

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th August 2014.

Today's readings are an interesting mix as we reflect on our Church and its mission. The Gospel passage is often seen as a reference to the origins of the Church and the papacy, as Jesus hands Peter 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. But look what Jesus asks him just before this: 'Who do you say I am?' Everything we do as Church should come back to this question – who do we say that Jesus is? Lest we get too sure of ourselves, the Second Reading reminds us: 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?...All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him'. Everything comes from God, and everything we do should be for God.

KILLINA

Sunday 24th 10.30am: Mass for Nellie Dunne, Roscore.

Tuesday 26th 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 27th 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 29th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 31st 10.30am: Mass for Zeena McDevitt and the Sherlock family, Killina.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm: Mass for the David & Mary Conroy & Frs. David & Stephen, Deerpark And the Flynn & Bermingham families.

Saturday 30th 6.00pm: Mass for Joe & Joan Maher & deceased family members, The Derries.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm: Mass for the Finlay Family, Agall & Bracklin.

Sunday 24th 9.00am: -----

Sunday 24th 12noon: -----

Tuesday 26th 9.00am:

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm: Mass for Din Brady (Jnr) & deceased family members, Beechmount Park.

Thursday 28th 9.00am: -----

Friday 29th 7.30pm: Mass for Eugene Snr, Josephine, Eugene Jnr & John Gorman, Beechmount Park.

Saturday 30th 7.30pm: Mass for Catherine Gath, Bunatarn.

Sunday 31st 9.00am: -----

Sunday 31st 12noon: -----

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island - every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Rededication of Killina Church.

Video of the occasion can be had from Fr Martin for €10.00. Lots of Photos on parish website by Jim Lawlor, Anne Cooney and Dervilla Buckley.

Offertory/Plate 10th Aug: Killina €218.00 The Island €180.00

Offertory/Plate: 17th Aug: Killina €130.00 The Island €0.00 Mucklagh €1,080.00

Dev Fund: 10th Aug: Killina & The Island €265.00

Dev Fund 17th Aug: Killina & The Island €85.00 Mucklagh €440.00

Rahan Cemetery Collection: €1,543.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Liz Kelly**, Killiskea, Tullamore (mother of Sean Kelly, Lynally & Moriosa, Ross Rd), who died on the 18th August. Her funeral took place in Mucklagh on the 22nd August with burial in the Old Cemetery and **Susan Guinan**, St. Colman's Terrace who died on the 19th August. Her funeral took place in St. Colman's Church on the 21st August with burial in Clonminch. May they rest in peace.

Churchgate Collection: The annual churchgate collection for the Irish Society for Autism will be held this weekend

Skip in Mucklagh Cemetery: Due to the amount it is costing to empty the skip in Mucklagh graveyard, those of us who are responsible for the upkeep and the maintenance of the graveyard have decided that we would follow the example of other graveyards in the vicinity, whereby they have got rid of such skips. We invite each family to be responsible for taking home their own wreaths and vases/flowerpots. It is now costing between €1,500 - €2,000 per year for us to have the skip emptied and of course water charges on top of this. The Mucklagh graveyards and family plots are a credit all involved. In this matter we appeal to your understanding and goodwill. Thank You.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO Tuesday 19th August. Numbers drawn were 1, 2, 4 & 10. There was no jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners, Trish Reynolda & Declan O' Kelly each win €75. Next week's jackpot will be €9,000. Thanks to all who support our Lotto and our Fundraisers last weekend.

Mucklagh Community Development: are asking all community members to please pick up a "Tesco Community Fund" leaflet if you are shopping in Tesco in the coming days as every six weeks. Tesco will donate €1000 to a local good cause. As we are always looking for funds for our Community Centre it is as easy as picking up a leaflet and nominating it. Here are the details You will need: Name: Mucklagh Community Centre, Phone number: 0868364523, Email: mucklaghed@gmail.com Thank you for your support. Also Mucklagh Community Development would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at our latest fundraising events which were a huge success and raised in excess of a whopping €10,000. We also want to say we will be running a Card Drive on the 5th of Sep. in Rahan Hall. Please support.

Better Health Club Rahan: Are now actively seeking new members. The club will open from 9am until 1pm and 6pm until 10pm from Monday to Friday. Membership is €20 per month. Classes will start soon in spin and kettle bells. Contact John Re classes 087 6639115.

Rahan Community Alert New Committee: Our area Co Ordinators have been out collecting Phone Numbers for the 'Text Alert Scheme. They report a huge positive response as they went from door to door. Our next meeting is Sept 6th so hopefully 'Text Alert will be up and running soon after. All phone numbers are strictly confidential and not be used for any other purpose. A big 'Thank You' to all our sponsors also. More information as we proceed. Thank you.

Clodagh Active Retirement: Our group are off to the Brandon Hotel in Tralee, Co. Kerry for mid-week break, Sept 29th – Oct 2nd, Mon to Thurs. 3 nights B&B and 3 Dinners and 4 days tours. Cost €240 p.p.s. and single cost €260. To book places please contact Carmel on 087 9530377 a.s.a.p.

Chiropodist: Will be in Rahan Hall on Friday 29th August from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1pm onwards. Anyone wishing to avail of this service please come along. All toes of all ages welcome.

Lost & Found: Key of front door found in Church 2 weeks ago. It can be collected at the parochial house.

Pilgrimage to Rome: in honour of **Saint Columbanus:** October 8th -15th 2014 (€995 pps) for further details and booking please contact: Cultural Connections Ltd. Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Tel: 057 9355050 mornings only or email: grouptravel@libero.it

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: One Day Retreats: recommence on 17th August. Contact Maureen or Sharon. Tel 071 9861518 email info@loughderg.org

Banagher Traditional Skills Festival 22nd – 24th Aug 2014. A celebration of traditional skills and heritage, will take place in Banagher over the weekend of 22nd to 24th August in the form of the Traditional Skill Festival. Over the three days, Crank House and the town will play host to a series of workshops, demonstrations and other interesting events. The workshops will include such skills as Pottery, Dry Stone Wall Building, Willow Weaving, Batik, and Felting. Many of the workshops will have both adult, and child suitable sessions. The full list of workshops and events is available on the website: www.traditionalskills.ie. or by ringing Aileen Duffy aileen@traditionalskills.ie (087 9430489

Shamrock's Notes: **Lotto:** The numbers drawn were 8, 14, 18 & 29. There were 2 match 3's €100 each, Emmet Kirwan (c/o K. Maher, Tulabeg G. C and Billy Boland (c/o B. Scully). Next week's jackpot is €9,000 and the draw will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse. **Monster B-B-Q:** Shamrocks are holding a monster B-B-Q in Tullybeg golf Club in Rahan on Saturday 30th August at 9.00pm. Ruaile Buaille, Jig Jam and D.J. Derek are providing the entertainment on the night D.J. . There will be a pig on a spit and some wonderful b-b0-que fare. Tickets are priced at only €10 and are available from any committee member or Kelly shop Mucklagh. **Cul Camp:** A very successful Cul Camp was held in the Mucklagh grounds last week with nearly 100 boys and girls from all over the parish. Thanks to all those who participated and helped out over the week and to the trainers Eimear Bryant, Michael Brerton, Ian Duffy, Sean Mealiff and Clodagh and James.

Fixtures: Minor Football 27th August: Shamrock's V's Rhode in Mucklagh at 7pm.

U16 hurlers: Well done to the U16 hurlers who had a good win over Kinnity on Monday last.

Pope Francis, Korea and Catholics in China: In recent decades Popes on Pastoral visits to the Far East were not allowed to fly over Chinese airspace, however Pope Francis was given permission to fly over China on Thursday on his way to South Korea, many saw it as a sign of hope for religious freedom -- especially Catholicism in China. But on the other hand reports have emerged that Chinese Catholics were barred from visiting South Korea to see the pontiff. More than 100 students who had planned to travel from China to South Korea to attend the Asian Youth Day event were not allowed. The Vatican and Beijing have had no formal relations since the Communist Party came into power in 1949. A Research Centre study in 2011 estimates the number of Christians inside China at 67 million, about 5% of the country's total population at the time, amongst which around 10 million are Catholics. This is compared to 10 million Christians in total in 1996. According to researchers the numbers are rising quickly. The Director of the Centre on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University has predicted that China will be home to the largest Christian population by 2030.