

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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5th Sunday of Lent 13th March 2016

Today marks the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. His papacy has been marked by a focus on openness, forgiveness and mercy – summed up, perhaps, in his oft quoted remark: ‘Who am I to judge?’ So prevalent is his focus on God’s mercy that Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year of Mercy – a special year to receive blessing from God and remission of sins.

KILLINA

Sunday 13th 10.30am:

Mass for Michael & Ronnie Grennan, Murrough

Tuesday 15th 7.30pm:

Wednesday 16th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Thursday: St Patrick’s Day 10.30am:

Friday 18th 9.00am:

Sunday 20th 10.30am:

Larry & Nellie Marshall, Loughroe

THE ISLAND

Saturday 12th 6.00pm: Mass for Michael & Bridget Larkin & deceased members of the Grays Family, Kilpatrick

Wednesday 16th 6.00pm: Vigil of St. Patrick’s Day:

Thursday: St. Patrick’s Day 10.00am: Mass for Bernard & Elizabeth Gannon, Ballincur

Saturday 19th 6.00pm: Mass for the deceased members of the Ryan Family, Birr & Sr. Josephine Grimes, Kinnity

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 12th 7.30pm:

Mass for Lily Martin & her daughter Betty Martin Cullen, Dillon Street

Sunday 13th 9.00am:

Mass for the deceased members of the Larkin Family, St. Colman’s Terrace

Sunday 13th 12noon:

Mass for Chris Glynn, Mucklagh.

Tuesday 15th 9.00am:

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm: Vigil of St. Patrick’s Day: **Annual Mass for Shamrock’s G.A.A. Club**

Thursday: St. Patrick’s Day 9.00am: Mass for Joseph & Mary Egan, Mucklagh & Tom & Nora Gallagher, Athlone

Thursday: St. Patrick’s Day 12noon: Mass for Peter Moore, Screggan Cross

Friday 18th 7.30pm:

Saturday 19th 7.30pm:

Mass for Paudge Condron, Glaskill & Frances O’ Donoghue, Glaschoill

Sunday 20th 9.00am:

Mass for Patsy White, Screggan & Manchester

Sunday 20th 12noon:

Mass for Rosemary Fletcher, Glaskill

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 €150.00	The Island €145.00	Mucklagh €672.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €400.00		Mucklagh €485.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Aine O’ Meara**, Convent Hill, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary (mother of Fr. Michael O’ Meara P.P., Kinnity) who died on the 6th March. Her funeral took place in St. Cronan’s Church, Roscrea on the 8th March with burial in the adjoining Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Stations of the Cross: Will take place every Friday Evening during Lent at 7.10pm in Mucklagh Church.

Hospital Chapel Tullamore: Could you do 1 hour of Adoration per week? If so please ring 085 1162668

Rosary & Divine Mercy: Every Monday night at 7.30pm in Cahill’s house Adam’s Villas. Everyone welcome.

Reminder: Divine Mercy Sunday Rahan Parish Community Celebrations in Mucklagh Church on Sunday 3rd April at 3.00pm. All very welcome.

Churchgate Collection: Offaly SPCA will hold a church gate collection on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March in Mucklagh and Killina.

Confessions & Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will take place before and after all Masses in our three Churches next weekend (Palm Sunday) in preparation for Holy Week.

Chrism Mass: The Blessing of the Holy Oils for the coming year will take place in the Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday 23rd March at 7 pm. All are welcome, especially those involved in Ministry.

LIGHT THE FIRE! St. Patrick's Day 2016 – All are invited to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together for Ireland, on the very spot where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith at **5.30pm, 17th March**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an outdoor event; please dress for the cold weather; feel free to bring a chair. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, 041 983 0441.

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 08/03/16 no's drawn 02-07-09-31. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners €40 each - Annie Fletcher and Trina Connolly c/o Liam Mooney, G, J & S Galvin c/o Brendan Galvin & Irene Cusack c/o Alison O'Kelly. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and Match three win/share €150. Thanks for all 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 9.30am to 12.30pm. Also you can e-mail mucklaghcd@gmail.com, or by phone 086 836 4523, 087 635 5409 or 086 944 8623. Thank you for your continued support.

Rahan Drama Group: The pace is really picking up now, for the eleven star-studded members of Rahan Drama Group, who will perform 'My Wife's Family', on 1st, 2nd, 3rd April. Once again, Eamonn Grennan has created a crafty poster, advertising the production. Tickets go on sale very soon. Meanwhile the cast took a few nights off recently, to attend the Cloughjordan, Rahugh and Rosemount productions.

Rahan Fitness Gym: Spin classes @ Rahan Fitness Gym Wednesday mornings at 10am, Monday and Thursday evenings at 8pm. €3 for morning classes. €5 for evening classes. Contact us on our facebook page rahanfitness or text 0852895726.

Mucklagh Community Development: is holding an Auction in April. We are looking for people to volunteer to help out in different areas, such as collecting of items, helping set up auction area, help on the day, serving refreshments, setting up and selling stalls, baking for cake stall. If you have saleable goods such as Furniture, electrical goods, paintings or services such as photography, beauty, hairdressers, garden centres, plumbers, Restaurants, chefs, Electricians, Rugby tickets, GAA matches tickets, Concert tickets, Videographer for weddings. Wedding cake makers, Milliners or Jewellery makers. Wedding Stationary or Invitations, Please feel free to contact Caroline on 0868364523 or alternatively you can also email your suggestions or comments to mucklaghcd@gmail.com

"The Ballycumber Area Defibrillator Scheme": will hold its **AGM** on Wednesday night (March 22nd) at 8pm in the Ballycumber GAA Centre meeting rooms. All welcome to attend.

Roscrea Spring Conference: Theme: On St. Carthage – from Rahan to Lismore via Ros Cre – Mochuda's expulsion or triumphant retreat? On Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd April. Bookings please contact Fr. Kevin Daly O.C.S.O. 0505 25600.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: invites all Parishioners on a **special Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** to Knock Shrine on **Sunday 24th April**. There is a full programme organised for Adults, Teens and Children. The launch of a National Crusade of Prayer for Vocations will take place at the 3 pm Mass. The programme begins at 11.30am. Bishop Kevin Doran is the chief celebrant and homilist Fr Declan Hurley will give a talk on 'Gazing at the face of Mercy' at 1.30pm in the Basilica.

Shamrock's Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 12,13,18,28. 2 match 3 winners, Joe Mc Greer (A. Mollin) and Mairead Heffernan (C. Healion) €200 each. Jackpot is €9000 and draw will take place in Tullybeg next week.

Senior Football League: Well done to the senior team on beating Durrow in the first round of the football league. They went into half time with a score of 2-8 to 5 points. They came out in the second half at full force scoring another goal and another 10 points. The lads put in great team work that paid off. Final score shamrocks 3-18 Durrow 0-8.

Killina Presentation Secondary School Senior Hurling: Hard luck to the Killina Senior Hurling team and management in the Schools Semi Final on Saturday last where they played Scoil Mhuire gan Smal, Blarney. They put up a great fight right to the end. It was a great achievement to get so far. Well done to everyone involved.

Ladies Football: Well done to our Junior Ladies who had a good win V St Broughan's in the Junior League. Having gone down to Naomh Ciaran in the first round the girls needed to get the result today! Scoring 2-6 in the first half while only conceding 4 points the girls drove it on in the second half. Huge improvement in the work rate from the previous fixture. Final score Shamrock's 5-12 St Broughan's 1-7. The girls now focus on the first round of the Championship next weekend.

Fixtures: Junior Football League Sunday 13th March, Shamrock's vs Durrow in Durrow at 4.00pm
U14 Feile Football League Sunday 13th March, Shamrock's vs Gracfield in Gracefield at 11.00am

Palm Sunday: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The blessing and distribution of Palms will take place before Masses in the parish next Saturday and Sunday.