

# Parish of Murhaun



*Wishing you and your family the joy and peace that is the gift of Easter.  
Travel safely*



**Masses:** Easter Sunday : Masses Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th April 2019

Monday	12 noon	Michael & Mary Ellen Canning.
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	The McElroy Family
Wednesday	7.00 p.m.	Monica Murray.
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	Agnes & Michael McTiernan.
Friday	7.00 p.m.	
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Valerie Early (Month's Memory)
Saturday	8.00 p.m.	Tom Egan.
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo.
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Mary Teresa McLoughlin.

## Ministers of the Word:

**Vigil.** Kaitlyn Dolan, Barta Orawiec, Ryan O'Connor Arlene Beirne.

**11.30 a.m.:** Majella Healy & Enda McGloin.

**Convent:** D

**Offertory collection:** € 1410.00 Thank You.

**Altar Society:** April: Group C.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Group A.

**Are you affected by drugs or alcohol abuse?** MPACT, supports families to work together. Contact Philip 085 875 9319 or mail [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

**Irish Hear Foundation:** FREE local CPR training, AED awareness, choking, child CPR, recognising stroke and the difference between a cardiac arrest and a heart attack. If interested please contact Parish office 0719641010

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage :** Opens Saturday 4th May. One Day Retreats May, August and September. Three Day Pilgrimage can begin any day from 31st May to Tuesday 13th August. Contact 0719861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**Knock Pilgrimage Season.** April 28th to October 13th. Mini Vigils first Friday of each month from May to November (8pm to 12 midnight). Anointing of the sick each Sunday @ 2.30p.m. with Concelebrated Mass at 3p.m. Contact 094 9388100

A special thank you to our sacristan Johnny and of course Carmel whom we remember in a special prayer for a full recovery. Carmel you are truly missed. The place is not the same without you. Thank you Carmel.



## The Story of Easter is Alleluia.

Alleluia is a word like tears, music, smiles and hugs that transcends all language barriers. Alleluia is our song of hope, a song of joy, a song that invites us to clap and dance and to sing it again and again . Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

It is a song of freedom, freedom from fear, guilt, from punishment and most of all freedom from the fear of death forever. It is a freedom that does not come cheap. It costs the weight, the tears, the blood of Christ and the Cross.

### **“Freedom can be found, laden down Under the weight of the Cross”**

My song of Alleluia this Easter is a prayer of thanksgiving for all of you who walked the “Way of the Cross” this Holy Week in solidarity with all the suffering people of our world. Thank you for your Trócaire gift of prayer and Lenten sacrifice to share our bread with the hungry in our world. This is the meaning of the Holy Eucharist.

Thank you to Orla, Michael, Máirín and our three Choirs. You lead us by your music and song to places of the heart, a place that heals and gives joy, a place close to God.

Thank you to our Servers and our Ministers of the Word; the Altar Society; and our Collectors and Counters whose work is often unseen. Thanks to all of you who contribute each week with extraordinary generosity.

Thank you to our outgoing Ministers of the Eucharist Thank you for your years of dedicated service. Welcome to our new Ministers.

On behalf of you all, I thank our nine Religious Sisters, the Mercy and Poor Clare's, who continue to be the open door of hospitality, service and prayer for all of our parish community and indeed far beyond. Where would we be without you ?

Finally thank you all who have shared these past four happy years with me. Your friendship and fun, your trust, kindness and support is a far greater blessing than I deserve.

Thank you.

Fr. Frankie.