



# Parish of Murhaun

Mass will be celebrated on Shannonside Radio at 10.00 & on RTE Television at 11.00 on Sunday morning.

Mass will be available by webcam at Saint Mel's Cathedral [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com) – 8.00am, 10.00am, 1.05 weekdays:  
7.30pm Saturday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am and 1.00pm on Sundays.

"AH! I CANNOT  
RECEIVE HOLY  
COMMUNION AS  
OFTEN AS I DESIRE.  
BUT, LORD, ARE YOU  
NOT ALL-POWERFUL?  
REMAIN IN ME AS IN  
A TABERNACLE AND  
NEVER SEPARATE  
YOURSELF FROM YOUR  
LITTLE VICTIM."  
—  
St. Therese of Lisieux  
Story of a Soul



## Drumshanbo Pastoral Council:

The last two weeks has been a huge challenge. What makes it harder for us all is the realisation that it is uncertain when this Covid -19 threat will pass and our lives return to some normality.

All our lives are turned upside down. We are prevented from doing the normal things we have taken for granted, especially the social interacting with our friends, family and our Church.

Our Pastoral Council stand in support of Fr. Frankie and the Church but especially for you our fellow members of the congregation: in particular any person who feels isolated or vulnerable during this time. Please let us know if you have any concerns or thoughts on how we can best assist our local Church Community. Feel free to contact any member of the Pastoral Council.

Finally as we approach the holy time of Easter collectively we pray for all who are ill and that this crisis will pass very soon. **(Enda McGloin. Chairperson)**

Bishop Francis asks us to continue to follow the strict regulations of best practice in the care of our family. Sadly there will be no public Masses for the foreseeable future. We will reschedule the dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I want to reassure the children of Sixth and Second Class, we will make at a special day for them and their family as soon as it is safe to do so.

Weddings are cancelled for the coming months. Bishop Francis has given these couples permission to celebrate their weddings on a Sunday if it makes it easier for them to arrange a new venue.

Most poignant, all funerals will have to follow strict guidelines of close family members only.

I will leave copies of bulletins in the Church and in Gala and Centra. I thank them, the Post Office, the Pharmacies and all in our Parish who continue to work on our behalf at great personal risk to themselves.

Each day at 10.00 a.m. I celebrate Mass with the Sisters, always including all your fears, anxieties and hopes at this time. "ALL SHALL BE WELL" **(Fr. Frankie)**

*God of Love and Mercy  
We pray for our world -  
for all of us,  
each one now in some way impacted by COVID-19:  
but especially for those persons who are ill,  
those who have lost loved ones  
and those whose personal and work lives  
have been severely disrupted by the reach of this virus.*

*We give thanks for the tender care of the sick  
by doctors, nurses and health care workers,  
for the generous and willing service of volunteers  
and for the imagination and dedication  
of researchers seeking a cure.*

*We are grateful for those who share wise advice with us;  
those whose work creates healthy environments for us;  
those who put our needs before theirs,  
our safety before theirs,  
our well-being before theirs.  
May we each be supportive of one another,  
considerate of one another  
and generous to one another in this difficult and uncertain time.  
-Amen*

**Death:** We remember in our prayers Shane Conlon, originally Hill Road, who passed away in U.S.A. recently. Funeral arrangements later.

**Allen Gaels GAA Club has volunteers in place to help people in need.**

**If you wish to avail of this service please ring or text:**

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