



Parish of Murhaun

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday on Shannonside Radio at 10.00 on Sunday



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

Monday	13th April:	John Flood
Tuesday	14th April:	Intentions of Drumshanbo Parishioners, Friends and benefactors of Poor Clare Community.
Wednesday	15th April:	Michael, Mary Teresa, Packie & Angela Mulvey.
Thursday	16th April:	Pro Populo.
Friday	17th April:	James & Bridie Gilhooly.
Saturday	18th April:	Johnny & Christian Malone & deceased family members.
Sunday	19th April:	James & Margaret Lynch.

The following are the liturgies for Holy Week 2020 that will be broadcast by webcam at St. Mel's Cathedral : www.longfordparish.com:

Holy Saturday: 10.00p.m. Easter Vigil.

aster Sunday: Dawn Mass 6.00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass: 11.30a.m. & 1.00 p.m.

A week of sadness in Drumshanbo.

This Holy Week our Drumshanbo Parish Community experienced the greatest sadness, the tragic death of five year old Conor Campbell. Our whole Community has one heart that is broken in pain, compassion and prayer for Emma and Joe, his little brothers Mark and James and the extended Campbell and Lynch families.

Little Conor took us all to a place of terrible sadness and great love. People lined the whole way of the funeral cortege. No handshakes or hugs were possible and no words were spoken but as the song says "Sometimes we say it best when we say nothing at all"

We will never forget the little white coffin, the farming symbols, the white feather, the stories, the memories and Conor's favourite song "Honda 50" that made us all smile. His grave was a bed of spring flowers. The entrance to Conor's resting place lined with daffodils of hope. Fourteen blue balloons disappeared into a blue sky. Five year old Conor who's energy and life, goodness and smile we will never be able to forget.

This is our Good Friday made real. Our Easter prayer, that the hope that is Easter Resurrection will bathe his family and all his little friends and our whole community with peace and light. We pray that the Risen Jesus will take Conor to that home of light. May the relatively small sacrifice we are asked to make like splinters on the Cross be an Easter Prayer for Conor's Family at this time.

My prayer is that this Easter of isolation and physical distance will draw us ever more closer as a Community in care and kindness for each other, and someday soon we can celebrate it together in freedom and with joy. AMEN (Fr. Frankie)

Easter Ceremonies on RTE 1:

Holy Saturday 11th April. (RTE 1) : **10.00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday 12th April(RTE 1) **10.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m** Urbi et Orbi: **Pope Francis' Easter Message** and his Easter blessing to the world with prayer and encouragement . (RTÉ1)

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Easter Message 2020 from Bishop Francis.

I send Easter greetings to the people of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, our parishioners, our priests and religious, those who are isolated at this time, the fearful, people whose employment has been affected, the sick, those who are sadly bereaved and all who work in hospitals and in essential services.

The celebration of Easter takes place in a very different way, a virtual way, behind closed doors. The message of Easter is the same as it has been from the beginning, Christ is Risen, Alleluia. In these days it is a proclamation of hope in the midst of restrictions, hope in the midst of fear and unemployment and hope in the midst of illness and death. We have great hope in the risen Jesus Christ, he is with us, to encourage, to strengthen and to console.

We also have great hope in humanity. We are grateful to all who have carefully gone out to serve, those on the front line in hospitals and in the variety of essential services, leaders who make wise decisions and researchers who seek a vaccine. Also the many generous acts of neighbourliness.

As we face into the uncertainties that lie ahead, our hope shines brightly, and our determination to return to our places of work and to live without fear is strong. The experience of the essential restrictions teaches us that we wish to go out, we wish to be with people, to meet up, to chat and to enjoy company.

The Easter Message has its origin in the dark days of Jesus' suffering and then blossoms into the Good News of resurrection. Our hope is firm; it is based in Jesus Christ and in the goodness it is based in Jesus Christ and in the goodness of humanity.