

He said to them...
**But who
do you
say that
I am?**

Matthew 16:15



Rahan Parish

Fr. Michael 0872900844 Fr. Frank 0873804814.

Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm

Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilcormac, Eglish
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd August 2026

Killina Sun 23rd 10.30am Intentions of Parishioners

Tues 25th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Louis of France Intentions of the Sick

Thursday 27th 7.30pm Feast of Saint Monica

Sun 30th 10.30am Deceased of The Sherlock family, Killina

The Island Sat 22nd 6pm Killickfehan Cemetery Devotions

Sat 29th 6pm Patrick & Bridget Boland & Dec relatives The Rushes

Mucklagh

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

Monday 24th August Lynally Cemetery Mass at 7pm Feast of St Bartholomew

Wednesday 26th 7.30pm Lists of the Dead

Thursday 27th 9am Feast of Saint Monica

Fri 28th Mass at Rahan Mass Rock at 7pm Note No Mass in Mucklagh Church

Saturday 29th 7.30pm Catherine Gath Bunatarn

Sunday 30th 9am Lists of the Dead **Sunday 30th 12noon** Sean McCarthy

Development: Killina & The Island €140 Mucklagh €551

Plate Collection Killina €155 The Island €95 Mucklagh €1,325

Pray for Breda Hinch, & Peter Hinch, Killeigh Noel Lally, Tullamore Ted Kidney, Pullough. Laura Coyne Conway, Kilcormac

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 25th at 7pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 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 Joe Walsh Tours: 01-2410800

Schools Re Opening Days Killina Secondary Mon 1st Years Tues 3rd & 6th Years

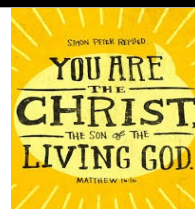
Wed 2nd, 5th & Transition Years & Special Classes

Scoil Carthage Naoife Opening Tuesday for all classes

Saint Colman's Mucklagh Opening Wednesday for all classes

Prayer for students at beginning of school year Dear Lord, As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace & protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen

A Blessing of School Bags will take place at all masses next weekend. We invite the children and young people (Primary and Secondary) to bring their school bags to any of our masses in all of our churches next weekend as we ask God's blessing on their school year



Good Luck To
All Students
With Their
Exam Results

Shamrock's G.A.A Lotto 6, 20, 27, 1 Mucklagh Community 2, 6, 16, 31

Today's Gospel: - The question Jesus raised with the apostles was not a trick one or a trivial one. It was a very serious question. In fact it is a question that resounds through the entire Gospel. In fact it is the main question of the Gospel. 'Who is this man Jesus'. Who is Christ for me? During my life others may tell me who Jesus is for them. Parents may tell me. Teachers at school may tell me. Priests may tell me. But in the end I have to answer the question for myself Is Jesus just a prophet for me or is He as Peter believed the Son of the living God? And if at some stage I can answer personally and say like Peter I believe that you are the Christ the Son of the living God then this belief will have an enormous affect on so many aspects of my life. It will affect my personal prayer life and my commitment to my church and to my faith. It will affect also how I live and my relationships with others. I will become a strong rock on which faith is built within my family, parish and community. I will want too to give this belief to our younger people ~ so that they can have a rock they can stand firm on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, the Son of the living God and in him we place all our faith and trust and in Him we find meaning and purpose for our lives and our living. A prayer for this week Lord, be my rock, my stronghold, my safety, my salvation, my God

Many Thanks to all who helped with **Rahan Cemetery Devotions** on Saturday and contributed to making it a great family and community occasion. A special word of thanks to those who maintain the cemetery throughout the year. Thanks to all Car Park Stewards, Readers, Eucharistic ministers Sacristans, all who helped with amplification and collection and to peoples generosity which **amounted to €2,735**

Pope Leo speaking on last Sunday's Gospel said From the Canaanite woman, Christians learn both humility and determination. Her faith teaches that "God's table is set for everyone" and no one should be left merely with crumbs, because every person has a place with the Father. Viewed in the light of this faith, Pope Leo said, inequalities, discrimination, and barriers that trample upon the dignity of God's sons and daughters become unbearable. Concluding his reflection, Pope Leo described the Church as the Church of Jesus Christ living "in a troubled world that seeks peace." He invited the faithful to ask Mary to intercede for them, recalling that the *Magnificat* is "the strongest and most innovative hymn ever articulated." It is the song, he said, of one who sees reality through God's eyes & for that reason, never loses hope but acts with charity.

Cemetery Devotions this week Lynally Monday 24th August Mass at 7pm Rahan Mass Rock Friday 28th August Mass at 7pm Many Thanks to all who have helped with clean up already. Final Clean up Meeting on this Tuesday 25th at 7pm, Bring a flask of tea & refreshments for a cup of tea after the mass at Mass Rock.

Best Wishes to all who received their Leaving Certificate results this week. There is a place for everyone in the world. We pray that they may have a happy and fulfilled life, & that they will know God's love for them, no matter what result they have achieved.

Rahan Hall Up Coming Events:

Saturday 12th September Social Dancing with **Olivia Douglas** Admission €10

Saturday 10th Oct Dancing to **T.R. Dallas Band** Hot Food Served Adm by ticket €20



The recently founded Legion of Mary Group in our parish are organising an extra hour of Eucharistic Adoration every **Thursday evening from 6-7pm in Mucklagh church**, All are welcome especially those going home from work for a few moments of quiet, prayer and reflection in the midst of the business of life. Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity to give back some time to the Lord who has given so much to all of us. **O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee.**