

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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2nd Sunday of Advent 6th December 2015.

How is your Advent going? We're a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas and so much still to be done! Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our dealings with others as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist, pointing always towards Christ. Saint Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more. Let love be your guide.

KILLINA

Sunday 6th 10.30am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully.

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and opening of the Holy year of Mercy

Wednesday 9th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 11th 9.00am:

Sunday 13th 10.30am:

Mass for John O' Brien, Rahan Demense &

'Do this in Memory' Mass for the pupils of 2nd Class, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa

THE ISLAND

Saturday 5th 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick, Ellen & James Kennedy, Clonshanny.

Tuesday 8th 6.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and opening of the Holy year of Mercy

Saturday 12th 6.00pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Pat Joe Leonard, Ballincur & remembering his wife Nora.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 5th 7.30pm:

Mass for Patrick & Mary Nolan, Charleville Road.

Sunday 6th 9.00am:

Mass for Patrick Lacey, Ballybrittas & his mother Betty.

Sunday 6th 12noon:

Mass for Betty & Peter Owens, Beechmount Park.

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and opening of the Holy year of Mercy (No morning Mass)

Wednesday 9th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Frank Laboda, Poland & Tullamore.

Thursday 10th 9.00am:

Friday 11th 7.30pm:

Mass for Natasha White, Adam's Villas.

Saturday 12th 7.30pm:

Mass for Paddy & Carmel Reynolds, Ballard & the deceased members of the Reynolds & Derham families.

Sunday 13th 9.00am:

Sunday 13th 12noon:

Mass for Patrick Walsh, Charleville Forest &

'Do this in Memory' Mass for the pupils of St. Colman's National School

Sunday 13th 7.00pm:

Rahan Parish Community Christmas Carol Service in Mucklagh Church

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church

- every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island

- **postponed until further notice.**

Mucklagh

- every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €210.00

The Island €185.00

Mucklagh €678.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €195.00

Mucklagh €260.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Isabel Esther Larkin**, The Island, who was baptised in The Island Church on the 29th November

Churchgate Collections: Rahan Community Alert will hold their Annual Churchgate collection at the Masses in Killina and The Island on the 5th & 6th December. (next weekend)

Umbro Clothes Collection: Will take place on Wednesday 16th December in the three churches of the parish.

Rahan Christmas Bazaar: A huge well done to all who worked so hard on the recent Christmas Bazaar which took place in Rahan Hall. To all the committee members, Gemma Deegan and her team on the stage, the ticket sellers, those who helped to set up the hall, those who helped with parking, those who donated prizes and sponsorship, to those who provided the individual tables around the hall with products for sale and to all who came along. Many thanks to all.

Ordination: Sunday 6th December, Revd Noel Weir from Tullamore, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael Smith in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore at 3.00pm and all are invited and welcome to join in this special day in Noel's life. Noel will celebrate his first Mass in the Church of the Assumption on Monday 7th December at 6.30pm. All are very welcome to join Noel on Monday evening also

Christmas 2015 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: People can avail of the opportunity to go the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Evening and Sunday 19th/20th December before and after all Masses in the parish. Over the years many people avail of this opportunity to make their Spiritual Preparation for Christmas

Parish Christmas Draw: Will take place on the 13th December in Newtown Primary school at 3.00pm Prizes:€500, €300, €200, €100, Turkeys, Hams, Whiskey, Brandy, Cakes, Biscuits & other prizes. Tickets will be available from this weekend at the church doors. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: The annual Parish Carol Service this year for the Parish will take place in Mucklagh Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 13th December. Many thanks to those who have given their time for the preparation and co-ordination of the carol service. Choirs from the Parish will take part on the night. All are very welcome.

Ecumenical Carol Service: An Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St. Carthage's Church of Ireland, Rahan on the 27th December at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend this Carol Service and to make it a special evening of prayer and song.

Community Games: A 5K Road Race/Fun Run will be held on Monday 28th December through the village of Mucklagh starting at 12:30pm. Registration will start at 11am in the new Community Centre. This event is also registered with Athletics Association Ireland. Entry fee will be €5 for runners and €15 for families. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Runners can pre-register by email to mricommgames@gmail.com. Alternatively check us out on our facebook page.

Rahan Community Alert: Our aim for the future is to erect some CCTV cameras at strategic points round the parish. We had some goods stolen in our area on Tuesday night last, so we once again ask everyone to be vigilant and especially keep an eye on the elderly. Don't tell the world on facebook that you are away and the house is empty either. Stay safe.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 01-12-15 numbers drawn 9 /13 /16 /18. No Jackpot Winner. One match three winner, Laura Bergin Ross Rd. Next week's jackpot €12,000. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

'Buy A brick' for Mucklagh Community Centre: Anyone who wishes to buy a brick for Mucklagh community centre may do so by calling to the centre from Monday to Friday from 9.30 until 12.30. Also you may email mucklaghd@gmail.com, or by phone: 086 836 4523, 087 632 5409 or 087 944 8623. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Tree Lights in Mucklagh: This year the turning on of the Christmas Tree Lights will take place on Tuesday evening December 8th at 7.00pm. Santa will be visiting the children of Mucklagh at 5.30pm at the Community Centre. Santa will read all the children a story and they will receive a treat from Santa before he helps to switch on the lights of the village Christmas tree. This event is hosted by Mucklagh Community Development and Beechmount Park Residents. All parents and guardians are asked to remain with their children for the duration of the event. This event is Free of charge. Thanks to all involved.

Christmas Tree in Killina: The switch on of the lights will take place after the 7.30pm Mass on the 8th December. A huge word of thanks to each and every person who made all of this possible with their great efforts.

Christmas Tree at the Island Church: A Christmas tree will be placed in front of the Island Church. Well done to all involved. The lighting of the tree will take place at 6.15pm on the evening of the 8th December before the 6.30pm Mass.

Novena: To Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kilcormac Church will take place each Monday at 7.30pm from 2nd November to 14th December. All Petitions and Thanksgivings included in each Mass. Blessing of congregation with Blessed Sacrament on 30th November. Confessions with visiting Priests on 14th December. All welcome.

Glas Meeting for Grey Partridge Farmers: Improved options for Grey Partridge Farmers available in Tranche 2 of GLAS. GLAS now open for applications until December 7th 2015.

Offaly Local Development Company: are running a FETAC level 4 Landscaping & Horticulture Local Training Initiative in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education, Banagher. It is a 26 week full-time programme ,commencing February 2016. For further information please contact Roy/Imelda on 087 6835561

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 7, 24, 26, 29. Two match 3's €100 each. Pascal Coughlan (M Manley) & Joe Gallagher (The Manor). Next week's jackpot is €6200 and the draw will take place in Tullabeg Clubhouse. Thanks to all for their continued support.

Lotto Tickets: If you're having trouble thinking of a Christmas present to get your loved ones why not get them a Shamrock's yearly lotto ticket. A ticket for the year costs €100 and you're in with a chance every week of winning that jackpot. Anyone interested please contact a committee member.

Congratulations: Well done to Nigel Dunne (Junior) on receiving an award from the Star Newspaper for man of the match in the match between Offaly and Waterford in the qualifying stages of the football championship.

Shamrocks Ladies: Many thanks to all who attended the shamrocks ladies football club AGM. Thanks to everyone who contributed and supported the club in 2015. We were very successful in electing a new committee with many new faces for the fort coming season and we would like to wish the new committee, coaches and teams all the success in the New Year ahead and look forward to your continued support for 2016.