

Parish of Murhaun



Saturday 5th Dec 7.00 p.m. Frank & Annie Murray & Betty & Paddy McManus
 Sunday 6th Dec: 9.00 a.m. Pro Populo
 Sunday 6th Dec 11.30 a.m. Sonny & Peggy Flynn.

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Second Sunday in Advent.

Monday Evening Mass @ 7p.m. Vigil Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception and Tuesday 8th Dec. @ 7.00 p.m. Feast of Immaculate Conception.

Mon. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Man. 7.00 p.m. (**Parish Church**) Terence Cullen
 Tue. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Tue. 7.00 p.m. (**Parish Church**) Peg, Paddy & Máiread O'Keeffe. (M.M. for Paddy).
 Wed 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Wed 7.00 p.m. (**Parish Church**) Laurence O'Connor & deceased family members.
 Thu. 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Kathleen Scollan.
 Fri. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Fri. 7.00 p.m. (**Parish Church**) Don & Chriss McManus & deceased family
 Sat. 10.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Sat 7.00 p.m. (**Parish Church**) Sonny & Peggy Mattimoe & deceased family .
 Sun 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Pro Populo.
 Sun 11.30 a.m. (**Parish Church**) Des & Vera Flynn. (Months Memory for Vera).

Recently Deceased: We remember in our Margaret Keenan, nee Doherty formerly Church St. Drumshanbo who was laid to rest during the week and also Willie Keane, Ballinawing who was laid to rest in our parish on Wednesday. May they rest in peace forever. Amen.

We welcome into our Christian Community Freddy Tom Kelly, Ruairi Manus Kielty, Dominic and Benny Tighe and Isla Rose Gunning who were baptised in our Church this weekend.

Tostal Drive in Bingo Wednesday 9th & 16th December in the Mart Car Park @ 8pm sharp,

Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas"

With the beginning of Advent last Sunday, preparations have begun in parishes for the celebration of Christmas – albeit in a very different context this year. We extend our sincere gratitude to parish teams throughout the country - including stewards and cleaners - who generously ensure that our churches are safe environments where people can confidently assemble for worship.

We strongly encourage the faithful to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during

The twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become “little churches” where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or “household bubbles” to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic.

The hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas inspire us to reach out to those in greatest need . Keep Christ at the centre this Christmas by bringing the hope and joy of his birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. A simple act of kindness can make such a difference. Charities such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will welcome much needed contributions as they have been unable to raise funds in the normal way during the pandemic.

We are particularly conscious of those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We keep in mind those for whom Christmas time may bring feelings of sadness – people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones. Christmas can be difficult for Irish emigrants and migrants living in Ireland, who are unable to travel home. We pray that the time will come very soon when sorrow will ease and loving connections can be fully restored.

Traditionally many people turn at this time of the year to ask for God's forgiveness and for healing of spirit. Although it may not be possible for all who wish to go to Confession to safely avail of the sacrament, we encourage the faithful to confidently place their trust in God's mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition.

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent, waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, we are acutely aware of the yearning in our country and in our world for hope and consolation. In some ways the Covid-19 restrictions open up greater opportunities for prayer and for reflection, for family time and space to enter into the true meaning of Christmas. (From The Irish Bishops)

Holy Hour for Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Sadly this year we cannot have our Annual Vigil for the 8th December in the Poor Clare Convent. Instead wean hour of prayer and reflection on Monday evening from 8-9p.m. You may wish to join us via the webcam as the Church will be closed to the public.