



Parish of Murhaun



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Mass celebrated Shannonside Radio at 10.00 a.m on Sunday

Fr. Frankie will offer Mass each morning at 10am with the Poor Clare Sisters for these and for all of your intentions.

Sunday	17th May:	Margaret Gralton
Monday	18th May:	Pro Populo
Tuesday	19th May:	Deceased members of Farrelly & McLoughlin families.
Wednesday	20th May:	Bob Pagnam & deceased family members.
Thursday	21st May:	The Intentions of Drumshanbo Parishioners, friends and benefactors of Poor Clare Community.
Friday	22nd May:	
Saturday	23rd May:	Peter & Agnes Gilmartin.
Sunday	24th May:	Harry Moran (Months Memory)

Death: Once again this week the dark clouds of grief darkened our skies with the sudden death of Brendan Meehan at such a young age. As a community we may be separated but we are all united as one in prayer for Brendan, his fiancée Shauna and his heartbroken family. May his gentle spirit find a home with God forever.

Leitrim Calling provides a confidential telephone call service for who may feel lonely or challenged either in the short term or longer. Contact us. Phone: 087 9585029

The Annual Aughnasheelin 5km/10km May Walk: Due to Covid19 restrictions we are unable to gather and walk to raise much needed funds for The North West Hospice and The Irish Cancer Society so we have decided to take to social media to raise the funds. Please support in whatever way you can : head out for a 5km walk / run, donate what you can at www.gofundme.com/maywalk2020 and nominate 5 friends to do the same. Cheques made payable to May Walk 2020 or cash can be given to any committee member. FB: [Facebook.com/maywalk2020](https://www.facebook.com/maywalk2020)

Lough Derg: One day retreats online : Sat 16th May, Tue 19th May, Sun 24th May and Wed 27th May. Log on to www.loughderg.live.

Trocaire Boxes: If you have a Trocaire box in your home could you drop it in to the Parochial House or The Lodge during the coming week. Thank you.

"Immaculate Heart of Mary we place all our trust in you."

Our Church Renovation & Refurbishment. It is almost 40 years since any major work was carried out on our beautiful Parish Church of St. Patrick's. In the coming weeks, taking advantage that it is closed for public gatherings, we will commence work of minor renovation & refurbishment and decoration of our Church. Sadly for health and safety reasons our Church will have to remain closed while this work is in progress.

The work will entail the construction of a ramp at the front door to make wheelchair access possible and easier access at funeral times. This requires a reordering and realignment of the seating to make our Church a welcome space for persons who need to use a wheelchairs or those who have restricted mobility.

Our Baptismal Font will be relocated to give it the proper significant place in our liturgy. A new reconciliation space, bright and welcoming, will replace the old darkened and out-dated confessional boxes in line with the new understanding of this lovely Sacrament of welcome and forgiveness.

The heating has already been updated and has made a great difference. We will modernise the light and sound systems as well as painting and carpeting to give our Church a new clean ,modern and warm atmosphere. All this work is done to accentuate and enhance what is already a very beautiful space in our Church. Some minor restyling will take place in the Sanctuary.

Many people have asked me and indeed complained to me that we don't' have a webcam facilities like so many other Churches. At first we thought the cost might be prohibitive but it seems now we do have no choice. People in general will not be able to come to Church for many months because of the requirements of physical distancing. We now propose to include this facility as part of the renovations. This will enable people in the sad event of a funeral to pray with the bereaved family in a virtual way and to join us on each Sunday for Mass.

Due to the generosity of those who have gone before us, your parents and grandparents and the prudent financial management of Fr. McHale and Fr. Burke and their finance council, we have some money put by for this work. We can at a later date talk of some fundraising event. Some people have indicated a willingness to sponsor some aspects of this work.

I will continue to update you about the work in progress. Thank you for your continual support and generosity and can I urge you to continue to follow the guidelines to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.
(Fr. Frankie)