

PARISH of RAHAN, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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Passion Sunday 28th March 2010

Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing. The love of Jesus extends to those who do not love him. His love refuses to be poisoned by the hatred, injustices and abuse inflicted by others. To understand all is to be able to forgive.

KILLINA

Sunday 28th: Mass at 10.30am for Michael & Ronnie Grennan, Murrough.

Tuesday 30th: Mass at 9.00am.

Holy Thursday: The Last Supper of the Lord at 8.00pm. (Bring your Trocaire Boxes) Adoration until 11.00pm

Good Friday: The Passion of Christ at 5.00pm. (Bring Trocaire Boxes)

Holy Saturday: The Resurrection at 9.00pm:

Easter Sunday: Mass at 10.30am for Charlie & Mary Scully.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 27th: Mass at 6pm for Michael & Bridget Larkin, Kilpatrick.

Good Friday: The Passion of Christ at 3.00pm. (Bring your Trocaire Boxes)

Holy Saturday: Mass of the Resurrection at 6pm for Joe & Mary Heaton, Kilpatrick.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 27th 7.30pm: Mass for Elizabeth & Thomas Mooney, Lynally.

Sunday 28th 12noon: Mass for Dermot, Eithne & Dominic Colbert & Paddy Kerfoot, Dublin.

Wednesday 31st 9.00am: Mass for Joe Brassil

Holy Thursday 7.30pm: Mass for Joseph & Annie Malone, Ballard. Last Supper of the Lord. (Bring Trocaire Boxes)

Good Friday 3.00pm: The Passion of Christ. (Bring your Trocaire Boxes)

Holy Saturday 7.30pm: Mass of the Resurrection for Isaac & Bridget Bryant.

Easter Sunday 12noon Mass for Tim & Peg Donovan.

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

**Clocks Go Forward One Hour This
Saturday Evening 27th March.**

Parish Collections; Offertory last Sunday Killina €247 The Island €140 Mucklagh €1491 (incl St. Patrick's Day)

Development Fund: Killina & The Island €265 Mucklagh €950.00

St. Patrick's Day: Killina €165 The Island €240

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Meeting is on Tuesday 30th at 8pm in the Convent in Killina

Knock Pilgrimage Season: Begins April 25th and runs through until October 10th. {See Church Notice Boards}

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Ruadhan Christopher Ellis, Dublin**, who was baptised in St. Colman's Church and also **Aaron Keenaghan**, who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church last weekend.

Programme for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies: We start Holy Week today with Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday: Blessing of Palms at the start of all Masses & Sacrament of Reconciliation before and after Masses: For the last few years there was an opportunity to go to Confession before and after all Masses. The same opportunity will be afforded you this year. We will have visiting priests for the larger attended Masses.

Chrism Mass: The Blessing of the Holy Oils for the coming year in the Cathedral, Mullingar on Wednesday 31st March. All invited especially those involved in ministry. (Mass in Mucklagh this day at 9.00am instead of 7.30pm).

Holy Thursday Ceremonies: The Last Supper of the Lord: Mucklagh at 7.30pm and Killina at 8.00pm. Mass will be followed by **Procession to the Altar of Repose** where **Adoration** will take place until 11.00pm.

Trocaire Boxes are taken to the Church this evening, placed in Containers & presented at Offertory in the Mass.

Good Friday Ceremonies: The Passion of Christ - The Island and Mucklagh at 3.00 pm. Killina at 5.00pm.

Good Friday is a day of Feast and Abstinence from Meat

Holy Saturday Night – The Resurrection: The Island at 6.00pm; Mucklagh at 7.30pm; Killina at 9.00.

Easter Sunday Masses: As on Sundays: Killina at 10.30am and Mucklagh at 12 noon.

Thanks to all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs and Servers who are readying themselves for this Holy Week.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: As many as possible will be visited in their homes on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. They will be notified by a phone call beforehand.

Easter Offerings: Are handed in over the Easter Period. It forms a major part of the priests' salary. Kindly use the special envelopes in your family box. If using ordinary envelopes place your name on the cover. Thanking You.

Tax Rebate Forms: There has been a great response and many of the Tax Rebate Forms have been returned to the parish office. Thanks indeed to parishioners who have returned these Forms. Returns will be a great Financial help towards the running of the parish for the coming year.

Offaly Suicide Awareness Talks: With HSE Suicide Training Officer for the Midlands. Tuesday 13th April in Parochial Hall , High St. Belmont, Thursday 15th April in Offaly Local Development Company, Millennium Hse, Main St. Tullamore, Monday 19th April in Daingean Town Hall. The time is 7-10pm in each venue. For registration form please contact: Niamh Dowler Offaly Community Forum, Offaly County Council Tullamore at 057 9357460 or ndowler@offalycoco.ie. Max. 30 people per session.

Chiropodist: Our new Chiropodist, Miriam Devery, will be available in Rahan Community Centre on Friday 16th April 2010, from 2pm onwards. All feet welcome.

Good Friday Card Drive The usual Good Friday Card Drive will be held in Rahan this Good Friday night, 2nd April. It will be run and organised by the usual Organising Committee. Thanks to the hard working committee who has promoted this event during the past months. Over the years this has become one of the biggest card event in the Midlands. Starting time is at 9.00pm sharp. Good luck to all concerned on the night. Thanks again to you all. Proceeds of the night will go to Parish Funds.

Mucklagh Development: Mucklagh Development will be calling to all houses over the coming weeks with questionnaire to help them to identify the needs of Mucklagh and neighbouring areas. The following are the personnel that will be calling to your area. **Cloonagh East:** Brendan Galvin/Caroline Bryant

Cloonagh West: Tom Beatty/Enda Macdonagh. **Screggan/Ross** Darrell Hooper/Tom Mooney. **Lynally:** Bernie Foster/Frances Neville. **Brocca Rd:** Margaret Kelly. **Bungalows:** Willie O Grady. **Screggan/Mucklagh:** Maureen Lawless/Fiona Murray. **Ballard/Charville Rd** Philip Barron/P.J McIntyre. **Charleville View:** Brian Smyth. **Tegan Court:** Aidan McHugh. **Lynally Grove:** Brian Dolan. **Adams Villa:** David Bryant. **Beechmount:** Michael MacDermort. Coleman's Terrace Geraldine Walsh. Thank you for your support. For more information Emailmucklgh@ireland.com or phone:0868364523

Mucklagh Rahan The Island Community Games: Eleven children from the area took part the Offaly Community Games Art Finals in Birr last Sunday, with four winning County Medals In U10 Girls Grace Minnock took gold. Boys Under U10 John Kinahan and U12 Conor Buckley both won Bronze medals. Rebecca Healy won Silver U16. Well done to all who took part.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The winning numbers in this week's draw were 1, 5, 8 and 21. There were four match three winners and will receive €50 each. They were: Karen O Neill (Declan Doolan), Mossie Clavin (John Kearney), Mark Kinahan (Nancy Thornton), Pat Lambe (John Kearney). Next week's draw will be held Kelly's' roadhouse for a jackpot of €4 600. Many thanks to the Thatch for hosting this weeks' draw.

Church Gate Collection: The annual church gate collection will take place this weekend at the churches in aid of underage Gaelic games for the coming year. All support will be appreciated.

'Take-a-Chance' Fundraiser: The tickets for the clubs main fundraiser this year are currently on sale and can be had from individuals all over the parish as well as the usual outlets and committee members. Tickets costing anything from €1 to €21 are up for grabs with only the buyer knowing the actual cost of his/her ticket. This is a novel fundraiser and there are great prizes with €1 500 first prize and €1000 second prize. The added bonus is the fact that whoever pulls out the €21 ticket gets the ticket for free. More details contact any committee member.

All County Clubs Draw: Tickets for the all county clubs draw can be purchased from any member of the committee. The first draw will be held on Tuesday the 1st of June. There will be 3 Monthly Draws with 1st Prize €10 000, 2nd prize €1 000, 3rd prize €1 000 and 9 prizes of €500. The final draw contains 1st prize of a Car, 2nd €5 000, 3rd € 2 500, 4th €2 000, 5th €1 000 and 10 Prizes of €500.

Senior Hurling: The senior hurlers continued their winning ways in the league when they defeated Brosna Gaels on Sunday last on a score-line of 2-16 to 1-13. In a good sporting game played in excellent sunshine at Mucklagh, Shamrocks lead the whole way through following some fine scores by Derek molloy, Dan Heffernan and Paddy Kelly.

www.hoganstand.com/offaly **Colin Dunne Golf Classic:** The Colin Dunne Memorial Golf Classic will be held on Friday 2nd April and Saturday 3rd April at Esker Hills Golf Club. The format is a Three Ball Scramble costing €180 per team including meal. The Dunne Family are kindly donating a valuable cup for this event. It is to the memory of Colin Dunne our esteemed playing member who died on the 1st March 2009 RIP while competing in the Barcelona Marathon. The proceeds of the event will be shared equally with Colin's Charity C.R.Y a body to set up to research sudden death in young sports people. All support will be gratefully appreciated. Contact Liam Mooney at 087 9286701; Joe Monaghan at 086 8565138; John Mollin at 086 8044993; Michael Egan at 086 8728400. **Shamrocks Ladies Football:** Shamrocks Junior Ladies won there first League match against Ferbane last Sunday. They play Tullamore this Sunday in Mucklagh at 12 0 clock.

Underage Training on Friday at 5 o'clock in Mucklagh GAA, for more details Contact Secretary Anne Daly 0863830203.

Sympathy Expressed: The club would like to extend its sympathies to the family of Peter Moore who died suddenly 2 weeks ago. Peter had been involved in the club at all levels and was a particularly competent Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer over the last number of years. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam. (There is a tribute to Peter on the GAA website, www.hoganstand.com)