

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 20th December 2015.

Let us be hushed. In all the madness of the festive season, we need some peace and quiet and time to reflect. Mary was caught up in the excitement of being pregnant, and wonderment at what the angel had told her. She went quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Perhaps she needed a bit of 'head space' to reflect on everything that was happening. And then we have this precious moment when Elizabeth greets her, and describes how the child in her womb leapt for joy. Like Elizabeth, we await the arrival of Jesus with joy. Like Mary, we are filled with wonder.

KILLINA

Sunday 20th 10.30am:

Mass for Joe & May Monaghan, Screggan Cross.

Tuesday 22nd 7.30pm:

Mass for Bernie Cunningham, Killina.

Wednesday 23rd 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Christmas Eve 9.00pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity.

Christmas Day 10.30am:

Sunday 27th 10.30pm:

Mass for Michael & Ronnie Grennan, Murrough.

Sunday 27th 4.00pm:

Ecumenical Carol Service, St. Carthage's Church of Ireland Rahan.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 19th 6.00pm:

Mass for Joseph & Lil Daly, Ballina.

Christmas Eve 6.00pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity and also

Christmas Day 10.00am:

Mass for Mary & Dan Fogarty & deceased family members, Castletown.

St. Stephen's Day 6.00pm:

Mass for Pat Higgins & remembering his wife Nan

& deceased members of the Higgins family, Ballybrumcullen.

For William & Mary B. Kinahan & their sons Harry & Peter

& Henry O' Rourke, Kilpatrick

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 19th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Kevin Maher, Killina and
Also Mass for Thomas & Catherine Conlon, Adam's Villas.

Sunday 20th 9.00am:

Sunday 20th 12noon:

1st Anniversary Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross, Screggan.

Tuesday 22nd 9.00am:

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm:

Christmas Eve 7.30pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity (Please note: No morning Mass)

Christmas Day 9.00am:

Mass for The White & Galvin Family, Screggan.

Christmas Day 12noon:

Mass for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon.

St Stephen's Day 7.30pm:

Sunday 27th 9.00am:

Sunday 27th 12noon:

Mass for Breda & Pat -Joe Conroy, Ballard.

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 €335.00

The Island €210.00

Mucklagh €662.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €535.00

Mucklagh €500.00

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Conor Fracis Monaghan**, Mountarmstrong who was baptised in Killina on the 12th December and **Carly Leigh O' Connell**, Mucklagh who was baptised in Mucklagh on the 13th December.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: In St. Colman's Church will finish at 2.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place this weekend before and after all Masses in the three Churches of the Parish. We begin the Holy year of Mercy and there will also be an opportunity to receive monthly Confessions before and after all Masses on the last weekend of each month in the three churches. Always know you are very welcome for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parish Christmas Draw: A word of thanks to all who helped in any way for the recent Parish Christmas Draw. Thanks to all who helped on the day in Newtown School and thank you to all who donated prizes. A total of €3,690.00 was taken in. Many thanks to all who bought draw cards. The list of the prize winners are available around the three churches of the parish.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: The annual Carol Service this year took place in Mucklagh Church on Sunday 13th December. A huge word of thanks to all the choirs and members of Rahan Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann who took part on the evening. Well done also to all the choir leaders and musicians and thanks to Michael Grennan for his great work with the sound and Deirdre Byrne for her great work in co-ordinating the different groups for the programme. Thanks also to Deirdre Condon for her great support and work, and thanks to our parish secretary Suzanne for her work in the preparation of the booklet and thanks to each and every person who made the church look so well on the night. The DVD of the night is now available at a price of €10 and can be booked at the sacristies of the three churches.

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.

A word of Thanks: Many thanks to Pat and Brendan of FAS, and John Hickey and Joe O' Brien for their great help in preparing the car park at Killina Church for the Christmas celebrations.

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. Finally a reminder that the Athletics will be held on Sunday 24th May in Shamrocks GAA pitch, Mucklagh. Registration from 1.30pm. Check out our Facebook page for any further updates.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 15/12/15 numbers drawn were 6-12-31-32. No Jackpot Winner Three match three winners Teresa Heffernan, Joe Carty & Yvonne Carter. Next week's jackpot €12,000. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

'Buy A brick' for Mucklagh Community Centre: Any one 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. This could make a nice Christmas present for someone. Also you may email mucklaghd@gmail.com, or by phone: 086 836 4523, 087 635 5409 or 087 944 8623. Thank you for your continued support.

Rahan CCE: As we make our way towards Christmas Rahan Comhaltas reflect on the past year their 20th Anniversary. The group went all out to celebrate with good results in the Fleadh, Workshops, Sessiun, a trip to Mayo and our Anniversary concert on the 6th of November. It has been a wonderful year one which memories are made and cherished. We hope to see some of you out chasing the wren on Stephens Day and we may darken a few doors over the Christmas playing music. DVD's of the Anniversary Concert are now on sale and we are looking for members to take part in the Mummies in New Inn on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd Jan 2016. We are looking forward to a new year and cherishing the memories of the friends who have departed to another music scene. Happy Christmas and a happy new year from all at Rahan Comhaltas.

Rahan Community Alert: What a great year 2015 was with the setting up of 'Text Alert' and of course our new signs with Townslands on. All this is due to the public's kind generosity and help from local volunteers and Fas workers for which we are grateful. A special word of thanks also to all our Agents who forward 'Text Alert' messages on a regular basis. Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group: Offaly St, Drop In Centre. Mon-Thur 10am-2pm . Phone Support 9328268.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 1, 2, 3 & 24. There was 1 match 3, €200 to Billy Healion c/o Healion. Jackpot €6600 next week and draw will take place in Tullybeg

Table Quiz: Please keep the 28th of December free as the players are organising a table quiz. Teams of 4 people at €10 each.

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.

Offaly Lotto: Could all members that purchase Offaly County Board Lotto tickets on a yearly basis please renew/buy through the Shamrocks Club as the Club benefits through relief on annual levies. Please contact [087 2498026](tel:0872498026) if interested.

Church Gate Collection: The Shamrock's minor board are doing a church gate collection on the 27th & 28th of December. All support would be greatly appreciated.

