



# Parish of Murhaun

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Saturday	Dec 22nd	7.00 p.m.	Packie Hackett.
Sunday	Dec 23rd	9.00 a.m.	Breda Heffernan
Sunday	Dec 23rd	11.30 a.m.	Lorraine Lynch.



Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses: Monday Dec 24th to Sunday 30th Dec. 2018

Monday	8.00a.m.	
Wednesday	12 noon	Patrick & Florrie Sheerin.
Thursday	12 noon	Pat Beirne.
Friday	12 noon	Kathleen Mulvey & Kathleen Wilford.
Saturday	12 noon	Peter Dolan & deceased family members.
Saturday	7.00 p.m.	Margaret Ellen & Thady Dolan.
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo.
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Peggy McTigue.

**Ministers of the Word: Vigil.** Rebecca & Matthew Moran, Grace & Rebecca Harding.

**11.30 a.m.:** Martina McGowan & John Flynn. **Convent :** C **Eucharistic Ministers:** Group C

**Altar Society:** Christmas Group. **Offertory collection:** €1875.00 . Thank You.

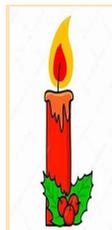
**Deaths:** We remember in our prayer Mary O'Grady, Collaney, sister of Teresa Mahon, Rantogue and sister in law of Maisie Fee. We pray this week also for Michael McManus, Drumhauver, who will be laid to rest after 11.00a.m. Mass on Monday. May God grant to them and all our loved ones a place of light and peace this Christmas time.

**Trócaire Christmas Appeal 2018:** "In Yemen people are facing the worst famine in a century, with five million at risk of starvation. In South Sudan, four million have had to leave their homes and seven million are in need of food aid. Trócaire's Christmas Appeal provides food and support for the people in countries such as Sudan and Yemen. To donate this Christmas please visit the Trócaire at <https://www.trocaire.org/christmas> "

**Leitrim Cares:** Thank everyone who supported the spinathon in aid of Brother Kevin's Day Centre for the Homeless on 8th December. €7000 has been lodged directly on your behalf to meet the needs of the homeless.

**Walk in Memory of Lorraine Lynch:** St. Stephan's Day. Registration at 11.30 a.m. in Mayflower with walk commencing at 12 noon from there, down the Boardwalk to Drumhauver Bridge and return. Refreshments in Mayflower afterwards. Proceeds towards Temple Street Children's Hospital and

**Baptism:** We welcome into our Christian Community Esme Grace O'Dwyer, who was baptised in our parish this weekend.



## Midnight Mass Monday 24th December.

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

## Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December.

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

Bishop Francis Christmas Message 2018:

As I look back on 2018 the high point of the year for me was the visit of Pope Francis to the World Meeting of Families. Christmas is a family time, a time for all generations, just as the first Christmas was such a family moment, not just the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph but for the entire family of God, all people of all generations.

Pope Francis reminded us that a society that does not value grandparents will end up lacking that quality that really matters— love This is a love and dream that so many, including our parents and grandparents lived out, in the dream and reality of marriage. Pope Francis encouraged each married person to keep repeating in their heart: "I will never fail you or forsake you!"

The Christmas story is so familiar and yet it always seems fresh. There is the good news of a baby, the good news of a birth and good news of a bright future for all humanity. The Christmas story has expectation, joy and great hope for the future. But side by side with these positive elements are darker ones, uncertainty, vulnerability and danger.

The circumstances of the birth of the Saviour were not at all easy for baby or parents. That is the way life often is. Side by side with great joy there can be sorrow: alongside hope there can be fear. So the darker side, the vulnerable side of Christmas, is nothing new. It is very human and realistic that these contrasting emotions and circumstances coexist.

Mary decided to invite the 'source of peace' to enter our world. Let us do the same.

I wish you and your family members a happy Christmas, a peaceful and hopeful experience, as we remember the birth of our Saviour.

*If anyone would like to receive Holy Communion on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would you let Sr. Helen know. Please call 0719641308*