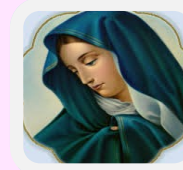




Parish of Murhaun



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 Mass celebrated Shannonside Radio at 10.00 a.m on Sunday

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

- Sunday 5th July: Vincent and Nancy Moran.
- Monday 6th July: Pro Populo.
- Tuesday 7th July:
- Wednesday 8th July:
- Thursday 9th July:
- Friday 10th July:
- Saturday 11th July: Mary & Joseph Barry & deceased family members.
- Sunday 12th July:

Death: Our parish was literally shrouded in a mist of grief this last weekend at the sudden death of Adelaide Murray Grunewald, Corlough. We pray that Adelaide will now discover that the fog lifted in that beautiful valley where all our searching comes to final fulfilment. May she rest in peace. AMEN.

An Tóstal Festival Drive in Bingo: Wednesday 8th July in the Mart Car Park, 8pm sharp.

Confirmation dates: Weekend of 12th & 13th September 2020

First Communion dates: Weekend of 3rd and 4th October 2020

If you wish to attend Mass in the coming weeks, could we ask you to phone the parish office 071 96 41010 on Monday and Tuesday morning between 10.00 and 11.30 a.m. to get your seat number. We regret we have to do this, but we do it in order that we do not have to turn people away at the door and also that we can have a list of people at Mass in the unlikely event should tracing become necessary. An external sound system has been set up to enable you to attend Mass from the Car park and if you wish to receive Holy Communion you may do so. We like all of society are trying to adapt our Church to the “new normal” aware of the regulations in order to keep other people and ourselves safe.

As we gather to pray in the Mayflower this weekend, we celebrate the fact that this week sixty years ago, the Ballroom was opened. If we listen carefully, we might hear the sound of music and of dancing feet and the laughter of young love interspersed with the prayer of our Mass today.

We are creating a list of volunteers to help out at Saturday and Sunday Mass. If you feel you could help out in any way I would be most grateful. 0719641010

Welcome back: We are back. After sixteen weeks we will gather for Mass this weekend. It will be different. It will be in the Mayflower. It will be just 50 people, socially distanced. Others will pray the Mass from our car park. Hand sanitizers, no baskets, no servers, no sign of peace and Communion in the hand will be the norm for these coming Sunday Masses.

But it is a beginning, it’s the “Dawn of Hope”. It will be so good to see you back again. You were sorely missed. Thank you for your understanding, your sacrifice, your patience and your generosity these past weeks.

Pandemic Reflection:

Yes there was fear, isolation, sickness and even death.
 In China after many years of noise, you can hear the birds sing and the sky is clear blue.
 In Assisi, home of Francis and Clare, people sing to each other from open windows across the square.
 In Dublin Brother Kevin’s Church became a home for the homeless to have their meals.
 All over the world people have come to realise how little control we really have, how vulnerable we all can be, and what really matters in the end is kindness.

We pray that we will have learned :
 though there is fear, there need not be hatred:
 there is loneliness but there does not have to be isolation:
 there is sickness but there does not have to be disease of the soul.

Summer is here. We are encompassed by love.
 Let us open the windows of our hearts and though we may not be able to touch or hug across the pandemic square, we can always sing for each other.

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
 Courage to change the things I can
 and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
 enjoying one moment at a time,
 accepting difficulties as a pathway to peace;
 Taking, as Jesus did, this broken world as it is, not as I would want it to be.
 Trusting that You will make all things right, If I can entrust my life into your hands.
 AMEN.