

# Parish of Murhaun



Saturday 26th Dec 7.00 p.m. Patrick & Florrie Sheerin.  
 Sunday 27th Dec: 9.00 a.m. Pro Populo.  
 Sunday 27th Dec 11.30 a.m Shane, Olive & Sean Conlon.

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## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Mon. 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Private Intention.  
 Mon 12 noon (Parish Church) Kathleen Mulvey & Kathleen Wilford.  
 Tue. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Tue. 12 noon (Parish Church) Kathleen Barry.  
 Wed 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Wed 12 noon. (Parish Church ) Pat & Mae Beirne  
 Thu. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Thu. 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church)  
 Fri. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Fri. 12.00 noon (Parish Church) Mary Ellen Plunkett.  
 Sat. 12 noon (Convent)  
 Sat 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Packie & Teresa Kelly  
 Sun 9.00 a.m. (Convent ) Pro Populo  
 Sun 11.30 a.m. (Parish Church) Seamus Campbell. (Months Memory)

## Feast of the Holy Family:

Sadly, this year the Feast of the Holy Family will see our Church doors closed again for Mass. This is a great sadness for many and for myself. Someone called it another nail in the coffin. Could I suggest we call it another nail in the Cross of Christ: it is a nail of sacrifice and love to identify in a profound way with Jesus's suffering today on the Cross of Covid.

Jesus on that Cross has many faces: The face of loneliness on those who live alone, are vulnerable or are who have to isolate. It's the face of longing and sadness of grandparents who cannot hold and hug their newly born grandchild. It's the face of pain on that family who cannot visit their brother or sister in I.C.U. It's the face of anxiety on those who have to close their business yet again. It's the face of hope and concentration on the scientist and medical people who work day and night in laboratories in search of a vaccine to fight this unseen enemy. It is the face of love and compassion or rather the eyes of compassion hidden by a mask of those who care for the ,sick and go out of their way to help others, always at risk to themselves.

Our empty Church at Mass reminds me tonight of the longing and the loss , the missing people in our fireside circle this year. This year this is the real Crib as a place of sadness and fear but also a place of hope, sacrifice , courage and kindness. Never did I personally experience such kindness of so many people as this Christmas. Your kind words, cards, gifts, parish envelopes and dues, your sense of humour and your words of care in the midst of all is a gift so generous no thank you is adequate: but it is all that I can say.

The Poor Clare Sisters pray for us many times each day with Sr. Helen and Sr. Mary who now take all your requests for prayer at the Lodge door constantly. We cant thank them enough.

Finally thank you to all the people who contribute in so many ways and for so many years we thank you. To the new people this year, the steward of welcome inside and outside the Church, who see it a privilege to serve you and never look for thanks, I thank you. It is so lovely to see so many of you come to the Church, light your candle and find some peace there. This has made all the work worthwhile. I promise to pray each day at Mass in your absence in the empty Church, a prayer of thanks for each one of you. (Fr. Frankie)

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## 2021 Year of St. Joseph

St. Joseph, you watched over Mary and you were the first to hold the infant Jesus . You minded, cared and protected them with courage and love in times of danger. Please mind our family and our world this year. Protect us from the modern Herod that is Covid 19. Keep us in your loving care, watch us when we sleep as you did Mary and Jesus and whisper the names of our loved ones to them as they sleep in the silence of the night.

