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# Parish of Murhaun

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Saturday 10th Dec 7.00 p.m. Fran and Annie Murray.

Sunday 11th Dec 9.00 a.m. Pro Populo.

Sunday 11th Dec 11.30 a.m. Tony McGowan.

## **Third Sunday of Advent: 12th December to 18th December 2022**

Mon 9.00 a.m (Convent) John Higgins.

Tue 7.00p.m. (Convent) Michael O'Brien (Carrick Road).

Wed 7.00p.m(Convent ) Mary Kelly.

Thu 7.00 p.m. (Convent)

Fri 9.00 a.m. (Convent)

Fri. 7.00 p.m. (Church) Packie Joe Keane (Month's Memory).

Sat 10.00 a.m (Convent) Pro Populo

Sat 7.00 p.m (Church) O'Connor Family (Drumgorman) & Denies Elliott.

Sun 9.00 a.m (Convent) Felix Gallagher.

Sun 11.30 a.m. (Church) Lorraine Lynch.

**Eucharistic Ministers for next weekend:** Group A.

**Altar Society** Advent & Christmas Team.

**Ministers of the Word: Sat 7.00 p.m. :**

Roisin & Erin McCauley, Callum O'Rourke and Grace Harding.

**Sunday 11.30 a.m:** Kaitlyn Dolan & David Harding. **Convent:** Group A

**Recently Deceased:** We remember in our prayer Cathleen Moran , sister of Bridie Lynch, who will be laid to rest on Monday in Carrick. May she rest in peace.

**Duck Race in aid of St. Patrick's National School Parents Association:** Sunday 18th December. Ducks can be bought in all local businesses in town .

**Drumshanbo Library:** Baby and toddler group Wed 11.00-12.30pm . Scrabble game on Wed afternoons 2-4p.m. beginners and experts all welcome. The library crochet and knitting group holding exhibition in the library from Dec 7th.

**Date for your Diary.** We invite you to come along to our Church on Sunday 18th December at 5 p.m. as we prepare for Christmas with Carol Service and Prayer.

## **Gaudete Sunday..... The Sunday of Joy.**

What a lovely title, the Sunday of Joy. This is "The Week of Joy".

What brings you joy?. It is always a gift. We are most often "surprised by joy." It is elusive, beautiful as a butterfly on a rainbow over the mountain.

Joy for me is the sound of the children at play, the music of laughter, Padraig playing "Críost an Siol" on his tin whistle; it is the unexpected friend at the door, the news that the treatment is working; it is the swans on the lake at sunset, my name called in recognition; it is time, time alone, time with friends, a time when time stands still; it is the choir singing the Christmas Adéste, all children, the tranquillity of the Poor Clare Chapel in the breaking dawn , the full moon in the frosty sky of stars; it is the Christmas airport arrival , the fire of warmth in the eyes of a friend.

This is my litany. What is yours? Maybe you might make your own this week as your prayer of joy. Joy is elusive but in the end it is the Advent Promise, the Promise of Bethlehem, The Promise of the singing angels to the shepherds—a Baby is born in the stable of the ox. —a baby who is and will ever be "The Light". " A light shining in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower" (Fr. Frankie)

*The Parish Annual will be on sale from this weekend in the local shops, Church after Mass, St. Patrick's N.S. and the Parish Office. It's a celebration of the year just gone, the joy and the sadness, our story, our people, our parish family. Many thanks to Clare, Rosalie. Eamonn, Dessy and Padraig for the amazing enthusiasm and generosity with their time , much to detail. Thanks to all our contributors and thanks to all of you who will support the magazine. Happy reading. (Fr. Frankie)*