

PARISH of RAHAN, MUCKLAGH and THE ISLAND

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th November 2008

Prayerfulness is the art of staying awake or being attentive to God: constantly desiring, thirsting and longing for God as in the responsorial psalm. Daily acts of prayer keep the oil topped up and the lamp of faith alight. The prayerful soul is attentive to God's presence but the foolish unbeliever misses the grace of the present moment. November draws our attention to the afterlife, to memory of our loved ones, to grief and to hope. Belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope.

KILLINA CHURCH

Saturday 8th: Vigil Mass at 8.30pm for Michael Boland and John & Annie Monaghan, Derrycooley.
Sunday: Mass at 11am for the deceased members of the Guinan family, Roscore.
Monday: Mass at 9am.
Tuesday: Mass in Killina at 7.30pm for the living and deceased members of the Irish Countrywoman's Association.
Wednesday: Mass in Convent at 9am.
Thursday and Friday: Mass at 9am.
Saturday 15th: Vigil Mass at 8.30pm for John McLoughlin, Murrough.
Sunday: Mass at 11am for John Cooney, Killina.

THE ISLAND CHURCH

Sunday 9th Mass at 10am.
Thursday Mass at 6.30pm.
Sunday 16th Mass at 10am.

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 8th 7.30pm: Vigil mass for John Kelly, Killiskea.
Sunday 9th 9.00am: Mass for Bill Sammon & his son Eamonn, Lorraha, Nenagh.
Sunday 9th 12noon: Mass for Patrick Casey, Glaskill, and son Pdraig & grandchildren Dean & Siobhan Kelly.
Tuesday 11th 9.00am: Mass for Patrick, Elizabeth & Ber Foy, Killeigh.
Wednesday 12th 7.30pm Mass for Tommie Boylan, Mucklagh.
Thursday 13th 9.00am: Mass for Hannah Kerrigan & deceased family members, Tullamore.
Friday 14th 7.30pm: Mass for Colette Grennan, Ross, Screggan
Saturday 15th 7.30pm: Vigil mass for Paddy & Bridgie Barron, Charleville forest.
Sunday 16th 9am: Mass for Vincent & Elizabeth Flaherty & sons Paschal & Kevin, Screggan.
Sunday 16th 12 noon: -----

IN MEMORY Kindly remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Della Lydon**, 3 Lynally Grove Mucklagh, and formally from Keenagh, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo, who died during the week, and was buried in Mayo on Friday, also **Elsie Vaughan** who died in Texas U.S.A recently. Elsie was an aunt of Dinnie Wrafter and Bettie Colton and also the O' Neill family. She was formally from Cloonagh. May they 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 10pm.

Mucklagh every Thursday from after Mass - 9.30am to 8.00pm.

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

Tullamore Award winning Gospel Choir: The Gospel Choir have agreed to perform a concert for us in Mucklagh on Wednesday 26th November. The proceeds of the concert will go towards paying off of the remaining debt on the Church Roof. Tickets are now available from Flynn's 'The Fingerboard', Kelly's Roadhouse, The Office Centre, Tullamore and The Presbytery. The price for the tickets is €15.00 each. We would also be grateful to anyone who could sell a few tickets for us in your areas. Tickets can also be bought at the church doors after Masses each Sunday. Thank You.

Church Gate Collection

This weekend 8th and 9th November For the **Alfie Lambe House Project.**

15th and 16th November - **Mucklagh-Island-Rahan Community.**

NOVEMBER OFFERINGS are taken at Masses this weekend. We ask you to use the **purple envelope** in your family boxes. If using an ordinary envelope, kindly place your name and address on the envelope for the purposes of our records. We thank you for your constant support.

Island Rahan Development Association):Over the past few months we have been reading in our Newsletter the achievements of the IRDA and the great work it has done in Rahan and The Island areas of the parish. The IRDA now invites us here in Mucklagh to join them and thus qualify for the same benefits and grants that the IRDA have been able to obtain. This can only benefit us here in Mucklagh. Anyone interested in forming a small committee to initiate this move can contact Pat Joe Kelly on 086 3478168/93 21371 or Fr. Johnny on 93 21892.

IRDA now has various bulbs (daffodils, tulips etc) available for placing around the parish. If you wish to have some to cheer up your area, please contact Ann Egan or Nora Lavin for bulbs.

Chiropodist -will be in Rahan Community Centre on Friday 14th November from 2pm onwards. All who wish to avail of this service are asked to come early.

Set-Dancing The "Set Dancing" which is a feature of the Social life of Rahan continues every Thursday night in the G A A dressing rooms in Rahan at 9pm. No partner needed

Rahan Community Alert: Please note a Black Volvo S40 type with Northern Ireland registration has been spotted in around the Rahan Area recently. The occupants are know to the gardai. If you spot this car again please ring Tullamore Garda Station.

Offaly County Childcare Committee is holding an **Arts & Crafts Make & Do Workshop** in Tullamore on Saturday 22nd November 2pm to 4pm. It is for school age children and parents. Cost €5 per child. If you wish to attend please contact Tracey in the Office on 05791 35878 for a booking form

Shamrocks Notes:

Lotto: Our lotto numbers from Monday nights draw are 1, 12, 25 and 27. We had five Match 3 winners who receive €40 - well done to Dorothy Colbert (K. O'Meara),

Nigel Dunne (B. Minnock), Paris (M. Rickard), Noel and Mary Mashall (C. Healion) and Charlie McGrath (M. Manley). Next weeks draw for €3,400 takes place in Kellys Roadhouse.

U21 Football: Hard luck to our U21 footballers who were defeated by Tullamore on Saturday evening.

Annual General Meeting

Shamrocks AGM is fast approaching. The date will be fixed following Wednesday nights committee meeting. All motions and nominations can be given to the secretary, Grainne Kelly or any member of the committee.

Shamrocks Ladies Football

Shamrocks Minor Ladies are playing Edenderry in the final this Sunday at 3pm (venue to be announced). We wish them the very best of luck. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Shamrocks Club Holiday

Shamrocks have organised a Club holiday to Gran Canaria from the 4th to the 11th February. The cost is E470. A deposit of E150 can be paid to any member of the committee to guarantee your place. The full amount must be paid by December 8th. Any of the Club holidays organised have been great fun and all are welcome to join us.

Booked Masses: Most public Masses in our three Churches are celebrated for the deceased family members of our parishioners and many are booked months in advance. We welcome this. As we have mentioned in our NEWSLETTER in the past, we will always honour this arrangement **except in cases** where a funeral Mass is taking place on a Sunday. In such circumstances, the funeral takes precedence and the Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of the person being buried. We notify the family (of the booked Mass) as soon as we can so that an alternative date can be agreed to for their family Mass. Also, because of our Mass schedule, remains must be taken to the churches on the previous Saturday evening. This situation has occurred many times in the past and families (of pre-booked Masses) involved have been most understanding. We also repeat that due to our big Mass schedule on Sunday, funerals must coincide with the normal Mass times.

Diabetes A public education meeting organised by the Diabetes Federation of Ireland will be held on Tuesday 11th November in the Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar. Talk: "What's my future with Type 1 Diabetes?"

Speakers: Dr. Shu Hoashi, Consultant Endocrinologist and Ms. Marie Keogh, Dietician and Ms. Maeve Dempsey, Diabetes Nurse Specialist. Talks begin at 7.30pm

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed During this weekend, we pray for our relatives and friends who have gone from this world and linger on the threshold of eternal happiness. It is recommended that we pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father, One Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed) while visiting a church or cemetery. In this way we can gain a plenary indulgence which is applicable to the souls of the departed.