

PARISH of RAHAN, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2010

TODAY'S FEAST Baptism can be described as the sacrament of naming, claiming and aiming. At the Jordan waters Jesus was named as the Son of the heavenly Father. The ceremony of baptism begins with asking the name of the child. My name is my identity tag. Baptism gives one an identity as part of God's family and church.

KILLINA

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 8.30pm for Jack and Molly Buckley, Derrycooley.
Sunday 10th: Mass at 11am for Elizabeth and Martin Byrne, Derrycooley
Tuesday: Evening Mass at 7.30pm.
Wednesday: Morning Mass at 9am. In the Convent
Saturday: Vigil Mass at 8.30pm.
Sunday 17th: Mass at 11am for James Gibbons, Newtown, his second anniversary Mass.
Senior Citizens Annual Dinner, day begins with Mass at 2pm.

KINDLY NOTE A Shortened Mass schedule for this week

THE ISLAND

Sunday 10th: Mass at 10am for Elizabeth Flanagan, The Island who did in November.
Sunday 17th Mass at 10am for Patrick and Mary Daly, Ballybruncullen.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 9th 7.30pm: Mass for The Wrafter Family, Cloonagh.
Sunday 10th 9.00am: Mass for Denis Conroy, Ross.
Sunday 10th 12noon: Mass for Sean McIntyre, Ballard.
Tuesday 12th 9.00: _____
Wednesday 7.30pm: Anniversary Mass for Kevin Craven, Mucklagh
Thursday 14th 9.00am: _____
Friday 15th 7.30pm: Mass for The Deceased members of the Spain & Scully family, Kilcormac.
Saturday 16th 7.30pm: Mass for James & Catherine Loonam, Killina.
Sunday 17th 9.00am: Mass for Elsie Lambe, Roscore.
Sunday 17th 12noon: Mass for Patrick & Elizabeth Kelly & daughters May Anne , Breda & Kitty.

IM MEMORY kindly remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of:

Peter Hickey, Brocca, The Island who was buried in The Island during the week.. May he rest in peace.

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the three churches of our Parish. In total, our Eucharistic Adoration amounts to one full day (24 hours) each week.

Killina Church - every Monday from 3pm to 10pm. **The Island** every Tuesday from 5pm to 9pm.

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm

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

RECENT BAPTISMS We welcome into our Christian Community Jack Donal Conroy, Ballindrennan who was baptised before Christmas. Congratulations to Karen and Sean.

RAHAN COMHALTAS the Music and Dance Lessons begin again on January 15th in Rahan Primary School.

6pm to 7pm - Dance. 7pm to 8pm - Music

CHIROPODIST "Happy feet are here again". A new chiropodist has arrived to twiddle our toes and say Hello to our corns over the next few months. We can't wait for 2pm on 15th January in Rahan Hall.

Check out New Parish Website: www.rahanparish.ie. Only gone up recently and not yet complete.

Parent & Toddler Group: Every Tuesday morning at 10.30-12.30pm in Mucklagh GAA centre. Will re-open after the Christmas break. A list of upcoming activities will be available in the next couple of weeks. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome. For more information contact Anne Dolan on 057 9356055/086 3707046 or Anne Faulkner on 057 9360880/086 1736945.

Mucklagh Women's Group: Is closed for it's Christmas Break and will re-open on Tues Jan 12th from 7.30-9.30pm, with the next instalment of Color me Beautiful with guest speaker Lily Cooper. For more information contact Freda on 087 2899899.

The Mucklagh Development Calendar: is now on Sale in Kelly's Roadhouse and Flynn's of the Fingerboard, in the sacristy after Mass and from Committee members. The Calendar contains pictures from the parish, the schools, the various clubs and scenic pictures from around the Mucklagh area. It is a beautiful Calendar and it costs €10.00.

Rahan Community Gym and Better Health Club: Member ship is still only €50 for three months and we can now take people from the age of 16+ on our insurance. We are in the process of trying to bring in various programmes for the winter months, if you have suggestions please let us know.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The first draw of 2010 was held on Monday night and the numbers drawn were 6, 9, 19 and 29. There were 3 match 3 winners who will receive €70 each and they were: Breda Mann (J Hennessy), K Hogan (K O Meara) and Adrian Larkin (S Daly). Next week's jackpot will be for €2 400 and the draw will be held in the thatch. We thank all who support our Lotto each week and those who are our yearly subscribers. It is worth noting that those who support the Lotto weekly could pay €100 up front for the year by contacting any committee member. It is also better value as you would save €4!!!!

Hurling Helmets: All players and intending players should note that under new guidelines and regulations it is compulsory for all players to have a full face guard helmet at all levels during training as well as matches in the future.

Senior Citizens Party: Here ye...Here ye... The annual senior citizens party will take place on Sunday 17th January in Rahan Hall **beginning with Mass at 2.00pm** and followed by the usual craic agus ceol. Invitations are being sent around but are not essential. If you do not receive one, be sure come along anyway.

Membership: Membership is now due and should be paid as soon as possible to registrar Brian Kearney or any committee member. Players must be paid up before training resumes in the coming weeks. New members welcome.

Ticketing – A.I.B. club finals and season ticket: Excellent value tickets for the St Patrick's Day AIB GAA All-Ireland Club Football and Hurling finals have gone on sale - four months before next March's Croke Park double billing. A new ticketing initiative means discounted tickets for these games are now available and can be purchased for as little as 10. The new progressive pricing system, designed to reward supporters who acquire their tickets in advance of these fixtures, will also see tickets available for €10, €15 and €20 at different stages in the run up to the finals and for €25 on the day of the matches. There will be no concessions on these discounted tickets and juveniles tickets can be purchased for 5 at all times. (Cusack and Davin Stands only). The GAA also reminds members and supporters that Season Tickets are available for the 2010 season. County and code specific, they offer excellent value. Further information is available from and purchases can be made through www.tickets.gaa.ie

ANNUAL REMINDERS

1. Mass arrangements. We welcome annual Masses booked in advance for deceased members of families and admire the numbers who come from afar to remember their loved ones in prayer. We will always honour these arrangements except on occasions when we have a funeral on a Sunday. In that case the Mass becomes a Requiem for the deceased person. When notified of a funeral, we will immediately contact the family of the booked Mass and arrange another date acceptable to all.

2. Funeral Mass on Sundays: If a family requests a **funeral Mass on a Sunday**, the Requiem will be at the time stipulated for the Sunday Mass in that church. Also, we request that the remains be taken to that church on the previous day and not immediately before the Sunday Mass. We have a heavy Mass schedule on Sundays and very often Baptisms arranged weeks in advance. So we have to be on time to respect the regular Sunday Mass attenders.

3. Funeral Orations: We have a clear directive from the Bishop of Meath "It was decided some time ago by the Council of Priests that no panegyrics or eulogies by relatives of the deceased take place in church. If people decide to talk in the cemetery they are free to do so. Orations by people in the church on the occasion of funerals have caused irritation to many attending the ceremony. Such speeches tend to change the nature of the funeral Mass and its purpose which is the commending of the dead person to the Lord".