

PARISH OF RAHAN

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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5th Sunday of Easter Sunday 3rd May 2015.

There have been many variations of the phrase 'there's no smoke without fire' down through the ages. If you throw enough mud, it sticks, and some people find themselves tried, sentenced and found wanting. In Paul's case, there was certainly enough fire before the road to Damascus. He had 'previous' to use a colloquialism. He was, for example, as we know, present at the stoning of Stephen, an event he approved of thoroughly. Forgiveness is a process. Every saint has a past and every sinner a future. Who can offer your forgiveness to today? For some, it will just be too hard but are you ready to pray for courage? It is hard work, but it is worth it.

KILLINA

Sunday 3rd 10.30am:

Mass for Charlie & Mary Scully, Killina.

Tuesday 5th 7.30pm:

Wednesday 6th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 8th 9.00am:

Saturday 9th 11.00am:

1st Holy Communion Ceremony. Scoil Charthaigh Naofa, Newtown.

Sunday 10th 10.30am:

Mass for James Buckley, Newtown.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 2nd 6.00pm:

Mass for Maureen Sammon & deceased family members, Brockagh.

Saturday 9th 6.00pm:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Heaton & deceased family members, Kilpatrick.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 2nd 7.30pm:

Mass for Peter & Betty Owens, Beechmount Park.

Sunday 3rd 9.00am:

Mass for Kathleen White, Screggan.

Sunday 3rd 12noon:

1st Anniversary Mass for Margaret McGee & her husband Joseph & son Karl, Dublin.

Tuesday 5th 9.00am:

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm:

Thursday 7th 9.00am:

Friday 8th 7.30pm:

1st Anniversary Mass for Norah McDonald, Screggan & Mass for Anne Craven/Dillon, Mucklagh.

Saturday 9th 7.30pm:

Mass for Michael Lloyd & his grandparents Paddy & Lily Lloyd, Adam's Villas
And his nephew Mark.

Sunday 10th 9.00am:

Sunday 10th 12noon:

Mass for Bridget & Anthony Flanagan, Roscore, Blueball.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

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

The Island - every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm.

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 Church on Monday evening from 7.30pm-8.30pm (1st Monday of Month)

Offertory/Plate: Killina €285.00 The Island €150.00 Mucklagh €790.00

Dev Fund: Killina & The Island €215.00 Mucklagh €440.00

Vocation Sunday: Killina €296.00 Mucklagh €1,050.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Maureen Malone**, Ontario, Canada (niece of Rose Lyons, St. O' Hara's) who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in Mucklagh for May: 2nd/3rd, 9th/10th, 16th/17th, 23rd/24th & 30th/31st. **7.30pm Mass:** Kathleen Kenaney, Tony Reynolds & Margaret Thompson. **9.00am Mass:** B. O' Mahoney & Marie White. **12noon Mass:** Eileen Byrne, Maura Dolan & Sean Heaney.

Eucharistic Ministers on Duty in The Island for May: 2nd May 2015: K. Looby, 9th May 2015: G. Minnock, 16th May 2015: M. Minnock, 23rd May 2015: A. Minnock & 30th May 2015: B. Bracken.

Tax Rebate Forms: Hopefully within the next week or 10 days we will be in a position to send out these forms to parishioners who are PAYE taxpayers and Self Employed who have donated €250 or more to the parish through their weekly Envelopes Collections and Offering Collections or through Standing Orders. As you will remember from 2013, there was a change in Revenue regulations. Now any self employed person or employee with a donation of €250 or more, this donation will entitle the parish to a tax rebate. The tax refund is approximately 45% of your envelope donation. This is always great boost to Parish funds. Thanks again for your generosity in contributing to the parish at all times.

Clodagh Active Retirement: We are going on a day-trip to The Trade & Tourism Show, in The Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway, on Tuesday 26th May. Show opened by Anne Doyle. Paintings, Gardening, Cooking, Exercise, Fashion, Food & Gifts, Clothes & Jewellery, Arts & Crafts, Health & Wellness, Antiques Roadshow, 90 Exhibits Stands. All are welcome. The bus costs €10 and get your own lunch etc. For details call Carmel on 087 9530377 and also remember that the Safe-T lights are now available at €20 each. Great in a power-cut, use as night light also. Contact Carmel on 087 9530377.

Progressive 25: Benefit Night for Gemma Deegan. €700 in prizes. ON Friday 8th May in Ballykilmurray Community Centre. Admission is €10 and commencing at 9.00pm. Refreshments served.

Rahan Drama Group: The DVD of the recent very successful production of "A Wake in the West" is now available. Bookings of the DVD can be got from Mary at 087 2369175 at a price of €6. Well done to all involved.

Rahan Social Services: Chiropodist will be in Rahan Hall on Friday 15th May. People from Mucklagh will be seen between 10.30am and 12.30pm and Rahan people will be seen from 1pm onwards. All toes welcome.

Rahan Comhaltas: Well done to Brendan Minnock from Shamrocks GAA who took part in the Recitation Scór sinsir All Ireland final last Saturday. Wishing all our members and friends a very successful county fleadh which takes place next weekend from the 10th, Dancing competitions in Killeigh national school on Friday 8th from 6:30pm, while Music and singing competitions take place in the Sacred Heart school in Tullamore on both Sat 9th and Sun 10th. You can catch up on all our news and events on our website www.rahamcomhaltas.com or our facebook page.

Mucklagh Goes Strictly: would not have taken place without a lot of help and commitment from a lot of people. On behalf of Mucklagh Community Development we would like to thank the following, our Thirty Dancers who have committed to training and selling tickets over the last few weeks and who put on a wonderful show and created an memorable event, our hard working Committee and to the people who came on board to help with this event. Thanks to the Tullamore Court for their wonderful facilities and St. Colman's School. We wish to thank our Sponsors who are so good to us. Sincere thanks to our M.C. Dom Keating, our Judges, Mary Cowen, Jim Smyth, and Kay Joyce. Thanks to our choreographers Elise Brennan and Lizzie Conroy and we would like to thank most sincerely everyone who purchased tickets and came on the night, it is very much appreciated. All funds raised will go towards Mucklagh Community Centre.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 28/04/15. The numbers drawn were 11, 21, 26 & 31. There was no jackpot winner. 4 match three winners, Greta Flynn, Sarah McIntyre, Margaret Murray & Loretta O' Grady. Next week's jackpot will be €12,000. Next week's match three €150. Thanks to everyone who supports our local lotto.

Tullamore Darkness Into Light Walk: for Pieta House is on the 9th May, 2015 at 4.15a.m. Pre-registration dates are 24th/25th April and 1st/2nd and 8th of May in the Bridge Centre, Tullamore. See Darkness Into Light Tullamore Facebook page for more details.

Fundraising Meet: for all car enthusiasts in aid of IINM Suicide Prevention on Sunday 31st May in Cloncollig Industrial Estate, Tullamore from 2.00pm-6.00pm. IINM candles for sale. For more information contact Paddy White on 086 0543175, facebook IINM Suicide prevention or Paddy Scooby Kelly Facebook. Trophies for the event presented by Danny Barry Motorsport.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage: Season opens today with One Day Retreats which continue on 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 25 of May. Advance booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Friday 29th May. You can begin the Three Day Pilgrimage any day between 29th May and 13th August. Pre-booking not required. Contact Lough Derg 071 9861518 or email. info@loughderg.org

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Bishop Smith 12 -17 September 2015. Return flights, 5 nights. Hotel full board, insurance & taxes €719. There is a special section for sick pilgrims requiring assistance with accommodation and medical supervision in the Accueil Notre Dame. There is a special youth section, 18- 30 years. Fare €350. To book, contact: Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, 69 Upper O Connell St., Dublin 1. Tel: 01-6359300

Tullamore Parish: Pilgrimage to Fatima (not restricted to Tullamore parishioners) 30th July-5th August 2015. Hotel Cinquentenario 4*. 7 nights €699. Full board (including return flights via Aer Lingus). Spiritual Director: Fr. John Nally. Book through: Pat Kidney at 086 3192399 or P.J. Smyth at 086 8796190.

Shamrock's Notes: LOTTO: The numbers drawn were 5 - 8 - 20 - 24. There was a Jackpot Winner €6,600 Mattie Leonard c/o John Kearney. There was 4 x match 3 winners each receiving €50. Pat Tierney c/o Ger White, Shamrocks Ladies c/o Lisa Flaherty, Finnan, Tommy, Derek & David c/o The Clubhouse and Pat & Mary Kearney c/o Pat Kearney. The Jackpot will be €2,000 next week and the Draw will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse. **Offaly GAA Open Night:** With the Leinster Championships fast approaching, young Offaly GAA fans are invited to meet some of the county's senior footballers and hurlers at an 'Open Night' under the stand in O'Connor Park, Tullamore, next Monday evening, 4th May. **The 'Open Night':** will commence at 7pm. In addition to meeting some of the Faithful County's top stars, supporters of all ages will have the opportunity to see the dressing rooms, press facilities, etc. in O'Connor Park. **Congratulations:** Congratulations to Alan Healion and Glynda Kinnarney who won the Mucklagh Goes Strictly fundraiser last Saturday night in The Tullamore Court Hotel. **Fixtures:** Saturday 2nd May: Molloy Environmental Systems Junior A Hurling Championship. Shamrocks Vs Clara in Rahan @ 4pm. **Well done:** to Adam Keyes, Luke Molloy & Andrew Delaney who were on the Offaly Minor Football Panel last Wednesday night that defeated Westmeath on a scoreline of 2-13 to 1-10. They now progress to meet Kildare in O' Connor Park next Wednesday night 6th May at 7.15pm. Best of luck lads and also to Cathal O'Brien who is on the Offaly Minor Hurling panel that play against Laois on Saturday 9th May.