

# Parish of Murhaun

Saturday 2nd Jan 7.00 p.m. Packie & Teresa Kelly  
 Sunday 3rd Jan 9.00 a.m. Pro Populo.  
 Sunday 3rd Jan 11.30 a.m. Seamus Campbell (Months Memory)

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## Second Sunday of Christmas

**Wednesday 6th Jan, Feast of the Epiphany. Vigil Mass on Webcam on Tue @ 7pm.**

Mon. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Tue. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
**Tue. 7.00 p.m.** (Parish Church) Gerry & Aidan Keegan.  
 Wed 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Wed 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church ) Lena & Pat McManus  
 Thu. 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Benefactors living and deceased of Poor Clare Community  
 Fri. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)  
 Fri 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Dominika Kwiatkowska  
 Sat. 10.00 a.m. (Convent) Enda Moore  
 Sat 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Michael Casserly  
 Sun 9.00 a.m. (Convent ) Pro Populo  
 Sun 11.30 a.m. (Parish Church) ) Peter, Michael\_Tom and Elizabeth Dolan.

**Recently Deceased:** We remember in our prayers Kevin McTernan, Kate Ann Mattimoe, mother of Mary Gallagher, Mahanagh and Michael Gaffney, Keadue, father of Martina Cull, Allenbrook. May the Star of Bethlehem guide them safely home to be with Jesus forever. Amen

**Wedding:** Congratulations to David Spellman and Sinéad Tighe who were married in our Church this week. May God bless every step of their life journey together.

## 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.



## Comforted and Challenged in the Manger.

In 1994 two American teachers, invited to Russia to teach religion, told the traditional story of Christmas to a group of orphans. The children then were invited to make a manger and the baby from pieces of cardboard and felt. One little boy had two babies in the manger : one of them was Jesus, and he himself was the other. When asked why, the boy related the Christmas story with a new ending : Jesus invited him to stay in the manger too—for always— since the boy didn't have a family. He said his gift to Jesus was to help keep him warm in the manger. On this day of gift giving and receiving, that boy's story invites us to reflect on two of Christmas's messages: the things in our lives are minimal compared to who is in our lives; and the best gifts we can give are those that come from who we are, from our very lives.

**God of warmth, thank you for your constant presence in my life.  
 Help me find new ways to bring warmth to our world  
 which can be sometimes cold and uncaring. Amen.**

As this New Year 2021 begins, I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for helping us to make it through a year we will never forget. It was a difficult year for everyone.

I want to thank you for your generosity of spirit, your prayer and your words of encouragements at all times. Thank you for your understanding when we have to ask you to wear your mask and keep your distance in our Church at all times. Thank you for your understanding when we had to close the door of our Church for Mass or restrict the numbers for Mass , especially at Christmas. I believe it has been a year that has drawn us closer together as a parish family. We needed each other and we found that we were there for each other. We have learned this year the greatest virus is irresponsibility, apathy and despair . The greatest vaccine however is the gift of your hope, your sacrifice, your generosity and your care for each other. As we remember 2020, we look forward to 2021 with a prayer of hope in our heart and on our lips every day. God bless and keep you safe.

(Fr. Frankie)