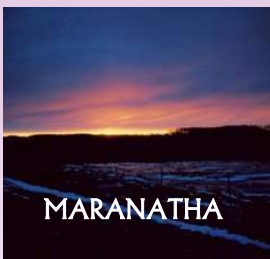


Parish of Murhaun



Saturday	Dec 1st	7.00 p.m.	Betty & Paddy McManus
Sunday	Dec 2nd	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo.
Sunday	Dec 2nd	11.30 a.m.	Josephine & Francis Higgins.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Saturday 8th December (Holy Day)

First Sunday of Advent Masses: Monday Dec 3rd to Sunday 9th Dec. 2018

Monday	8.00 a.m.	Pro Populo.
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Maura Gunning.
Wednesday	7.00 p.m.	David Dooley.
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	Benefactors living & deceased of Poor Clare Community.
Friday	8.00 a.m.	
Friday	7.00 p.m.	Kevin Keane. Thomas & Alice Keane. (Parish Church)
Saturday	11.30 a.m.	Desmond Flynn. (Convent)
Saturday	7.00 p.m.	Lawrence O'Connor (Parish Church)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Preston
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Sonny & Peggy Flynn.

Ministers of the Word: Vigil. Aoife Gilmartin, Justin Mulvey, Grace Hopkins, Aoibhe Logan.

11.30 a.m. Mary Gilhooley & Pdraig McLoughlin **Convent : D**

Eucharistic Ministers: Group C **Altar Society:** Christmas Group

Senior Citizens : Wednesday @ 2p.m. Aras Phádraig. New members welcome.

Prayer Meeting: Monday @ 8p.m. Aras Phádraig. New members welcome.

Offertory collection: Last weekend : €1715.00 Thank You.

Death: We remember in our prayer Margaret Flynn, mother of Alison Smyth, who was laid to rest during the week. May she rest in peace.

SVP Annual Christmas Appeal members will be passing out the Annual Appeal envelopes on 8-9 Dec. Your contribution will be much appreciate. Envelopes collected the following weekend 15-16 December or can be placed in the collection baskets.

Food Hampers : Some hampers of non -perishable food will be available to help families at this time of year, on **Wednesday 5th December from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m** in St. Vincent de Paul House, Hill Rd. Bring a shopping bag or box. Contact Mary on 0863132579

Fundraising Spinathon : in aid of Brother Kevin's Capuchin Day Centre for the homeless on Saturday 8th December at Main St. Drumshanbo. Please support.

Christmas Market in aid of St. Patrick's N.S. on Sunday 9th Dec from 13.30 –3.00 p.m. in the Mayflower. Variety of stalls and entertainment . Please support.

ISPPC: Thank you to all who contributed to church gate collection €511.60 raised.

First Friday: Friday next 7th December. Mass at 8am in Convent & 7pm Parish Church. Calls as usual.

Advent

Advent is the prayer of waiting; waiting with the excitement of a child's eyes; Waiting with the joy of young parents for their baby to be born; Waiting with fear and hope for the MRI results or the date of the surgery; Waiting with the hidden pain and shame for the court case and the sentencing; Waiting in vigil in the hospice ward for that last breath of final farewell. Waiting is our prayer of this Advent Time. Let us breathe the Advent Mantra Prayer , MARANATHA. Let us become one in the great Advent Prayer of our world, Waiting, waiting, forever waiting for Christ.

Advent Prayer Vigil: Friday 7th Dec.

Mass in Parish Church @ 7p.m.

Vigil begins in the Convent Chapel @ 8p.m and concludes with **Mass at 10.00p.m.**

Confessions will be available from 8-10 p.m.

Safeguarding Message for Advent 2018: When he visited us Pope Francis spoke very movingly about the suffering and pain of those who were abused in our Church. "None of us can fail to be moved by the stories of young people who suffered abuse, were robbed of their innocence, were separated from their mothers, and were left scarred by painful memories. This open wound challenges us to be firm and decisive in the pursuit of truth and justice". He complimented the work of our Parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Representatives and our priests and religious who "with the help of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Church in Ireland, ... have set in place a stringent set of norms aimed at ensuring the safety of young persons". I thank all who keep these standards to the forefront of our Church activities. I thank you for your vigilance and your commitment to making our Church as safe as possible for children. I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087-7057516). (Bishop Francis.)

Annual Carol Service:

December 16th @ 7p.m. in Parish Church. Proceeds to Leitrim Calling. Admission optional.