



Rahan Parish

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Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilcormac, English
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th July 2026



Killina Sunday 26th 10.30am Carthage Kidney m.m. For all grandparents

Tues 28th 7.30pm Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 30th No Mass

Sun 2nd 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

The Island Sat 25th 6pm Edward and Mary Cornally Ballina and Deceased of the Cornally family Dernagun, and Deceased of the Dunne family, Bellair, Kevin Kinahan

Sat 1st 6pm Rita Egan 1st Anniversary Pe and Kit Daly Ballina their daughter Bernie Hefernan and their grandchildren Edwin and Catriona White

Mucklagh

Sat 25th 7.30pm Patrick Conway Beechmount Park For all grandparents living & deceased

Sunday 26th 9am Joe Egan Jnr, Mucklagh, Marie and Richard Jordan

Sunday 26th 12noon Mary Walsh, Paul, Carmel and Dolores Keyes Screggan Cross

Wednesday 29th 7.30pm Feast of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Thursday 30th 9am Feast of Saint Peter Chrysologus

Fri 31st 7.30pm Feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola

Sat 1st 7.30pm Mary and Paudge Condron and Deceased Relatives, Sean Curley, his parents and Deceased relatives

Sunday 2nd 9am Tom Deegan & Deceased of the Deegan family Mucklagh and Clonaslee

Sunday 2nd 12noon Joe and Maureen Digan Roscore

Development: Killina & The Island €170 Mucklagh €398

Plate Collection Killina €315 The Island €90 Mucklagh €822 Peters Pence Collection €2,280 Peters Pence Envelopes from yearly box of envelopes can still be returned asap

Please pray for Joe Dunne, Rabbit Burrow, Roscore, Joe Lynch Kilcormac RIP

A Legion of Mary Group has been formed in our Parish under the Title "Our Lady of Grace" Group meet each Monday in Mucklagh church at 7.30pm in the side chapel

This Sunday is National Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. On this



Saturday /Sunday we celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Jesus and we will offer special prayers for grandparents at all of our weekend masses. We invite

grandchildren to come with their grandparents to mass where we will have

special candles for children to bring home to their grandparents and we will have special candles also for each grandparent present. Grandparents and the Elderly are treasures in our families, parishes and communities. Their wisdom, witness, prayer and presence deserve more than a single day, but World Day gives us a beautiful moment to celebrate, cherish and thank them

A Prayer for Grandparents: Dear Grandmother, Dear Grandfather, May our Lord Jesus Christ be always close to you. We thank you for all you have contributed to life and for the gifts you continue to give to your families and to our community. We pray that your closeness to God will bring you the health and the strength you need to continue your journey on the road of life. May you continue to enjoy your life, your work, and your prayers. May your memories always be happy and may you achieve your dreams for the future. One day we will all be united in God's Kingdom, Amen

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimages: Knock takes place on Sun 9th Aug.

Please Note First Friday Calls will take place this week on Tuesday in the Island, on Wednesday in Rahan and on Friday in Mucklagh, Please inform all involved.

Shamrock's G.A.A Lotto 15, 18, 23, 6 Mucklagh Community 8, 18, 29, 31 Offaly G.A.A. Cycle on Monday 3rd August. Sponsor Shamrock's Competitors at the following link www.offalygaafundmajor.com or contact any committee member

Tax Rebate Forms: We have sent out these forms to parishioners and would be grateful if you can return signed forms to the parish office as soon as possible as money obtained from Revenue is a great source of income for our parish. **Thanks**

Today's Gospel Happiness - For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time to still be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life. This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time ... and remember that time waits for no one ... So stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until the first or fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die, until re born again to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy. Happiness is a journey not a destination.

Prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola Feast Day Friday 31st July Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing I am doing Your holy will. Amen

Rahan Comhaltas Final night of Summer Session starts at 8pm Tuesday 28th July with Clara town band and shamrocks ballad group as guest artists

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th Sept 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through JoeWalsh Tours: 01-2410800

Offaly Hospice Thank you for your very generous contributions to the recent Churchgate Collection. A total of €1,488 was raised

Mary's Meals Your generosity of €2,000 enabled us to provide a hot meal to 90 children for a full school year, Mass will be offered for your intentions **Thank you**

The distinction between Tourist and Pilgrim as described by Fr Frank Fahey former PP of Ballintubber Abbey who died this week In some cases, the person arriving to a place, might well be a tourist – one visiting Ireland or Mayo and feeling that Knock or Ballintubber Abbey should be visited. A noble choice, for sure, The tourist might visit to take a photo, pick up a souvenir, light a candle and maybe say a prayer. Later, the photo might be put in an album, labelled, "Visit to Ireland" Past tense, boxes ticked, and memories made. The tourist! In Frank's telling, the tourist comes to see something, to create a memory, enjoy and remember. The 'Pilgrim' on the other hand, journeys in the hope of change – maybe even, in the need of change. He or she leaves something open in the self that allows for change. This may well take the pilgrim to a deeper place called reflection and to a recognition that because of the pilgrimage, things will never be quite the same again. Far from the journey becoming a memory, it becomes the journey, travelling the roadways of life, accompanying on dark days and brightening the brightness that is God's presence in our lives.

Rahan Cemetery Devotions Saturday 15th August at 7pm

Killickfehan Cemetery Devotions Saturday 22nd August at 7pm

Killickfehan Cemetery Meeting Tuesday 28th July in the Island Church at 8.30pm