



**Feast of St.
Joseph
the Worker :
May 1st 2020**

Parish of Murhaun

**Mass celebrated Sunday
Shannonside Radio at 10.00 a.m on Sunday**

**Feast of St.
Catherine of
Siena, Patron
of Europe on
26th April
2020**



Fr. Frankie will say Mass privately during the week for the following intentions:

Sunday	26th April:	Tom Egan
Monday	27th April:	Pro Populo
Tuesday	28th April:	
Wednesday	29th April:	
Thursday	30th April:	
Friday	1st May:	Jim & Josie Scollan.
Saturday	2nd May:	Patrick McPartland.
Sunday	3rd May:	Tom Joe Wilford.

Saint Vincent de Paul: Local number 086 0868733

Leitrim Development Company: A COVID-19 Community available: Karen 0877167593 or email kdolan@ldco.ie. helpline is 071-9650473 a week.

ACCORD, Covid-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line. If you need to speak to relationship counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 01 531 3331, 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.

Drumshanbo Credit Union new opening hours: - Tuesday 11am - 3pm: -
- Friday 11am - 2pm and 3pm - 6pm- 071 – 9641848.

The committee of the Joe Mooney Summer School with to inform you that due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Summer School will not take place this year. The overriding factor in our decision is the health and safety of participants, tutors, visitors and the local community. Hopefully we will be back bigger and better in 2021. Please stay safe and well. We would also like to thank the numerous volunteers who are essential to the running of the Summer School each year.

Pandemic Prayer:

And then the whole world walked inside and shut their doors.

And said we will stop it all everything

To protect our weaker ones, our sicker ones, our older ones and nothing,

Nothing in the history of humankind ever felt more like love than this.

There will be no “Joe Mooney” this year. Sadly there will be no music on High St, in the July Summer sunshine as people from every language mingle as one in the universal language of music.

This coming week was meant to be a special week in our Parish Calendar. Friday next 1st May was meant to be Confirmation Day. On Saturday the boys and girls in second class were to be celebrating the beautiful day of their First Communion. All cancelled, indefinitely. I am so sorry and I feel for the children, the extended families and the school who had their dates calendar marked since September. I promise we will celebrate your Special Day as soon as it is good, safe and possible to do it. We will let you know as soon as we know.

The Poor Clare and our Mercy Sisters join me for Mass each morning at 10a.m. All of your concerns, hopes and tears are uppermost in our minds. The Sisters continue to remember you in their Office Prayers each day. You are not forgotten. Pope Francis appears bowed and bent by the weight of the suffering and sacrifice of our world. His prayer is our prayer also each day.

Our church is opened for all every day. Quiet, warm and welcoming it offers each one a place of rest peace and reassurance. Our beautiful weather makes of our lovely Leitrim landscape a cathedral of colour and cherry blossom, making it easy for us to pray anyplace.

Do keep your spirits up. This will end. Keep a diary . Have a routine. Keep in touch. A lady shared with me during this week that she was feeling a bit down one morning. Then some music came on the radio, and she found herself dancing around the kitchen floor. The magic of the music. There may be no music in the July sunshine this year. But we can remember the music, the fiddle, the bodhran, the flute and the box accordion. Next year we will hear the music again, when our hometown becomes a home for the world and the beautiful virus that is music unites us all as one and we can dance again.

(Fr. Frankie)