

Easter Hope!
2026

Rahan Parish
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Easter Sunday 5th April 2026

Killina Easter Sunday 5th:10.30 am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection

No Mass on Tuesday evening

Thursday 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners

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

The Island

Holy Saturday 4th 6pm Easter Vigil & Our Lord's Resurrection Paddy Daly and his parents Mary and Patrick, Agnes and John Sammon daughter Nuala and husband Sammy

Saturday 11th 6pm Intentions of Parishioners

Mucklagh

Holy Saturday 4th 7.30pm Celebration of Easter Vigil and Our Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday 5th: 5.30am Outdoor Dawn Mass Our Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday 5th 9am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday 5th 12 noon Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection Eileen and Paddy Bracken Roscore, Martin Conroy and his parents Denis and Katie Conroy and brothers, John, Bernie and Denis, Eileen Lucey Mucklagh

Note No Mass in Mucklagh on Monday evening or Tuesday or Thursday morning

Wednesday 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners

Friday 10th: 7.30pm Damien Flaherty, Screggan

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

Sunday 12th: 9.00am Intentions of the Sick

Sunday 12th: 12noon Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday 12th 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions in Mucklagh church

Plate Collection Killina €235 The Island €155 Mucklagh €980

Development Fund Killina & The Island €306 Mucklagh €820

Please Pray for Kitty Delaney, Leabeg, Blueball Pauline Carroll. Clontarf Road sister of John Butler, Ballard, Aidan Mc Hugh Rahan ,

Divine Mercy Novena started Good Friday and continues to next Sunday when there will be **Divine Mercy Devotions in Mucklagh church at 3pm.**

Easter Offerings for the support of the Priests due next weekend. Please use envelope from box of envelopes or an envelope and mark "Easter Offerings" with name on it

Easter Sunday: Outdoor Dawn Mass at 5.30am Mass for all parishioners and friends will be offered in unused part of Mucklagh New Cemetery at which we will be remembering and praying for all who died since last Easter and those laid to rest in all our parish cemeteries. To Mass we invite people to bring a seat, and an umbrella if necessary but if weather is very wet we will go into the church. Cup of tea afterwards in Community Centre

Holy Water The new water of Easter will be blessed during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. We ordered **800** portable bottles so that you can take holy water home this weekend. They remind us of the link between the new water of Easter and the life of grace into which we are reborn by our baptism.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign Contributions to Trocaire can be returned to Churches or Mucklagh Parochial House. Those in poorer countries of the world need our support to have basic necessities of water, food, clothing, shelter to survive. We encourage each individual and households to give what you can to Trocaire's Lenten Appeal. We give simply so that others may simply live Please use envelope from box of envelopes or an envelope and mark Trocaire on it "



Shamrock's Lotto 4, 18, 30, 2 **Mucklagh Community Lotto:** 5, 7, 26, 31
Statue of Our Lady in Mucklagh church has been taken away for repainting
New Holy water Containers have been purchased for each of our churches
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

Bishop Niall Coll Easter Message it would be easy for people to "feel overwhelmed to the point of paralysis, and to surrender to despair" at this time. He pointed to "unspeakable human suffering" in places such as the Middle East and Ukraine and noted how our ears are now accustomed to "a chilling new vocabulary" that includes drone warfare, hypersonic missiles and autonomous weapons. "Yet Easter calls us to resist that temptation," Bishop Coll said. "To keep hope alive is not naïve; it is an act of faith. "It means praying earnestly for peace, encouraging and supporting those - politicians, diplomats and all who wield influence - who strive for justice and reconciliation. It means refusing to let darkness have the final word. "For hope is at the very heart of the Easter mystery. It is the quiet, persistent light that no darkness can overcome." In a reflective address, Bishop Coll said the overreach of power and bitter invective dominates public life and violent rhetoric and devastating wars are leaving scars across the world. In a further pointer to hope, Bishop Coll quoted the words of Pope Leo XIV: "Christ's resurrection teaches us that no history is so marked by disappointment or sin that it cannot be visited by hope. No fall is definitive, no night is eternal, no wound is destined to remain open forever. However distant, lost or unworthy we may feel, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love." Drawing on the Gospels, he noted how the Gospel of John tells how Mary Magdalene mistook the Risen Lord for a gardener and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, according to the Gospel of Luke, mistook Him for a stranger. "Only later, at table, in the breaking of the bread, were their eyes opened and they recognised him as the Lord," Bishop Coll said. "In that moment, fear gave way to hope. Their hearts, once heavy with grief and confusion, were set ablaze. Though it was night, they rose at once and returned to Jerusalem to proclaim the astonishing truth: Christ is risen. "Their experience speaks powerfully to our own. Beneath the ashes of discouragement and weariness, there often lies a living ember of hope, waiting only to be rekindled. Easter reminds us that even in the darkest moments, grace is quietly at work, drawing life out of what seems lifeless."

We wish all our Parishioners at home and abroad a Happy Easter - May you be able to rejoice in the Resurrection and the new life God offers us in Jesus. Welcome home to all who have come to visit family. As a parish we remember all those who were bereaved in the last year. We also remember those who have had to emigrate for work. Thanks to all those whose voluntary work for the Parish helps it throughout the year - your generosity is appreciated. Thanks to all involved in the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies. Fr Michael and Fr Frank

Pope Leo Prays At the beginning of Holy Week, our prayers are more than ever with the Christians of the Middle East, who are suffering the consequences of a brutal conflict and, in many cases, are unable to observe fully the liturgies of these holy days. Just as the Church contemplates the mystery of the Lord's Passion, we cannot forget those who today are truly sharing in his suffering. Their ordeal challenges all our consciences. Let us raise our prayer to the Prince of Peace that he may sustain the peoples wounded by war and open concrete paths to reconciliation and peace.

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