



### Rahan Parish

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Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilmormac, Eglis

Feast of Pentecost 24th May 2026

**Killina Sunday 24th 10.30am** Mass for the Intentions of all exam students  
**Tuesday 26th 7.30pm** Intentions of Parishioners  
**Thursday 28th 7.30pm** Mass for the Intentions of all exam students  
**Sunday 31st 10.30am** Phil, Tom & Patricia Buckley & Dec of Buckley & Cusack families

#### The Island

**Saturday 23rd 6pm** Teresa Kelly and her husband Vincent, brother Brendan and Deceased members of the Kelly family Crossmolina

**Saturday 30th 6pm** Larry Ryan and his brother Harry and his parents Moira and Johnny and Deceased of the Ryan family Limerick and the Grimes family Kinnitty

#### Mucklagh

**Saturday 23rd 7.30pm** Michael & Mary Galvin, Cloonagh & their daughter Anne Daly

**Sunday 24th 9am** Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims

**Sunday 24th 12noon** John and Mary Egan and Eileen Mc Loughlin

**Wednesday 27th 7.30pm** Thanksgiving for little girl receiving good results

**Thursday 28th 9am** Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday 29th 7.30pm** Intention, for person recovering from illness.

**Sat 30th 7.30pm** Mass for the Intentions of all exam students

**Sunday 31st 9am** Intentions of Rahan Parish Medjugorge Pilgrims

**Sunday 31st 12noon** Dannie and Margaret Clavin, their son Donal and Deceased of the Clavin and Gaffney families, Marie Grace, Willie and Barbara Grace and Celine Molloy, Thomas and Joseph Boylan

**Development: Killina & The Island €215 Mucklagh €377**

**Plate Collection Killina €205 The Island €160 Mucklagh €870**

**Vocations Sunday: €2,702** Remaining envelopes from annual box can be returned asap.

**Please pray** for Kieran White Scraggan, Michael Madden Tullamore and St Carthage's Nursing Home Mary Sammon, Clara mother of Gerard, Castletown, The Island R.I.P.

**Prayers for Exam Students:** Special prayers will be offered over the coming month in all of our 3 churches for the intentions of all those doing and preparing for exams.

**A Prayer for Exam Students** Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, & firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me. Amen. **Please write names of those doing exams on prayer card sheets, and place in boxes that are available in our 3 churches**

**Fr Frank Guinan** will celebrate his **Diamond Jubilee of ordination (60 Years)** as a priest this Summer. To mark this very special occasion we are planning to have a Mass in Mucklagh on Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm and a gathering afterwards in Mucklagh Community Center with music and hot food receptions. A free ticket for this event will be available from all of our churches next weekend 30th /31st May. **Please only take a ticket if you intend attending the function in the Community Centre**

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



**Shamrock's G.A.A Lotto** 11, 21, 27, 3 **Mucklagh Community** 22, 25, 28, 32

**Today's Gospel: Pentecost Sunday** The Spirit invokes images of joy. The unbridled happiness of little children reflects the Spirit. You hear it when you walk past a primary school at breaktime. When a parent arrives to collect them, the children explode in joy. Children don't take things for granted. They celebrate everything. Worries don't weigh them down. The Spirit came so that we might have life and have it to the full. The Holy Spirit dwells in us as we struggle with the sadder side of life. The Spirit works through us as we stand together at the grave of a loved one or come to terms with the pain of a broken relationship. The Spirit who gave the apostles the power to overcome their fears, gives us the strength we need when our human weakness is most evident. The Spirit guides and protects God's people no matter what challenges we may meet. Pentecost is the feast of peace, patience, kindness, forbearance, generosity, faith, temperance and all the other blessings that the Spirit brings. The feast of the Holy Spirit is a reminder that we should never close our minds to new possibilities. None of us have it all figured out, none of us ever will. Maybe that is at the centre of the distinction between divine and human. At our confirmation we were anointed with the oil of chrism blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday. The olive oil and balsam first clings to our skin and then filters through to our deeper being becoming part of us, just as the Spirit enters our soul. Pentecost is the celebration of the unlimited presence of God in each and every one of us, those with whom we agree and those who view life differently. When Christ walked among us only those within earshot could hear his words or experience his presence. When the Spirit came, these limitations banished and the healing, saving presence of the divine reached across generations and continents. **Prayer** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

**Tax Rebate Forms:** Within the next few weeks we will be in a position to send out these forms to parishioners who are PAYE taxpayers and Self Employed who have donated €250 or more to the parish through their weekly Envelope Collections and Offering Collections or through Standing Orders for 2025. Thanks again for your generosity in contributing to the parish at all times

**If you wish to donate on line the Parish Account Details are** St Carthage's Church Current Account IBAN IE30 BOFI 9019 0938 7088 72 BIC: BOFIE2D



**First Holy Communion. Congratulations** to the children of our Primary schools who received First Holy Communion recently. **Thanks** to teachers, parents and all who helped the children prepare, all who helped in any way with the ceremonies and post Communion refreshments



**Month of May Month of our Lady Prayer to Our Blessed Mother Mary-for Protection and Help:** "Take my hand O Blessed Mother, Hold me firmly lest I fall, I am nervous when I am walking, and to thee I humbly call. Guide me over every crossing, Watch me when I am on my way, Let me know you are beside me, Listen to my frequent prayers. Bring me to my destination, safely every single day, Help me with my understanding, as the hours pass away. And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone, Take my hand O Blessed Mother, and once again guide me home".

**Cemetery Devotions Mucklagh Cemetery Sunday 7th June at 6pm** Please inform those who may be away from our parish of date and time **A Collection** will be taken up for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. You can use envelope from Yearly Box if you wish. We appreciate your generosity

**Fr Andrew Mullen's Grave Daingan** There will be Rosary every Sunday at 3.30 pm in the Old Cemetery and Mass on Friday 5th June at 7.30pm led by Bishop Denis Nulty with special recognition of Fr Mullens. Thanks also to those who bought books

