, strengthening, prayerful and joyful atmosphere. **Collection received on final night amounted to €1,865** which will defray costs to speakers, heat and light and prayer books given freely to all.

Let's Do Lent - Ideas For Lent: 1. Fast, maybe skip one meal from time to time, a gentle fast like this will refresh our memory that many people in the world go hungry every day.

2. Meditation and Prayer - these lead to a closer connection with God; do the Stations of the Cross or spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. 3. A weekend or day away from the mobile phone. 4. Visit a relative or neighbour in long term nursing home.

House Masses: An opportunity for family, neighbours and friends to come together to pray and build up a community spirit - no fuss just a cup of tea. If interested in hosting a house Mass for Lent contact Fr. Michael 087 2900844. or Fr Frank 057 9378181

World Day of Prayer Service Tullamore Presbyterian church on Friday 6th March at 6pm.

First Penance for children of Rahan Monday 6.30pm in Killina church

First Penance for children of Mucklagh Tuesday 6pm in Mucklagh church

Colin Dunne Memorial 5k 2026 - Sunday, March 8th 2026, 2pm -adult €18, under 18 €14,

Mucklagh Social Lunch Club Monday 9th March **Book by Wed 4th March** 0852313304



Shamrock's Lotto 12, 14, 22, 10 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 3, 8, 26, 28

Cemetery Devotions Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 7th June Mass at 6pm

Rahan Cemetery Saturday 15th August Mass at 7pm.

Killickfehan Cemetery Saturday 22nd August Mass at 6pm.

Trócaire Please take a Trocaire Box home with you and contribute regularly

Rahan Drama Group Present The comedy 'The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley' in Rahan Hall, March 13th/14th/15th at 8pm. Adults, €12 Under-16s. €5 Booking: 086 0886648.

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place on Wednesday in the Island on Thursday in Rahan and on Friday in Mucklagh. If anyone would like a visit in hospital, nursing home or at home please contact either priest

Today's Gospel On the mountain: The hours on the mountain were a huge experience for Peter, James and John, who would always be with him. They saw him in his glory, the beloved son of the Father. There was more to him than meets the eye. You climb a mountain and you see new views, you see the city from a new vantage point. You see the countryside in its beauty. We need times to climb mountains and get away from the ordinary. Lent is a time like that - as we give something up, we take something on.

From the mountain, we now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God. The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit. We thank the Lord for the seed but we also want to thank God the sower. (Pope Francis, 2014). Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord or make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, so every moment with him is well worth while. We receive this word of God and we receive our call to share it. The apostles would spend their lives sharing what they got on the mountain, and how it changed them. **Is there a word or line of scripture that you like and which helps you? Repeat it to yourself as a prayer. Lord, make me a listener to your word.**

Pope Leo on Lent Let's turn off technology, meditate on God, and connect with others "In this time of grace," Pope Leo said, "let us practice penance generously, alongside prayer and works of mercy." "Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios and cell phones for a while," the Pope stressed, instead suggesting we "meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart." "Saying we ought to listen to one another in our families, workplaces and communities, the Pope urged everyone to pay special attention to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick. The Pope also noted that by giving up what is superfluous, we can share what we save with those in need. In doing so, as Saint Augustine taught, the Augustinian Pope highlighted, our prayer offered in this way will reach heaven and give us peace. The Holy Father concluded by imploring the Virgin Mary, "who always assists us in times of trial to live Lent faithfully,

The Transfigurations gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to us encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter getting through the day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom. We may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration. But every day in countless and seemingly small ways God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God reaches out to us. **This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives**

Prolife Campaign Church Gate Collection on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of March