



# Parish of Murhaun

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Mass will be celebrated on Shannonside Radio at 10.00 on Sunday Morning.  
Mass on RTE Television at 11.00 on Sunday Morning.

## The celebration of Masses

Mass will be available by webcam at Saint Mel's Cathedral [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com) each day – 8.00am, 10.00am, 1.05 weekdays, 7.30pm Saturday, and 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am and 1.00pm on Sundays.

Bishop Francis invites you join with him at the 12.00 noon Angelus on the Feast of the Annunciation, Wednesday 25 March, in consecrating Ireland and her people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for protection from the coronavirus. Copies of the prayer of Consecration available in the Church.

## **A Message from the Poor Clare Sisters and Doctor Declan Loftus.**

We praise and thank our loving Father for the special gift of our 150 Years of Unbroken Adoration this coming March 25, 2020. We wish to acknowledge with grateful hearts all who have been part of our Adoration both living and deceased. As we continue to adore and love our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we remember to include all your personal and family intentions and the intentions of our country and our world most especially at this critical times. May God continue to bless and reward you all with abundant blessings. The Celebration of our 150 Years will be announced at a later date. The Convent and Chapel will be closed to the public until further notice. We have cancelled our retreat also and will have retreat at a future date. Thank You. **Poor Clares, Drumshanbo**

Hello to all Parishioners.

These are very difficult times for all. We have to make many many sacrifices. We would urge all elderly and people with underlying conditions to isolate and wash your hands regularly and generally keep safe. I am sorry I had to stop all Masses, ceremonies etc. in the Church. You are free to go to the church on your own and say a prayer. Fr. Frankie and all the sisters are praying for everyone. Please God in a few months we can all look back on this time and thank God we all got through this safely. God Bless. **Declan Loftus.**

Today is Sunday, the church bell will ring. No people will gather for Mass; no choir; no children; and sadly no Communion. A great fog of sadness shrouds our parish. People have lost their jobs overnight. Vulnerable people feel great anxiety. The children have no school and no grandparent visits. No sport; no concerts; no cinema. Pubs and restaurants have closed their doors in our town.

But there is so much goodness also. Thousands of volunteers have responded to the call to give their time and talents. Our local shops are open and the shelves are well stocked. Our pharmacies are open too to serve us at this time. We thank all of you who continue to work on our behalf in so many ways. A special thought for our carers and our health workers, who work long hours well past the call of duty. You our friends are constantly in our thoughts and prayer of thanks. The media, the HSE staff, all our politicians and leaders deserve our thanks and support and need our prayers each day.

I celebrate Mass for you and “with you” each day with the Mercy and the Poor Clare Sisters. This was meant to be a special week for Poor Clares as they celebrated 150 years of Adoration on Wednesday the 25th March. We will celebrate with them at a later date. This week they had the joy of welcoming our new Postulant, Diane Bohan from Longford. We welcome her into our prayer family of Drumshanbo.

Finally, many people have volunteered their service if they can help you in any way. Below we have the notice from Allen Gaels Club. On your behalf I thank them. Don't hesitate to contact this office if I can help you in any way. You are not alone. We are a community, a family sharing this unknown journey together with the prayer of millions in many lands. We shall see and share a brighter and a better day with God's help. God bless you all.

**Allen Gaels GAA Club has volunteers in place to help and assist people in our locality during the current Health Emergency. If you wish to avail of this service please ring or text:**

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