



Parish of Murhaun

Saturday 23rd Jan 7.00 p.m. Thomas & Teresa McKeon.
 Sunday 24th Jan 9.00 a.m. Pro Populo.
 Sunday 24th Jan 11.30 a.m. Celsus McGarry and parents Patrick and Frances.

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Mon. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Tue. 7.00 p.m. (Convent)
 Wed 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Wed 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Deceased members of the Lynch Family (Lustia)
 Thu. 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Owen Kelly.
 Fri. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)
 Fri 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Paddy & Lily McLoughlin & Maggie Beirne.
 Sat. 10.00 a.m.(Convent)
 Sat 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) John Joseph & Elizabeth Ann McManus. (Murhaun).
 Sun 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Pro Populo
 Sun 11.30 a.m. (Parish Church) Philip Fee.

Recently deceased: We remember in our prayers Kathleen Rooney, Aughnasheelin, mother of Ann Gunning. May she live now in the gentle light of God's face forever. Amen.

The Hill We Climb: (Amanda Gorman)
 And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us
 but what stands before us
 We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,
 we must first put our differences aside
 We lay down our arms
 so we can reach out our arms
 to one another
 We seek harm to none and harmony for all
 Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
 That even as we grieved, we grew
 That even as we hurt, we hoped
 That even as we tired, we tried
 That we'll forever be tied together, victorious
 Not because we will never again know defeat
 but because we will never again sow division
 Scripture tells us to envision
 that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree
 and no one shall make them afraid.

(Extract from Inauguration of President Joe Biden)

The Word of God Sunday:

This Sunday we celebrate the "Word of God". Often we think simply that the Bible is the Word of God. Of course this is not wrong however God speaks to our hearts in many other ways also. God speaks to us in our prayer times and in our silent times. God speaks in our conscience and in our capacity for compassion. God speaks in beauty, art, nature and above all in people, especially in our family and in our friendships. God speaks most powerfully and most poignantly in the tears of all who suffer, all who are exploited and in the most vulnerable people in our world.

The Bible Is the "Holy Book"; it is the "Sacred Scripture". These stories, poems and prayers have nourished our people down the centuries. The Book of the Bible is a love story . It is God's love story for us which is told again, and again, and again. The Word of God may be a challenge often times, but above all it is a word of hope, understanding and forgiveness. It is a " Word of Light" to guide our steps in these anxious dark days on the "Way of Peace".

Questions:

Do you have a modern attractive Bible or New Testament in your home?

What are some of your favourite characters, stories or psalms?

What is your favourite line of Scripture?

Suggestion:

Take home a bulletin, reflect on the Readings and underline one sentence from the Reading or the Psalm, that you will carry with you and in your prayer for the coming week.

Sunday Missals for 2021 available for Adult Church Readers at The Lodge, Parochial House or Sacristy.

(Fr. Frankie)

North West Simon Community thank Maureen & Denis O'Brien for the Christmas charity lights which raised €4,128.44. Last year Simon Community provided early intervention and preventative support to 174 households at risk or experiencing homelessness.

Thank you (Mary McKeon, Development Officer)