



Rahan Parish
Fr. Michael 087-2900844
Fr. Frank 057 9378181.
Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
3rd Sunday of Lent 8th March 2026

Killina

Sun 8th 10.30am Margaret and James Mc Dermott and sons Patrick and Tommy Michael and Ronnie Grennan, John, Mary Ellen and Breda Grennan and Rena Cogan
Tuesday 10th 7.30pm Mary Connolly, Ballykeenaghan

Thurs 12th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners

Sun 15th 10.30am John Mc Loughlin 1st Anniversary . Larry and Nellie Marshall Tom and Mary Minnock John Hickey Cappalaughin For all mothers living and deceased

The Island

Sat 7th 6pm Lists of the Dead

Sat 14th 6pm Mass for all mothers living and deceased

Mucklagh

Sat 7th: 7.30pm Pakie Carroll Freagh Kilcormac

Sun 8th: 9.00am Intentions of Parishioners

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

Mon 9th: 7.30pm Feast of Saint Frances of Rome

Tues 10th 9am Lists of the Dead

Wed 11th 7.30pm John and Chris Mulhare and Deceased of the Mulhare and Kileen families

Thurs 12th: 9.00am Lists of the Dead

Fri 13th 7.30pm Stations of Cross 7. 10pm

Sat 14th: 7.30pm Kathleen Egan 1st Anniv, Grett Delaney, Gabriel Neville, Pat Donovan

Sun 15th: 9.00am Mass for all mothers living and deceased

Sun 15th 12noon Tony Cleary 1st Anniversary. Martin and Maureen O Dwyer and Deceased of the O Dwyer and Kennedy families Rosemary Fletcher Glaskill

Plate Collection Killina €235 The Island €140 Mucklagh €1,090

Development Fund Killina & The Island €762 Mucklagh €562

Please Pray for Eamon Dooley, Rath, cousin of Fr Frank, Christy Lennon Charleville View

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

Colin Dunne Memorial 5k 2026 - Sunday, March 8th 2026, 2pm from Mucklagh school - **Congratulations** to children of our parish schools who celebrated First Penance this week.

Palestine Solidarity March Saturday 14th March O’Connor Square, at 12:30 p.m.,

Prayer Ceremony of Light for children of Rahan school on this Tuesday at 6.30pm in Killina church and for children of Mucklagh school on Wed at 6.30pm in Mucklagh church

Grandparents Day for the children in Senior Infants in Mucklagh school Thurs at 10.30am

Trócaire weekly update "Every morning Uwamahoro gets up before sunrise at 6am to make porridge for the family, one of only two meals they have each day. She gets the children ready for the walk to school and then leaves to find work for the day. This income, of 1,000RWF, or €0.60c a day, is reliant on the landowners in the local community, on the crops and harvests their lands produce. But climate change is making the weather more erratic, and affecting the harvest, meaning there is often no work. If there is no work in the fields, Uwamahoro cleans clothes or offers to clean the school to earn a wage. Uwamahoro works from 7am until 1pm every day, when she goes home to help her mother in the house. Because the house has been flooded, very little is left. ‘We share one cup, one plate, one saucepan. We share everything’
Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the churches



Shamrock’s Lotto 9, 12, 18, 9 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 15, 19, 25, 31
Shamrock’s Medals Presentation to last years Junior B team this Saturday in Kelly’s
Golf Classic Sat 4th April Esker Hills 3 ball scramble €150 Contact Gerry 087 9290722

Gospel There is a crack in everything that’s how the light gets in- Leonard Cohen
 No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it’s important to remember. We live in a time when people’s thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them An opinion expressed especially online, can invite a world of insults.. This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over. Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our ‘cracks’. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

Reflection: Thirst is something everybody experiences. Water quenches and satisfies physical thirst. The soul can suffer thirst too and our relationships with God and our neighbour can become dry and meaningless. A strange irony exists in our world people in one part of the world suffer drought and famine, they are spiritually alive, conscious of their neighbour, dependent and grateful to God, they do not turn their backs on the Creator. In another part of the world, those who want for nothing in material terms live with a spiritual drought; the creator is made redundant; manufactured goods, technology and comfort eating fill the emptiness. Let this Eucharist unite us in our endeavours to relieve the thirsts of the world

Suggestions for your Spiritual Spring Planting The old people aimed to have the gardens dug and the seed potatoes in the ground for St. Patrick’s day. Spring was well and truly on the way. As we journey through lent we are almost at the half way mark.

Here are a few simple suggestions for the spring planting. Just look at the weeds Weed out gossip Weed out negativity Weed out indifference Weed out laziness.

Plant five rows of Peas Preparedness Promptness Perseverance Politeness Positivity
Then plant five rows of lettuce Let us be faithful Let us be thankful Let us be truthful Let us be generous Let us be forgiving **Then plant the reliable turnips** Turn up for Church Turn up with a smile Turn up with new determination Turn up with compassion and **Please God a wonderful garden can grow.**

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.

As tensions escalate following the Feb. 28 U.S.-Israel strikes on Iran, we share this prayer to St. Francis of Assisi a timeless intercessor for peace which Pope Leo XIV shared with leaders of the Franciscan order on the beginning of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis’ death in January 2026. Prayer Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

Cemetery Devotions Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 7th June at 6pm
Rahan Cemetery Saturday 15th August Mass at 7pm.
Killickfehan Cemetery Saturday 22nd August Mass at 6pm

