



Our Lady of Clonfert

# Parish of Murhaun

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Mass celebrated Shannonside Radio at 10.00 a.m on Sunday



## Fr. Frankie will offer Mass each morning at 10am with the Poor Clare Sisters for these and for all of your intentions.

Sunday	10th May:	Francis & Mary Nugent, Maisie Shanley & Peggy Carr.
Monday	11th May:	Private intentions.
Tuesday	12th May	Christine Nealon nee Healy
Wednesday	13th May	Intentions of Drumshanbo Parishoners, friends and benefactors of Poor Clare Sisters and Pro Populo.
Thursday	14th May:	Tim Mannion & deceased members of Mannion family.
Friday	15th May:	Philip Fox.
Saturday	16th May:	John McEvoy.
Sunday	17th May:	Margaret Gralton.

**Death:** This difficult Pandemic time is more than painful for those who are bereaved. So our prayers are with Kevin, Mary and Gerard Healy who laid to rest their sister Christine Nealon in Howth during the past week. We also remember and offer our sympathy to Mavi Arias, Convent Ave whose brother Antnio Arias passed away in Barcelona on May 1st. We ask you to pray for both bereaved families at this time.

**Leitrim Calling** provides a confidential telephone call service for who may feel lonely or challenged either in the short term or longer. We remain in full service during COVID-19. Our service base has increased by almost 60 per cent since COVID invaded all of our lives.

**Our Service has been blessed during this crisis with the support of fantastic volunteers across our community who came to assist us in ensuring that we continue to deliver what is now a growing service. We currently have 14 volunteers and as Coordinator of the Service I am personally touched with the way in which these people have responded to our need and engage with our lovely clients through telephone calls with a great sense of care, kindness and empathy.**

We have always lived by our motto. 'We are here because we care' and this is especially true now more than ever during this time of challenge and fear. We welcome anyone to take up our service who would enjoy a friendly chat. You may also direct someone you know (with their permission) to us. It is so important that connectedness is maintained during this difficult time in our community. Contact us. Phone: 087 9585029

Marion Quigley (Service Coordinator)

## Our Lady of Clonfert:

Our Lady of Clonfert, I come to you as one of your children who will never forget the importance of a woman like you.

I come because I believe in you.

I come to say thanks for the past and the present and ask you to bless me in the future.

You know me, you know how I live and you know my needs.

Please help me especially when I need you most.

I have problems, worries and anxieties the same as everyone else..... Help me to cope.

So often I would just love to give up when life hurts me and people betray me, but give me the courage never to lose heart.

Bless my family, my life and my friends.

Help me, no matter what happens to me in life, to believe to trust and to hope.

Our Lady of Clonfert. Pray for us.

AMEN.

During the month of May, in the Midlands where I once lived, thousands of people flocked to the Church and the Shrine of our Lady of Clonfert. They came each day from North Tipp, East Galway and West Offaly and from far beyond.

They came to make a visit, they came to pray the Rosary, they came to light a candle, they came to sit quiet, young and old, families and people on their own, settled and traveller, for the same reason, to find peace and to lay their burden down.

During my 15 years in Ferbane, it was one of my favourite trips to go to Clonfert, driving through a Summer landscape of colour and beauty, that was in itself the May Altar for Our Lady.

Because of Covid 19 all this has stopped this year. Many people love this prayer to Our Lady of Clonfert. We are invited to pray it at 12 noon each day during the month of May with all the thousands of pilgrims to Clonfert who must stay at home this year.

Our Lady of Clonfert, our mother and mother of Jesus, pray for us now in this time of great anxiety for us your children. (Fr. Frankie)