

Oh woman,
great is your faith.
Let it be to you
as you desire

Matthew 15:28

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Rahan Parish

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Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilcormac, Eglish
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th August 2026

Killina Sun 16th 10.30am Bernadette Claffey Ballydrohid

Tues 18th 7.30pm Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 20th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Sun 23rd 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

The Island Sat 15th 6pm Lil Hickey 1st Anniversary

Sat 22nd 6pm Killickfeehan Cemetery Devotions

Mucklagh

Saturday 15th 7.30pm Elaine Healion 1st Anniversary, Aidan Doyle

Sunday 16th 9am Lists of the Dead

Sunday 16th 12noon Joe and Josephine Molloy and their daughter Patricia Dwyer
Glasshouse Roscore

Monday 17th 7.30pm Feast of Our Lady of Knock

Wednesday 19th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Joan Eudes

Thursday 18th 9am Feast of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Fri 21st 9am No evening Mass **Sat 21st 11 am** Feast of Queenship of Mary

Saturday 22nd 7.30pm Joe Dunne m.m. Patsy Murphy, Dan and Elizabeth Mc Keown,

Joseph and Elizabeth Galvin Joseph (Junior) Patrick, Jack Kathleen, and Mary Teresa

Sunday 23rd 9am Lists of the Dead

Sunday 23rd 12noon Intentions of Parishioners

Development: Killina & The Island €173 Mucklagh €341

Plate Collection Killina €170 The Island €235 Mucklagh €940

Please Pray for Pat Corcoran, Killina Garry Buckley, Scotland son of Patrick Buckley, Derrycooley, & nephew of Ann & Seamus Mc Court, Rahan, Noreen Mc Gowan, Sligo sister of Kevin O' Rourke, Mick Mooney, Killeigh and formerly Lynally. Bridie Quinn Daingean and St Carthage's Nursing Home. Padraig Horan, Banagher

Arrangements
for Blessing of
the Graves



Lynally Cemetery Monday 24th August Mass at 7pm

Rahan Mass Rock Friday 28th August Mass at 7pm

Jesuit Cemetery Rahan Monday 7th Sept Mass at 7pm

Farnavilla Cemetery Saturday 12th September Mass at 2pm

Clean up Night at Rahan Mass Rock on this Tuesday 18th at 7pm

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 13 – 21 August 2026 Since 1977, the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock has taken place at Knock Shrine, welcoming pilgrims from across Ireland and abroad to gather in prayer and reflection. This year's theme, "Sheltered in God's Love," marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Knock Basilica and reflects its continuing role as a place of faith, hope and community for all who visit this sacred place. **Ceremonies each day at 3pm and 8pm**

Novena Prayer Our Lady of Knock: Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen



Shamrock's G.A.A Lotto 5, 24, 26, 6 Mucklagh Community 5, 14, 18, 31

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.

Today's Gospel: - She was a lady like many – the woman of the gospel today. She would fight for her child. So she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the Taoiseach over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting him off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child. Jesus cured her child and praised her faith. She is another of the unnamed ones of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary – she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith. Faith in a surprising God who in Jesus his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body. Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. Lord strengthen and deepen my faith. Donal Neary, SJ

The Canaanite woman - She had to face all kinds of obstacles in order to obtain a cure for her daughter. She had to overcome her pride in order to beg. As a Gentile, she knew she was not welcome among the Jews. She had to overcome too the apparent indifference of Jesus and then a put down and rejection. But she was not put off. Why? Because she was not seeking something for herself but for her daughter. Unselfishness enables us to transcend and see past our own needs. The woman is put before us today as a great example of faith, courage and love.

The season of harvest is a time of gratitude, reflection, and abundance. For farmers, it signifies the end of a season of hard work, when crops are gathered, and the fruits of labour are celebrated. Spiritually, it reminds us of God's faithfulness and the importance of sowing seeds of righteousness in our lives. The Bible speaks of harvest not just as an agricultural event but as a symbol of spiritual growth, provision, and God's blessings. 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

Best Wishes to all who receive their **Leaving Certificate results** during the week. We wish all of them God's blessings in college, in the workplace, in travel, in apprenticeships and in all of their future careers.

Queenship of Mary Feast Day on Saturday 21st As the Church has increased its comprehension of Mary's exalted role through the centuries, so we must individually make this discovery throughout our lives. Turn to her, seek her prayers, rely upon her intercession, and honor her as your mother and your queen. **Prayer:** Mother and Queen of Heaven, this day I run to you as a child with confidence and trust. You are the glorious Queen Mother, reigning over all of your children with love and mercy. Please pray for me, and bestow upon me all that I need. I open my heart to the grace of your Son, which you are entrusted to dispense. Make me holy and free from sin, so you can present me spotless and pure to your beloved Son, the King of the Universe. Queen of Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Cafe Cairde on Monday 17th August from 2.30 to 4.00p.m. in The Charleville Centre, Tullamore, R35 H660. Cafe Cairde is a warm, friendly and supportive environment for people living with dementia, family members, carers

Killickfeehan Cemetery Mass Saturday 22nd August Mass at 6pm

The Collection at the entrance to Cemetery is for its maintenance and upkeep