

Parish of Murhaun

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim.

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Masses	Saturday	30th Dec	7.00 p.m.	Bridie Coggins (Months Memory)
	Sunday	31st Dec	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	Sunday	31st Dec	11.30 a.m.	Lorraine Lynch.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. (Masses Monday 1st Jan 2018— Sunday 7th Jan 2018)

Monday	12 noon	
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Deceased members of Lynch Family. (Lustia)
Wednesday	7.00 p.m.	Mark McGovern.
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	
Friday	7.00 p.m.	Pat & Catherine Lynch.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Christina Malone (Months Memory)
Saturday	11.30 a.m.	David Doorley (Months Memory)
Saturday	7.00 p.m.	Celsus McGarry & parents Patrick & Frances McGarry.
Sunday.	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Peggy McTigue.

Ministers of the Word: Vigil: Aoife Gilmartin, Justin Mulvey, Niamh Mulvey & Aoibhe Logan.

11.30 a.m. Mary Costello & Diarmaid McKiernan. **Convent** : D

Eucharistic Ministers: Group C **Altar Society:** Month of January: Group B

Offertory collection: € 5345.00 Thank you.

Deaths: We remember in our prayers Patricia Conway (nee Murray), formerly Cornashamsogue who was laid to rest recently in Tulsk. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community Bobby O'Brien and Jayme Oliver Lee who were baptised in our Parish this weekend.

First Friday: Mass on Friday next @ 7.00 p.m. Fr. Frankie will visit housebound following week.

Hour of Prayer : welcome New year on Sunday night in Convent Chapel @ 11.30p.m. –12.30 a.m.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sat 6th Jan in Convent Chapel after 10a.m. Mass

Pilates Classes: in Allen Gaels Clubhouse on Wed 10th Jan . Beginners 7.30 -8.30 p.m. Intermediate 8.30 ...9.30 p.m. Block of 5 classes €40. Contact: Cabrini 086 3803426

Saturday next 6th January
 Feast of the Epiphany of The Lord. (Holy Day)
 Vigil Mass on Friday @ 7.00 p.m.
 Mass on Saturday @ 10.00 a.m and 11.30 a.m.

2018 A Bridge of Hope.

A new Year dawns gently on our horizon, 2018:

It is a gift. It's a new Beginning. It's a new shiny story book with 365 clear clean pages. Each new day we are called to write our story in the 12 chapter months of 2018. What will we write? What will others read on these pages? We ask God's Holy Spirit to ink our pens with the grace of compassion so that what we write by our words, prayers and actions this coming year, may build a bridge of hope for all who will read us like an open book.

May this New Year bless you.

Looking back:

We look back on 2017 and we thank God for all that was good and kind, gave us hope and made us smile. Will we ever forget An Total's' "Bales of Laughter". In memory we can still here the music of "The Joe Mooney" that this year even filtered into the prayer of the Poor Clares. We have a new bridge. We have a new restaurant. We have a new whiskey. The new lights on the Carrick Road welcome friend and stranger into our town. We welcome Sr. Paula into our Poor Clare family who has come to join Sr. Jemma from their home in the Philippines this year. Drumshanbo Vocational School brought home yet another All Ireland Title and the celebrations continued on the Yellow Brick Road to the Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Thank you for the memories.

We welcome 30 babies into our Church of St. Patrick for the first of many times we pray, as they walk with God the gentle shepherd of their souls. In April 26 boys and girls celebrated First Communion, a day of wonder innocence and beauty. A week later 19 boys and girls from 6th class, celebrated their Confirmation Day. We pray that Holy Spirit will guide their steps and keep them safe from harm in the journey of adolescence and beyond.

Four couples walked down the isle of our Church, hand in hand having prayed their marriage vows to begin the journey of a lifetime.

Sadly we accompanied 26 of our family, friends and neighbours to lay them to rest in the gentle soil of Leitrim. We grieve with those who continue to visit that graveside, quietly and tearfully many times since in the fading evening light.

A big thank you to all, especially the little children who made the prayer of the Christmas Mass so special this year.

(Fr. Frankie)