

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st August 2014.

There are many obstacles and temptations, and sometimes we are afraid to stand up for what we believe in. And then there's today's Gospel, which speaks of suffering, and tells us that following Jesus involves taking up our cross. How do we make sense of all this in the context of our faith journey? The good news is we are not alone in our struggles. In today's First Reading, Jeremiah struggles with his faith in one of his many 'laments'. His faith has caused him to be a laughing stock. He feels conflicted; although his faith is inviting insult and derision, it is also a fire burning in his heart. In spite of people's hostile reactions, he has been 'seduced' by God, and he cannot speak out. Is this how we feel about our faith? Is it like a fire burning within us, in our very bones, or are we lukewarm in our commitment? Following Jesus is a radical choice, now more than ever perhaps.

KILLINA

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

Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm: -----

Wednesday 3rd 9.00am: Mass in the Convent.

Friday 5th 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead.

Sunday 7th 10.30am: -----

THE ISLAND

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

Friday 5th 6.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead.

Saturday 6th 6.00pm: 1st Anniversary Mass for Rita Egan, Deerpark.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

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

Sunday 31st 9.00am: -----

Sunday 31st 12noon: Mass for Mary & John Meehan, Beechmount Park.

Tuesday 2nd 9.00am:

Wednesday 3rd 7.30pm: Mass for Patsy Colgan & Gerard Colgan, Beechmount Park.

Thursday 4th 9.00am: -----

Friday 5th 7.30pm: Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & Michael Cummins, Glaskill And Michael Egan, Boora.

Saturday 6th 7.30pm: Mass for Nora Smyth, Charleville Road.

Sunday 7th 9.00am: Mass for James & Margaret McGovern, Brocca.

Sunday 7th 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.

Holy Hour: Adoration and Prayers in Mucklagh on Monday evening from 7.30-8.30pm (1st Monday of Month)

Offertory/Plate: Killina €165.00 The Island €175.00 Mucklagh €740.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €175.00 Mucklagh €260.00

Killickfehan Cemetery Collection: €555.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Josephine Molloy**, Roscore, who died on 28th Aug. with funeral Mass in Mucklagh on Sat. 30th Aug. and burial afterwards in the New Cemetery, Mucklagh.

Greta Tiernan, Louisburgh, Co Mayo, (Mother of Margaret Minnock Bohernagrishna) who died on the 25th August. Her funeral took place in Louisburgh on the 27th August. May she rest in peace.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **William Percival, Ballymahon** and **Edel Donnellan, Ballina, Ballycumber** who were married in St. Patrick's Church, The Island on the 28th August and **Karen Carroll, The Meelaghans** and **Paul Carroll, Brocca Road** who were married in St. Colman's Church, Mucklagh on the 29th August. Good Wishes to you.

Schools Re-opening: On Monday 1st Sept all the schools of the parish will be back in full swing for the New Academic Year after their summer holidays. Pupils, teachers and parents are all wished well.

New Envelope Year Starts on 1st Sunday in Oct. The new boxes are being made ready for distribution during the weeks in Sept. If you know of new families or families who have changed houses recently, please let us know. Thank You.

Rahan Drama Group: will commence New Year with a meeting in The Island Meeting Room at 8.00pm Wed. 3rd Sept.

September Offerings: The last of the 6 Annual Offerings for the support and salaries of the Priests will be taken up next weekend and for the next few Sundays. Please use the yellow envelopes in you box. If you are using an ordinary envelope, please put your name and number on it so it can be recorded on our records. Thanks for your ongoing support.

'World Suicide Prevention Day': An Ecumenical Services of Remembrance and Hope will be held in The Church of the Assumption, Tullamore on 10th September at 7.30pm with the aim of creating awareness of suicide prevention, supporting those bereaved by suicide and giving a message of hope for the future. All are welcome to attend and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

Day of Reparation for World Peace: The Ark Apostolic Movement of Divine Mercy will host A Special Day of Reparation for World Peace at the Ark Centre 23 Mitchell Terrace Athlone on Saturday 6th of September 2014 starting at 1.00pm. Confessions and Rosary at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.00pm. Celebrant Canon Liam Devine. Rosary procession for World Peace at 3.00pm with the carrying of The Blessed Eucharist, Relic of the True Cross and Statue of Our Blessed Lady starting at The Ark Centre via Shamrock Lodge, Battery bridge and Battery Road. The Ark Centre will remain open until 10.00pm with Adoration and Individual Blessings with the Relic of The True Cross.

Rahan & Killickfehan Cemeteries Devotions: A sincere word of thanks to the people who prepared the two cemeteries for the recent cemetery devotions, and well done to all who work in the two cemeteries for their general upkeep and for keeping the cemeteries looking so well at all times. Many thanks also to those who helped in any way in and around the altar areas for the celebration of the Masses.

Mucklagh Schoolboys/girls Soccer Club: need parents to help out with Under 8's, 9's and 10's this coming season. No soccer background necessary. If interested contact David on 086 1053122.

Mucklagh Community Development: Tesco have notified us this week with the great news that **Mucklagh Community Development** has been chosen as one of the charities for the next round of sponsorship. So could you all please ask Family and Friends that if you shop at Tesco from the **6th of September** please collect your token from the till and vote for your Centre – Mucklagh Community Centre.

LOTTO Tuesday 26-08-14 No's drawn were 10/11/17/25. No jackpot winner.

There were 4 Match 3 winners. Deirdre Hunt, Brian Lowry, Enda McDonagh & Paddy & Brian Tyrrell.....each

Rahan Parish Hall Committee: The Hall is now open for bookings. We hope to accommodate all groups as best we can. A fresh coat of paint has the hall looking good. For bookings call Marie 0879668172 or Mary 0876910302

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in The Island Church for September: 6th Sept: M. Minnock, 13th Sept: G. Minnock, 20th Sept: B. Bracken, 27th Sept: K. Looby, 4th Oct: A. Minnock

Rahan Comhaltas: Well done and Congratulations to all who participated in their respective competitions in Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, Rahan Comhaltas are very proud of you all, Some success's enjoyed were Pat Fulton 3rd place in the "O18 men's English singing", Rosín O'Brien won the "12-15 Feadóg competition", Grace Minnock together with 2 companions from Ballyboy won the "Ceol Trí / Trios (Faoi 12) competition" and Ellen Reilly together with Ademar O'Connor came second in "Ceol Beirte / Duets (Faoi 12) competition". Music and Dance lessons are resuming in Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown, Rahan. Fiddle, Banjo / Mandolin, Guitar, Whistle / Flute, Concertina, Accordion, Keyboard are all supported. Instruments can be hired and are subject to availability. Registration will take place on the 5th of September from 6 – 7 PM, with Classes starting on the 12th of September. Also Set dancing classes resume in the GAA rooms, Tullabeg on the 11th of September at 9pm, for more details you can contact Mike on 086 3883156. You can always catch up with all our news and events www.rahamcomhaltas.com.

Rahan Community Alert: A meeting of Rahan Community Alert takes place next Wed Sept 3rd at 8pm in Rahan Parish Hall. All area Officers are asked to attend and meetings open to all.

Clodagh Active Retirement: Our group is 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.

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

The Carers Association: is providing legislative Patient Moving and Handling training in your area. For further information please contact 057 9322920 or e mail training@carersireland.com

Offaly Hospice Coffee Morning: is on Thursday September 18th we are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Mornings all over the county. If you are interested in hosting a coffee morning please contact us anytime on [0579328634](tel:0579328634) or call into Offaly Hospice office, 12 Henry St., Tullamore, Monday to Friday between 10am and 1.30pm or Email offalyhospice@gmail.com. All the money raised in Offaly stays in Offaly to provide hospice care locally.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 8, 19, 22 & 29. There were three match three's, Caroline Buckley (c/o M. Buckley), M.M.D. (c/o E. Yeates), and Pat Kearney (c/o Pat Keatney. Next week's jackpot will be €9,200 and the draw will take place in Tullybeg Golf Club.

Results: Division 3 Hurling Semi-Final: Ballinamere 13 points, Shamrocks 10 points. The game was played last Sunday. **Minor Football** in Mucklagh Shamrock's - 6.19 – 0-02; **Under 14s Football** in Mucklagh Shamrock's 2 – 14 Gracefield 3-09

The Club extend their sympathy to the Molloy Family, Roscore on their recent bereavement (Mrs Josephine Molloy).