

RAHAN PARISH COMMUNITY

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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The Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2016

As human beings, we often feel compelled to express our deepest nature in sign and symbol. Feelings, beliefs and experiences that are utterly lost in language can be communicated in other ways; a kiss, the gripping of a hand, a lit candle. When words fail us, we use gestures to share with one another. This expression is at the very core of human life and formed the basis for the work of John the Baptist.

KILLINA

Sunday 10th 10.30am:

Mass for Martin & Elizabeth Byrne, Derrycooley.

Tuesday 12th 7.30pm:

Mass for Thomas Foran & deceased family members, Killina

Wednesday 13th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent.

Friday 15th 9.00am:

Sunday 17th 10.30am:

Mass for James Gibbons, Newtown.

THE ISLAND

Saturday 9th 6.00pm:

Mass for Peter Hickey, Brackagh.

Saturday 16th 6.00pm:

Mass for Molly & James Minnock, Clonshanny Hill.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 9th 7.30pm:

Mass for James & Catherine Loonam, Killina.

Sunday 10th 9.00am:

Sunday 10th 12noon:

Mass for Sean McIntyre, Ballard.

Tuesday 12th 9.00am:

Wednesday 13th 7.30pm:

Mass for Lar Mooney, Lynally.

Thursday 14th 9.00am:

Friday 15th 7.30pm:

Mass for the deceased members of the Wall Family, Ballard.

Saturday 16th 7.30pm:

Mass for Mary Rickard, Mucklagh.

Sunday 17th 9.00am:

Mass for Ted Flynn, Charleville View.

Sunday 17th 12noon:

Mass for Brigie Molloy, Murrough.

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 €300.00	The Island €307.00	Mucklagh €835.00
Dev Fund:	Killina & The Island €230.00		Mucklagh €410.00

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of **John Gorman**, Mill Lane, Eneghan, Walsh Island (nephew of Breda Dowling, Screggan) who died on 29th December and who's funeral took place on the 1st January in Walsh Island with burial in adjoining cemetery, **Marion Cantwell, (wife of Paddy)** Aughadonagh who died on the 2nd January. Her funeral took place on the 5th January in Killina Church with burial afterwards in Rahan Cemetery and **Michael Doyle**, Roscore, Blueball who died on the 4th January. His funeral took place on the 7th January in Mucklagh Church with burial afterwards in Rahan Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Those in Hospital: Please let us know if there is a family member or friend in hospital or if you are aware of a neighbour or a person from your family who would like to have a visit from the local priest or also people who may be living alone or those in need in any way. Many thanks for the great support of good neighbours and family and friends.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome: August 19th-27th: The diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome will take place from the 19th to the 27th August 2016. Reservations to: - Mullingar Travel, Austin Friar Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Tel 044 9340587 or email connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie

Mucklagh Community Development: Lotto: draw 05-01-16 no's drawn 07/20/23/31. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners Andrea Neville c/o a Fingerboard and Jamie Owens c/o Flynn's €75 each. Next week's jackpot €12,000 and match three €150. Thanks for all the support.

Dochas Offaly Cancer Support Group: Offaly St, Drop In Centre. Mon-Thur 10am-2pm . Phone Support 9328268.

Community Games: The Community Games committee would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who took part in our recent 5k run/family walk through the village of Mucklagh. Congratulations in particular to Anne-Marie McGlynn who came first in a very impressive time of 16 minutes and 53 seconds. We wish to thank the Mucklagh Community Development Committee for the use of the Community Centre and Tullamore Harriers for their participation and support in the management of the event. Special tribute also to Rahan Comhaltas for the beautiful music on the day. Finally, thank you to all those who give up their time to help out on the day and our sponsors who contributed to the success of the event.

Leinster Scor na nOg Winners: Congratulations to the Shamrock's Ballad Group of Ellen Buckley, Grace Minnock, Caithlin Minnock, Martin Looby and Brian Whittaker who beat off stiff competition to win the Leinster Final of Scor na nOg in Ballymore last Sunday. They now go forward to the All Ireland in Killarney on January 30th. Many thanks to their coach Alo Looby for his hard work with the group. Congratulations also to Shamrock's Scor na nOg quiz team of Eanna Murray, Liadhan Murray, Rachel O' Brien and Thomas Britton who have also qualified for the All Ireland in Killarney. **Senior Scor:** The Scor committee are now preparing for the Senior Scor competition. So if you can sing, recite a poem or tell a story, have an interest in music, dancing or drama you are welcome to compete. For further information contact 086 1097153.

Ballykilmurray Community Presents Operation Transformation: in association with Edgewater Clinic. An 8 week individual programme, with group sessions. Medical Screening on first night with GP. Body Fat analysis, individual weigh ins, food plans and exercise plans each week along with group sessions. Open to all ages. Cost: €100 per individual, €200 per family. All funds raised will go towards Ballykilmurray Community Centre. Commencing on 06-01-2016. For more information contact 087 994 2571.

Shamrocks Notes: Lotto: The numbers drawn were 1-3-5-27. There was no Jackpot Winner. 2 x Match 3's €200 each. Maureen Healion (C Healion) & Johnny Spollen (K O' Meara). The Jackpot will be €7,200 next week and the draw will take place in Kelly's Roadhouse. **Membership:** Membership for 2016 is now due and MUST be paid to Registrar, Brian Kearney, or any committee member BEFORE the league or championship begins in U21 or Senior. €20 social members, €25 full time student, €50 senior and €25 underage. Congratulations to Shamrock's ballad group on winning the Leinster final. They now go through to the all Ireland final along with the question time team in Killarney on the 30th January.

Annual Reminders: 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 strive to 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. We also will try and give priority to Months Memory and 1st Anniversary Masses. Most families with booked Masses will understand this practice and are willing to rearrange their Masses so that a family with a recent bereavement can celebrate their Month's Memory or 1st Anniversary Mass near to the appropriate time. Sometimes families have no objection in sharing a booked Mass with other families – At times a shared Mass is necessary due to the volume of requests for anniversary Masses.

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 goers.

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 wish to give a eulogy in the cemetery, they are welcome to do so.

Useful Local and National Services:

AA: Mon, Thurs, Sat, Mercy Convent, 8.30pm.

Accord-marriage counselling: 057 9341831 057 9341831 .

Al-anon: Thurs 8.30pm at the presbytery Tullamore.

Accord Centre, Parochial House Tullamore: 0579322244.

Aware (depression) 1890-30-33-02 & Regional Office 0598625898.

Bereavement Support: - Parish Secretary 9321587 / 9351510.

Carers' Assoc: 057 9322920 057 9322920 .

St Vincent de Paul: Offaly St. 057 9322072 057 9322072 .

Cura: 0902-74272. Life Pregnancy Care.. 1890 281281.

Minus One: for widowed & separated, Mon, 9pm, Bridghouse.

Parentline: for parents under stress, 01-8733500 01-8733500 , Mon-Fri.

Rape Crisis Centre: Mon-Fri 10-1pm. Mon & Thurs 8-11pm. 1800 323 232.

Samaritans: 0902-73133.

Drug Addiction: Help for addicts/ family Ph. Willie 057 9351619 057 9351619

Gamblers Anon: Mon & Fri, Day Care Centre, 9pm. 057 9346258 057 9346258

Grow: Thurs 7.30pm, Community Health Centre, 057 9351124 057 9351124 .

Having problems with' debt/budgeting? Contact MABS, Hibernian Hse, 057 9323211 057 9323211 / 935225 (free & confidential). M.o.v.e. for men who vent, violence on loved ones. 0902 72174

Women In Crisis: Ozanam House, Mon, Thurs, Sat, 10am-1 pm; Tues & Fri 7-9pm. Ph. 9351796. Helpline 93 51886.

Women's Refuge: Athlone 0902-74122. Helpline 1800341900. **Teen-line Ireland:** 1800-833-634-teenagers with issues.