

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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4th Sunday of Advent 21st December 2014.

Mary is not merely a virgin but the Blessed Virgin, prepared to be God's house as promised to David (first reading). It is the work of grace. The virginal conception is the story of divine power because the child conceived is a person who already exists. 'If a God had to be born, it could only be of a virgin and if a virgin had to give birth, she could only give birth to a God'. The divinity of the child necessitated a virgin birth.

KILLINA

Sunday 21st 10.30am:

Mass for Mary & Joe Monaghan, Screggan.

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Bernie Cunningham, Killina & deceased Family members.

Christmas Eve 9.00am:

Please note. No morning Mass in the Convent.

Christmas Eve 9.00pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity.

Christmas Day 10.30am:

St. Stephen's Day 9.00am:

Sunday 28th 10.30am:

Mass for Michael Kearney, Tully.

Sunday 28th 4.00pm:

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

THE ISLAND

Saturday 20th 6.00pm:

Mass for the deceased members of the Daly family, Ballina Cross.

Christmas Eve 6.00pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity for Mary & Dan Fogarty and Deceased family members, Castletown.

Christmas Day 10.00am:

Mass for Pat Higgins & remembering his wife Nan, Ballybrumcullen.

Saturday 27th 6.00pm: Mass for Elizabeth & Joe Daly & their daughter Kathleen Foyle, Ballina, Ballycumber.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 20th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Joe Heavey, Ross.

Sunday 21st 9.00am:

Mass for Pat Lacey, Ballybrittas.

Sunday 21st 12noon:

Mass for Margaret Murphy, Charleville View.

Tuesday 23rd 9.00am:

Christmas Eve 7.30pm:

Blessing of the Crib & Mass of the Nativity.

Mass for Frank & Mary Claffey & deceased family members, Mucklagh.

Christmas Day 9.00am:

Mass for the deceased members of the White & Galvin Families, Screggan.

Christmas Day 12noon:

Mass for Sean Murray, Ballyshannon.

St. Stephen's Day 7.30pm:

Saturday 27th 7.30pm:

Month's Memory Mass for Vincent Flaherty, Screggan.

Sunday 28th 9.00am:

Sunday 28th 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 - every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

Kindly Note: There will be no Adoration in Mucklagh Church on Christmas Day.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: would like to express its sincere gratitude to everyone who supported their recent Churchgate Collection. The proceeds will be used to support the needy in our community during the Christmas period.

Offertory/Plate: Killina €155.00 The Island €140.00

Mucklagh €1090.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €420.00

Mucklagh €965.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **Oswarld (Ossie) Whitney**, Blueball who died on the 16th December and who's funeral Mass took place in Mount Bolus Church on the 18th December with burial afterwards in Lowertown Cemetery, Mountbolus, **Marian Pollard (nee Conroy)**, Edenderry, sister of Rita Kinahan, Newtown who died on the 17th December and who's funeral took place on the 19th December in Edenderry and burial in St. Mary's Cemetery Edenderry and **Mary Colgan** formally The Locks, Rahan and Tullamore who died on the 16th December. Her funeral took place on the 19th December in Tullamore with burial in Cappincur Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to **Rosie Kinahan**, Kilpatrick and **Martin Mc Evoy**, Kilcappa, Cloneygowan who were married in Killina Church on the 12th December. We wish them long and happy lives together.

Christmas 2014 in Rahan Parish: Preparation for Christmas: The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: People can avail of the opportunity to go the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday Evening and Sunday 21st/22nd December (this weekend) before and after all Masses in the parish. Over the years many people avail of this opportunity to make their Spiritual Preparation for Christmas

Ecumenical Carol Service: An Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St. Carthage's Church of Ireland, Rahan on the 28th December at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend this Carol Service and to make it a special evening of prayer and song.

Parish Christmas Carol Service: A word of thanks to everyone in the parish who took part in the Christmas Carol Service in Killina Church last Tuesday Evening, 16th Dec.. Well done to the choirs from Killina Presentation Secondary School, Scoil Carthaigh Naofa, Newtown, Mucklagh Church Choir, Killina Folk Choir, The Island Church Choir and the members of Rahan Comhaltas for their great work and preparation. Thanks to Tom Minnock who acted as MC for the night. Thanks also to the many people who prepared the church for the night. Thanks also to Michael Grennan of Murrough for his great work on the sound for the night and Jim Griffin and Michael & Pdraig Bracken for their help with the lights and electrical work, Sr. Oliver Wrafter, for the crib, Collette Condon for the flowers, Philip Minnock & Danny Marshall for the chairs and all who provided refreshments in the Secondary School. There is a DVD available of the entire event at a price of €10. Please let us know if you would like to get a copy.

Annual Parish Christmas Draw: Was held last Sunday 14th December in Scoil Carthaigh Naofa. It was a great success. A total of €3,680 was taken in. The cost of the expenses will be published in the coming weeks. We thank all who supported the draw and donated gifts and those who helped with the organisation of the draw. The result sheets containing the names of the winners are available in local shops and churches.

Community Games: We will be hosting a festive 5k fun run/walk on Sunday 28th December in Mucklagh. Registration at 1.30pm and run/walk starts at 2pm sharp from Kelly's Roadhouse car park. Entry fee: Adults €5.00, Children €3.00, Family of 4 €15.00. A fun day out for all the family.

Mucklagh Community Development: LOTTO: Tuesday 16th December numbers drawn 6-21-23-31. No Jackpot Winner. One match three Winner Therese Heffernan wins €150. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. Next week's match three €150. Thanks to everyone for the continued support.

Rahan Community Market: Rahan Community Market takes place every Saturday from 10am to 1pm, at Rahan GAA Car Park. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the market since its relocation and look forward to welcoming new faces.

St Colmans National School Mucklagh: The children of St. Colman's National School under the Musical Guidance of Majella Killeen and class teachers have recorded their very first CD "play the moments rewind the happiness" featuring 18 songs in total. These CD's can be purchased from the St. Colman's School please contact Claire on 0579341244 or alternatively contact Alison on 0877548981.

Thank You: to all of you who turned out to see "Rahan Remembers" last Sunday evening. Its a great testament to community spirit! Also a warm thank you to everyone who helped out in any way to make it such a wonderful evening. Kind Regards, Catherine Hickey. DVDs of 'Rahan Remembers' are available by contacting me at 086-0318368. DVDs also available from: Kelly's Roadhouse, Mucklagh, The Fingerboard, Offaly Historical Society, Bury Quay, Scally's Centra, Trax, Bridge Centre or Made in Offaly, High Street.

A Pilgrimage to Medjugoire: will take place with a Spiritual Director and Larry Cummins from 20th-27th of May 2015. Departing from Dublin. Special offer of €519 if paid in full before December 10th Details available from Paul Woods on 087 7828283.

Pilgrimage to the land of the Lord's nativity in 2015: A pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place on **2 - 10 September 2015** under the leadership of Sr Consilio Rock, Fr Gerry MacCormack and Fr Dwayne Gavin. The 8 day itinerary begins in Jerusalem, which will be the base for 5 nights. During that time, the pilgrims will visit all the holy sites including the Via Dolorosa, the Holy Sepulchre, Mount Zion and Yad Vashem. The pilgrims will then make their way to Bethlehem and Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. The itinerary takes in Emmaus, Tiberias, Nazareth, Cana, Mount of Beatitudes, Mount Tabor, Capernaum and the Sea of Galilee. The price per person sharing is E 1,325.00. Further details are available from Map Travel, which can be contacted at 01 878 3111 or www.maptravel.ie.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto Results: The numbers drawn were 7,11,13,29. 3 match 3 €135 each. Well done Larry, Caroline, Nancy c/o N. Thorntan. Clare Dunne c/o Flynn's. Brendan Mc Evoy c/o B. Mc Evoy. Jackpot €3000 draw in Kelly's next Monday

Shamrocks Christmas Draw: Well done to Philip Barron, Majella Guest, and Declan Guilfoyle who won €100 each. Pat Tierney, Tony McLaughlin, Noel Grennan, Jack & Emma Favier won €50 each. Thanks for your support all year.

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Advent: *On this Advent Sunday of Love, we focus on the benediction from the Book of Romans in which Paul glorifies "the only wise God." Though the world needs love as much as it always has, right now it needs wisdom, and wise leadership even more.*

