

PARISH of RAHAN, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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2nd Sunday of Advent **6th December 2009**

TODAY'S MASS: Can we survive without God in our lives? We need the Saviour. The liturgical texts of Advent offer hope. As long as we can say *Come*, we have hope. Advent road-works offer imagery for examining, conscience. Pathways to straighten in greater truthfulness, openness and honesty. Valleys suggest low periods of effort, enthusiasm or devotion. Hills of mounting worries, insurmountable problems and anxiety. Winding ways of deviousness and insincerity. Roughness in language, tone of voice, or behaviour. *Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.*

KILLINA CHURCH

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 8.30pm for Nora Leonard. Ballincur..
Sunday 6th: Second Sunday of Advent - Mass at 11am - for John O'Brien, Rahan Demesne.
Monday: Vigil of Feast - evening Mass at 7.30pm.
Tuesday 8th: Feast of Immaculate Conception - Mass at 7.30pm for the living and deceased members of the Rahan ICA.
Wednesday: Convent Mass at 9am. **Thursday and Friday :** Mass at 9am
Saturday: Vigil Mass at 8.30pm for John and Annie Buckley, Goldsmith's Lot.
Sunday 13th: Third Sunday of Advent - Mass at 11am - for James and Bridget Keegan, Ballykeenaghan.

THE ISLAND

Sunday 6th: Mass at 10am for deceased members of the Daly, family, Ballina Cross.
Tuesday 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception - evening Mass at 6.30pm.
Sunday 13th: Mass at 10am for Lil and Joseph Daly, Kilpatrick.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 5th 7.30pm: Mass for Betty & Peter Owens, Beechmount Park.
Sunday 6th 9.00am: Mass for John, Margaret & Richard Larkin & Matt, Bridget & Bonney.
Sunday 6th 12noon: Mass for Sean T. Farrell, Mucklagh.
Tuesday 8th 9.00am & 7.30pm Feast of The Immaculate Conception. Holy Day. -----
Wednesday 9th 7.30pm: Mass for Vincent, Elizabeth, Paschal & Kevin Flaherty, Screggan.
Thursday 10th 9.00am: -----
Friday 11th 7.30pm: Mass for Natasha White, Adam's Villas.
Saturday 12th 7.30pm: Mass Paddy & Carmel Reynolds, Ballard.
Sunday 13th 9.00am: Mass for Annie Conroy, Ross.
Sunday 13th 12noon: Mass for Paddy Walsh, Charleville Forest.

In Loving Memory: Remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of :

Donal O'Rourke, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, father of Anne Dolan, Lynally Grove, who died during the week. May he rest in peace..

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Mucklagh - every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm **Holy Hour** Killina - on Thursday in the Convent - from 2pm to 3.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes **Leon Bradley Dalton McEvoy**, Charleville View, Tullamore and **Sarah Annie Minnock**, Murrough, Rahan who were baptised in St. Colman's Church last weekend.

ANNUAL PARISH DRAW will be held on **Sunday 13th December**. Tickets are available in all our churches today. We ask you to bring the cards to the churches or hand them directly to the priests. Do not leave them (outside Mass time) on the tables in the churches. The white envelopes contain two tickets: €4 per line; card of 7 lines = €20. Huge Prize Fund €1.100 in money prizes with top prize of €500, 5 turkeys, 5 hams, 5 Brandy; 5 whiskey; 5 Christmas cakes oodles of other prizes. Proceeds towards Parish Funds - our Parish insurance Bill is circa €10.000 for 3 churches, Hall, Parochial Houses and all church property. So we kindly ask for your support.

The Draw will be held in Rahan Primary School at 3pm on Sunday week. We request the presence of the helpers from other years. The bigger the attendance present the easier for us to distribute the 34 prizes.

Parish Collections; Offertory last Sunday Killina € 295 The Island € 110 Mucklagh € 934
Development Fund: Killina & The Island € 336 Mucklagh € 615

MIDLANDS FLOOD DISASTER the Junior Chamber, Tullamore, is arranging a Special Meeting next Thursday 10th in the Bridge House Hotel at 8pm to discuss this **very local tragedy** and discuss how our communities can help. All are welcome especially young people who may come up with novel ways of getting immediate monies eg carol singing; 12 hour fast; cycle run, sponsored swim. Pram push etc.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT Big preparations are in full flight for the revival of our Christmas Concert in Rahan Hall. All the schools of the Parish will be involved. The pupils of Mucklagh School have two presentations, individuals from the Presentation School are performing as well as festive musical items from Scoil Chartaigh Naofa. As ever, the Rahan Comhaltas will link the items together.

It will be a great night for parents and children on the Sunday before Santa, December 20th starting at 7pm. Fuller details next week.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT People who have left our Parish might appreciate copies of "The Jesuits in Rahan". We have copies of Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 (€20 each). Fr. Kevin Laheen, the author, hopes to launch his final Volume in the new year, - a wonderful achievement for a man aged 91 whose heart is still in Tullabeg.

URGENT REQUEST FOR BLOOD once again the Irish Blood Transfusion Service is attending Tullamore in two weeks time. 3,000 units of blood are required each week and the IBTS has much trouble is attaining this target. The Venue is: GAA Centre, Tullamore. Monday to Thursday 14th Dec to 17th from 4.30pm to 8.30pm. *Give blood and join Ireland's most extraordinary club.*

Check out New Parish Website: www.rahanparish.ie. It has only gone up this weekend.

Parent & Toddler Group: Every Tuesday morning at 10.30-12.30pm in Mucklagh GAA centre. Tuesday 8th December is Closed for Outing. 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.

Aware Support Group: Every Monday at 8.00pm (except Bank Holidays), in St. Mary's Parish Centre, Benburb Street (rear of Catholic Church), Tullamore. Relatives meet the 1st Monday of each month. For more information contact Aoife on 01 237 4904/087 7758336 (between 6 & 10pm).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Are looking for a few volunteers from this parish to help them in their work of assisting those who are in need in the parishes of Rahan & Tullamore. If you could spare a few hours weekly for this most deserving work, please contact them at 057 9322072 or 086 2560946.

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. Mucklagh Development Committee would like to thank all who helped in making this project possible. Please Support the Development Committee by purchasing their Calendar.

Mobile Phones: St. Colman's N.S are collecting unwanted mobile phones. If you have any lying around your house or are thinking of changing your handset please donate the old one to us as we in turn can recycle them in exchange for equipment for the classrooms. Phones can be dropped off at the school any time or into a collection box located in Kelly's shop.

Mucklagh Women's Group: Every Tues Evening from 7.30-9.30pm in Child's Play preschool, Brocca Rd. Topic for Tues 8th Dec is Color Me Beautiful with guest speaker Lilly Cooper. This course will consist of 6 classes. For more information contact Freda on 087 2899899.

Bumper Christmas Party **CRAZY KIDS CLUB** All set for the young people on **Saturday 19th Dec** in Rahan Hall from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Forms are available in the school or from Pamela Finnerty or Helen Healy.

Maths Tuition: Available in the Mucklagh and surrounding areas for Leaving and Junior Certificate students. For more information contact Tony on 086 8282948.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The lotto numbers drawn for this week were 13, 16, 19, 21. There were two match three numbers winning 200 euros each. These were Padraic Murray, Killina School and Lee & Sophie Thornton, Mucklagh. Next week's jackpot is 12,600. Thanks for all your support. help is needed in all forms. Anyone that has moved into the parish are more than welcome to attend also.

The Minor Board AGM: Will be held in Rahan clubhouse on Thursday night at 8pm. Everyone with an interest in the future running of the club from players to mentors to parents have a contribution to make and are welcome to attend. With the amount of underage players in the club it is hoped to see as many Parents there as possible as

ADVENT THOUGHT "A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight".