

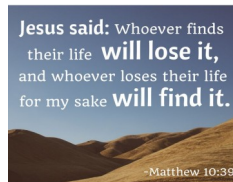


Rahan Parish

Fr. Michael 0872900844 Fr. Frank 0873804814.

Secretary 0579378181. Wed 9am-5pm

Pastoral Area of Kilbeggan, Tullamore, Rahan, Kilcormac, Eglish
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August 2026



Killina Sun 30th 10.30am Deceased of The Sherlock family, Killina
Tues 1st 7.30pm World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation Martina Minnock-

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm Feast of Saint Gregory the Great

Friday 4th 9.30am First Friday Lists of the Dead

Sun 6th 10.30am Deceased of The Foran family,

The Island

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

Friday 4th 6pm First Friday Lists of the Dead

Sat 5th 6pm David and Mary Conroy and sons Fr David and Stephen

Mucklagh

Saturday 29th 7.30pm Catherine Gath Bunatarn

Sunday 30th 9am Lists of the Dead

Sunday 30th 12noon Sean McCarthy

Wednesday 2nd 7.30pm Lists of the Dead

Thursday 3rd 9am Intentions of Parishioners

Fri 4th 7.30pm First Friday Lists of the Dead **Sat 5th 10am** First Saturday Devotions

Saturday 5th 7.30pm Ferdie Fitzmaurice 1st Anniversary

Sunday 6th 9am Pat Corcoran m.m.

Sunday 6th 12noon Peter and Phil Hussey

Development: Killina & The Island €202 Mucklagh €613

Plate Collection Killina €165 The Island € €829 Cemetery Mass Mucklagh €950

Pray for June Blake, Mucklagh, Teddy Berry, Killeigh, Fintan Scally, Galway, brother of Carmel Minnock Clonshanny, Laura Coyne Conway, Kilcormac Margaret Kelly, Mount Bolus Joe Campbell, Clonaslee Frank Kenna, Luglass, Blueball and Carthages Nursing Home, R.I.P

Cemetery Masses Jesuit Cemetery Rahan Monday 7th Sept Mass at 7pm

Farnavilla Cemetery Saturday 12th September Mass at 2pm

Clean up evening in Jesuit Cemetery on this Monday 31st August at 7pm

A Blessing of School Bags will take place at all masses this 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

Prayer of Blessing Lord, we thank you for your goodness to all your children. Be with these children throughout this new school year. May your blessing be upon these schoolbags, which the children will carry to and from school each day. Watch over the children in their coming and their going; keep them safe always; help them to be kind; bless their learning and their play. Enfold them at all times in your love. Amen

National Ploughing Championships Dear /Parents /Children Young people To coincide with the National Ploughing Championships due to be held at Screggan from 15th — 17 th September in our churches we are inviting children and young people 1. To compose an acoustic poem based on word **Ploughing** can include words like plough, tilling, seeds, harvest , soil, tractor ,etc All entries to be on an A4 page laminated if possible and typed or hand written. And / Or 2. Draw a picture or make up a collage to incorporate the Theme of Ploughing again on an A4 page and laminated. Entries with persons name and age below poem or picture /collage to be returned to child's /young persons school or parish office in Mucklagh by Wednesday 9th September at 6pm. All entries will be displayed in Mucklagh church for a Mass of Blessing for the Ploughing on Sat 12th Sept at 7.30pm

Shamrock's G.A.A Lotto 9, 11, 22, 4 Mucklagh Community 2, 6, 16, 31

Many Thanks to all who helped with **Killickfeehan 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 Readers, Eucharistic ministers Sacristans, all who helped with amplification and collection and to peoples generosity which **amounted to €829**
Many Thanks to all who attended and helped with **Lynally Cemetery Mass** on Monday

Rahan Hall Saturday 12th Sept Social Dancing with **Olivia Douglas** Adm €10

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

Season of Creation 2026 September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi).

After this summer in Ireland, we don't have to imagine burnt earth, dry and cracked soil, desert and depleted resources of water. If we were lukewarm before about 'Care for our Common Home' or cynical about 'Laudato Si' we have an opportunity to revisit those views by immersing ourselves in the celebration of the **Season of Creation** in our liturgies and our communities The theme 'Living Water' inspired by Ezekiel 47:9,12. is a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole of creation. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguard and work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together

Lourdes Petition prayer request forms are available in our churches for the next 2 weekends for those wishing to send a petition on the Meath Pilgrimage on the 8th Sept

Today's Gospel: - It can be difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and lifestyles gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful. It's all a bit of a contrast to the message of today's gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden? Surely we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible. Yet, we see self-sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give us their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses, doctors and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. Countless people give up their time and resources to help those in need, whether it is raising funds for charities or offering practical support to those who are sick, homeless, or struggling. And it's all done out of love. When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock, as it seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us, just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly. Being a follower of Jesus means being prepared to sometimes put others' needs before our own and to go the extra mile to show that we love and care.

First Friday Calls to the sick and housebound will take place on Wednesday in The Island, on Thursday in Rahan, and on Friday in Mucklagh . If anyone would like a visit at home or in hospital please contact either priest and we will be delighted to call

September Offerings: Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please use envelope from box of envelopes or an ordinary envelope with your name, address and envelope number if you have one. As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity

Mucklagh Tidy Towns Clean Up Evening on Tues 1st Meet at church at 7pm

Many Thanks to all who are already doing such good work in & around the village.