

Rahan Parish
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Vocations Sunday /Good Shepherd Sunday 26th April 2026

Shamrock's Lotto: 8, 17, 20, 8 Mucklagh Community Lotto: 5, 10, 13,22
Shamrocks LGFA Super 7's Festival, Family Fun Day. Sunday May 10th in Shamrocks GAA grounds Mucklagh. Bake sale commencing at 11am, Tournament throw in at 1pm. Plenty of fun activities for all the family to enjoy. Please support."
Best Wishes to the Group in the All Ireland Senior Scor final this Sat. in Castlebar
Rahan Community Alert A.G.M 29th April 8.30pm in Rahan Hall. All welcome.

Killina

Sunday 26th 10.30am Eileen and Dinny Kelly, Goldsmith's Lot
Tuesday 28th 7.30pm Intentions of Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims
Thursday 30th 7.30pm Intentions of the Sick
Friday 1st 9.30am First Friday Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
Sunday 3rd 10.30am Theresa Gaye, Killeranny, Jimmy Buckley.

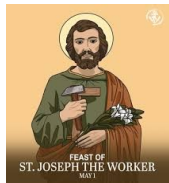
The Island
Saturday 25th 6pm Intentions of Parishioners
Friday 1st 6pm First Friday Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
Saturday 2nd 6pm Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims

Mucklagh
Saturday 25th: 7.30pm Celene Larkin
Sunday 26th: 9.00am Intentions of the Sick
Sunday 26th 12noon Joe Grogan, Annie (Nan) White, her husband Mick, Pearse Pk,
Wednesday 29th 7.30pm Intentions of Parishioners
Thursday 30th 9.00am Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims
Friday 1st 7.30pm First Friday Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
Saturday 2nd 7.30pm Geraldine Watson 1st Ann,
 Rose Mollin and remembering her brothers Paddy and Eamon
Sunday 3rd 9am Kathleen White, Scraggan
Sunday 3rd 12noon Joe, Margaret and Karl McGee and deceased family members
Development: Killina /The Island € 312 Mucklagh € 382 Trocaire € 6,690 Many Thanks
Plate Collection Killina €200 The Island €134 Mucklagh € 940

Easter Offerings Remaining contributions are still most welcome and appreciated.
Please Pray for Paul Dunne, Tegan Court, Francie Lynch Ballyboy R.I.P

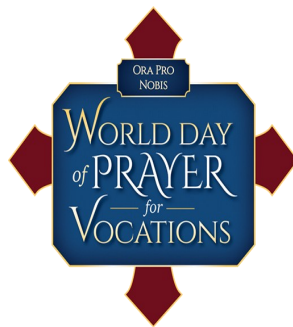
Vocations Sunday This Sunday 26th April We are asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. At present we have 4 students studying for the Priesthood for our diocese. **The collection** as people leave church next Sunday will go towards their support, education and upkeep. Please be as generous as you can Please use also Vocations envelope from yearly box of envelopes. **We encourage no church gate collection this week**

Novena to Saint Joseph concludes next Friday 1st May Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker



Prayer St. Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in

Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it. When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. O good father St. Joseph! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to obtain for me what I ask. (Name petition) Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Be near to me in my last moments that I may eternally sing the praises of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)



Today's Gospel: The Good Shepherd. What does it mean to be the Good Shepherd? Jesus explains it to us with convincing clearness. The shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep know him. How wonderful and consoling it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one; that for him we are not anonymous persons; that our name - that name which is agreed upon by loving parents and friends - is known to him! For Jesus we are not a "mass", a "multitude"! We are individual "persons" with an eternal value, both as creatures and as redeemed persons. He knows us. He knows me and loves me and gave himself for me. Jesus wants everyone to be a "good shepherd". Every Christian by virtue of baptism, is called to be himself a "good shepherd" in the environment in which he lives. Parents must exercise the functions of the Good Shepherd with regard to your children; and you, too, children, must be edifying with your love, your obedience, and above all with your courageous and consistent faith. Also the mutual relations between husband and wife must be marked by the example of the Good Shepherd, in order that family life may always have that nobility of sentiments and ideals willed by the Creator, because of which the family has been defined the "domestic Church", So also at school, at work, in playgrounds and places of leisure, in hospitals and where people are suffering, let everyone always try to be a "good shepherd" like Jesus.

Reflection Jesus said: **"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. John 10:8-10** Gates as we know come in all shapes and sizes, from elaborate two metre constructions to little picket structures you can step over. Whatever its size, a gate is a marker; it signifies a change, a crossing place. To enter a gateway is to make a decision. In this piece from scripture, Jesus gently reminds us, that he is like a gate and gives us beautiful reassuring words, that whoever enters through his gate will be safe. No matter what our circumstances, we can make these words our own. No one is going to be forced through the gate, but for anyone who is willing to cross the threshold, the rewards are many. Jesus calls himself the gate. He is the model for our approach to others. We are to meet others with compassion, with hospitality, with dialogue and with healing, using our contact with others, as the awareness of the presence of God, a moment of grace. This gospel, which is our living treasure, reminds us that, whatever slavery or brokenness we are experiencing - be it alcohol, gambling, violence or despair, Jesus saving love remains with us, encouraging and calling us to freedom. The gate that is Jesus, is always open and anyone who enters will be sure of finding meaning, fulfilment, safety, pasture and life.



Supporting Darkness Into Light We will have our annual Darkness into Light Walk on **Saturday 9th May starting from Mucklagh Old Cemetery at 4.15am**. Funds raised will be shared between Pieta Hose and Tullamore Accessible Counselling **A Meeting** to plan for same will be held in Mucklagh Community Center on this Thursday 30th April at 8pm.. All help welcome

Prayer for Vocations God our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we received in baptism Touch the hearts of many To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life And other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our diocese The wisdom and courage to support young people In searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen