

# Parish of Murhaun

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim.

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## Masses

Saturday 23rd Dec. (7.00 p.m) Olive and Sean Conlon.

Sunday 24th Dec. (9.00 a.m) Pro Populo.

Sunday 24th Dec. (11.30 a.m)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent [Masses Monday 25th Dec—Sunday 31st Dec 2017]

Sunday	9.00 p.m.	<i>Midnight Mass (Parish Church)</i>
Sunday	11.00 p.m.	<i>Midnight Mass (Convent Chapel)</i>
Monday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day Mass (Convent Chapel)</i>
Monday	11.30 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day Mass (Parish Church.)</i>
Tuesday	12 noon	Patrick & Florrie Sheeran.
Wednesday	12 noon	Kathleen Mulvey (Drumkeelbeg)
Thursday	12 noon.	Packie Mulvey (Months Memory)
Friday	12 noon.	
Saturday	12 noon	
Saturday	7.00 p.m.	Pat Beirne (Mahanagh)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday.	11.30 a.m.	Lorraine Lynch.

**Ministers of the Word: Vigil:** Rachel McDonagh, Timmy Kane, Seán Grier, Hannah Martin.

**11.30 a.m.** Margaret Hyland & Martina McGowan.

**Convent :** C

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Group B **Altar Society:** Month of December: Group A

**Offertory collection** € 2500.00 Thank You.

**Prayer Meeting:** No Prayer meeting this week.

**Deaths:** We remember in our prayers Tommy Flynn, Ballinamore, brother in law of Sean and Gerry McKeon, Dristernan, Fidelma Durkin O'Callaghan, Knockvicar, wife of Francis O'Callaghan, Church St, Mary O'Hagan, Naomh Pádraig, Mary Waters, Ballintogher, mother of Aine Blessing, Hillcrest and Breda Heffernan, Mahanagh. May they rest in peace forever.

**Walk in memory of Lorraine Lynch** on St. Stephan's Day. Registration Aras Phádraig @ 11.30 a.m. Walk 12 noon (Boradwalk to Drumhaurver bridge) Refreshments served in Aras Phadraig. Adm. Optional. Proceeds toward memorial bench for Lorraine. Contact 087 7619615.

**Christmass Eve Mass Sunday 24th December.**

Parish Church @ 9.00 p.m. Convent Chapel @ 11.00 p.m.

**Chritmas Day Monday 25th December**

Convent Chapel @ 9.00 a.m. Parish Church @ 11.30 a.m.

## Across the Bridge of Hope.

As I write these lines, the evening news is on T. V. The images are of Dublin Airport Arrivals: smiles, hugs, many tears of joy. Christmas means "Coming Home".

To all of you who have made that trip across the miles to Drumshanbo this year, I say to you "Welcome Home"

Many of you cannot come home, but I do know some of you read the newsletter on our website. (www.drumshanboparish@gmail.com). I greet all of you beyond the sea from the little town and the parish that you call home. We will remember you especially in the prayer of Christmas. We have a special place in our hearts for all who are in hospital and Nursing Homes and those of you who are confined to your home.

Your prayer is our prayer, with you and for you this Christmas Night.

There is much pain and sadness at this time of year. I think especially of the thirty families of our parish who have lost a loved this year. May the Gracious Light that is Jesus, born in Bethlehem as Peace, bless and heal you with the gentle hands of time. On your behalf, I thank the Sisters of Mercy and Poor Clare Sisters for daily praying for our fears and our hopes, a lighthouse in all our storms. Finally I ask God of Infinite Tenderness to mind each one of you and your family and keep them safe on the roads of the coming year. Help us to walk together into the New Year of 2018 across the Bridge of Hope . Amen

[ Fr. Frankie]

## Bishop Francis Christmas Message 2017

At Christmas we recall the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. We remember that Jesus was born into a family; We think of our own family and we miss those who are not with us. At this time we are remember families that are vulnerable because of poverty, homelessness and exile.

Next August the World Meeting of Families will take place in Ireland. It will be a conversation about the value of family life; all are welcome to prepare and to participate. We hope that Pope Francis will be there and I hope that you will be able to come and to celebrate family. I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful and full of hope, because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.