

# Parish of Murhaun



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Masses this Weekend.

Sat 17th December P.J. & Dolly Reynolds.  
Sun 18th December Terence Cullen (Months Memory)  
Sun 18th December Tony McGowan.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses: Monday 19th December 2016 — Sunday 25th December 2016

Monday	8.00 a.m.	Abbi Maguire.
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Michael & Elizabeth English & deceased family
Wednesday	7.00 p.m.	Mary Ellen & Frank Flynn & deceased family.
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	Packie Hackett.
Friday	8.00 a.m.	
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Pro Populo.
Saturday	9.00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Parish Church.)
Saturday	11.00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Convent Chapel)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Christmas Day (Convent Chapel)
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Christmas Day. (Parish Church).



## Ministers of the Word

Vigil: Rebecca Harding, Laoise Fee, Olwyn Moore, Grace McKeon.

11.30: Stella Kehoe & Declan Loftus.

Convent: B

Altar Society: Month of December ....Group D

Prayer Meeting: Aras Phádraig on Monday @8pm.

Senior Citizens: Wed @ 2p.m. in Aras Phádraig.

Eucharistic Ministers: C

Offertory Collection for December 8th & last weekend : €2460.00 Thank you.

In your kindness we ask your prayers for Bridget Mahon, Cloone, mother of Eileen Moran, Drumgorman and Bill O'Mally, Dublin, father of Ann O'Donnell, Ashdale, who were laid to rest during the week. May they rest in peace.

Drumshanbo Community Text Alert: Church gate collection 24th & 25th Dec.

Women's Little Christmas black dress ladies lunch in aid of North West Simon on Sunday 8th Jan @ 1p.m. in Kilronan Castle. Tickets 0877708865



Bingo on 26.12.2016 & 2.1.207 & 7 p.m. Community Centre.

## International Migrants Day

“On International Migrants Day, let us commit to coherent, comprehensive and human-rights based responses guided by international law and standards and a shared resolve to leave no one behind” (Ban Ki-moon)

## Penance Services: Christmas 2016

Tuesday ... Drumshanbo @ 7.30 p.m.

## Midnight Mass Saturday 24th December.

Parish Church @ 9.00 p.m. Convent Chapel @ 11.00 p.m.

## Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

Convent Chapel @ 9.00 a.m. Parish Church @ 11.30 a.m.

## Christmas Message from Bishop Francis.

Christmas is a time when we gather with family and friends. Family is about connection; we are connected in varying ways to our immediate and wider families.

Some of our family members are in far flung corners of the globe; although far away they are close to our hearts.

Christmas is also a time when we recall the story of God's close connection with us, His Son born of Mary in Bethlehem and grew up in a family.

The gospel of midnight Mass has this reassuring passage “Do not be afraid, listen I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.

Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord”.

The connection between us and God is very close, He shared our human life and our family life; He wants each one of us to share His life now and in eternity. Christmas reassures us that God is close to all and especially those who are in need of hope.

The news of Jesus is good news, it is news that brings joy and peace to all. We had the good news a few weeks ago that Pope Francis hopes to attend the World Meeting of Families in August 2018.

It is an event that highlights the importance of family life. I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.

