



Rahan Parish
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Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm
Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April 2026

Killina Sunday 12th 10.30am Joe Craven and dec members of the Craven family, Agall, John Carroll and remembering Anne and William Carroll

Mon 7.30pm Rita Gleeson 1st Anniversary also remembering her husband Michael

Please Note no mass on Tuesday or Thursday evening

Sunday 19th 10.30am John and Katie Cooney

The Island Saturday 11th 6pm Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday 18th 6pm Joe and Mary Heaton and relatives Kilpatrick Mucklagh

Saturday 11th: 7.30pm John Joe and Elsie Lambe, Roscore, Deceased members of the Mollen family, Agall

Sunday 12th: 9.00am Intentions of the Sick

Sunday 12th: 12noon Christy Lennon m.m.

Sunday 12th 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions in Mucklagh church

Please Note No weekday Masses in Mucklagh this week

Saturday 18th: 7.30pm Joe Neville

Sunday 19th: 9.00am Intentions of the Sick

Sunday 19th: 12noon Jeremiah (Ger) Mooney 1s Anniv.

Kevin Smyth Charleville View, John V. McNamara

Easter Sunday Collections Development: Killina & The Island €335 Mucklagh €801

Good Friday for Holy Land Amount €920

Plate Collection Killina €380 The Island €300 Mucklagh €1,700

Easter Offerings for support of Priests Many Thanks also to all who subscribed Remaining contributions are still most welcome and appreciated

Please Pray for Aidan Mc Hugh, Rahan, Mary Moloney nee Vaugh formally Castletown, who died in Sheffield, UK, and her ashes were interred on Easter Sunday in Rahan Cemetery

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated with a special programme of events in Mucklagh church on this Sunday 12th April. **Commencing at 3 pm** with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Blessing of the Divine Image, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3.30 pm, Mass will follow. Confessions will be available on the day **The Offertory Collection at this Mass will go towards showing kindness and love to churches, parishes and people of Holy Land at this most difficult time for them Divine Mercy** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Easter Thought With our eyes we see The beauty of Easter as the earth awakens once more...With our ears we hear The birds sing sweetly to tell us Spring again is here. With our hands we pick the golden daffodils and the fragrant hyacinths...But only with our hearts can we feel the miracle of God's love which redeems all people...And only with our soul can we make our 'pilgrimage to God' and inherit His Easter Gift of eternal life.

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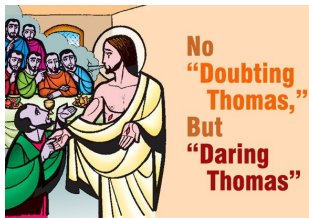
We pray God's Blessing on all travelling on the Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorge this week

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Annual Pilgrimage to Knock . Bus leaving Tullamore Parochial House on Sunday 19th April at 8.30am sharp Book a seat ring P.J. at 0876386270

Cemetery Devotion Dates See notice on parish website www.rahanparish.ie



"Ooubt no longer but believe!"



No "Doubting Thomas," But "Daring Thomas"

Shamrock's Lotto 9, 27, 30, 8 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 2, 6, 8, 12

Thanks to all who helped with and supported Shamrock's **Golf Classic** last weekend

Rahan Remembers The story of Rahan through a DVD cassette 1,500 years of history for €15. Text Catherine on 086-0318368 for copies

A DVD of the recent Rahan play 'The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley', can be ordered through Aidan Grennan, on 087 3153434. They cost €12 each

Rahan Community Alert A.G.M 29th April at 8.30pm in Rahan Hall. All welcome.

Rahan Hall Social Dance this Saturday 11th April 9.30pm Dancing to John Molloy

Reflection : The Paschal Candle: This year, this Paschal Candle will also speak to me about who I am and who I am called to be and how I can find my place in the Ireland that is emerging today. Maybe the society that is evolving now does not value my Christian belief, but this Candle reminds me that I am still called to give my life in love for others, I am still called to empty myself for others, until the moment my life is extinguished. With its nails it is a wounded candle, and it reminds me that I too am wounded, that I am flawed, that I am in need of God's mercy, so that there is no place in my life for arrogance or any lack of humility, but that I can be a wounded healer in society, bringing the healing of God's merciful love to others. It reminds me that now, this time, this year, 2026, is the time to live the love of Christ – there is no better time, my friends, to live the transforming love of Jesus Christ. It reminds me that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a message for all time, especially now. And every time I see this candle burn during the Easter Season, and for every baptism and for every funeral during the year, may it remind me of the light that I carry – the light of Christ who is risen from the dead – and that my life can witness today to the hope that that light offers. Today, this candle burns for all of us, calling us all to an Easter way of being – a way of thinking, living, acting, speaking that gives witness to the transforming love of Jesus Christ

Today's Gospel Late Pope Francis spoke about Doubting Thomas The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians; the Lord is not looking for Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith. When a Christian is like that, something isn't right. No, the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be? It knows times of comfort, zeal and enthusiasm, but also of weariness, confusion, doubt and darkness. The Gospel shows us Thomas' crisis" to tell us that we should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises are not sins, they are part of the journey, we should not fear them. Many times, they make us humble because they strip us of the idea that we are fine, that we are better than others. Crises help us to recognize that we are needy: they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord, to touch His wounds, to experience His love anew as if it were the first time. Dear brothers and sisters, it is better to have an imperfect but humble faith that always returns to Jesus, than a strong but presumptuous faith that makes us proud and arrogant. Woe to those, woe to them! (24 April 2022)

Pope Leo speaks on Holy Thursday As the Pope reflected on the Lord's washing of the feet and the institution of the Eucharist with the breaking of the bread, he reminded that Jesus' gesture shows Him giving all of Himself, as priests and all peoples are called to do with their whole being. The Holy Father reminded that Our Lord loves us first, and in that love, he forgives and restores us As humanity is brought to its knees In Him, God, the Pope said, has given us an example, on how not to dominate, but to liberate, and not of how to destroy life, but to give it. "As humanity is brought to its knees by so many acts of brutality, let us too kneel down as brothers and sisters alongside the oppressed." In this way, he said, we seek to follow the Lord's example, who has offered the perfect self-gift of Himself. "May this evening's Eucharistic adoration, in every parish and community, be a time to contemplate Jesus' gesture, kneeling as he did, and to ask for the strength to imitate His service with the same love."