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## Parish of Murhaun

Saturday 16th Jan 7.00 p.m. Peggy McTigue Sunday 17th Jan 9.00 a.m. Pro Populo. Sunday 17th Jan 11.30 a.m. John Fitzgerald

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Mon. 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Tue. 7.00 p.m. (Convent)

Wed 9.00 a.m. (Convent)

Wed 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church ) Private Intention

Thu. 9.00 a.m. (Convent) Fri. 9.00 a.m. (Convent)

Fri 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Vincent Scott.

Sat. 10.00 a.m.(Convent)

Sat 7.00 p.m. (Parish Church) Thomas & Teresa McKeon.

Sun 9.00 a.m. (Convent ) Pro Populo

Sun 11.30 a.m. (Parish Church) Celsus McGarry and parents Patrick & Frances.

**Recently Deceased**: We remember in our prayers Barbara Wynne, Mahanagh, Thomas Gabriel (Tom) Carey, of Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork and formerly Congress Terrace and Brenda McWalters, Galway, sister of Monica McLoughlin. May they reach now that place where there is no more sadness or tears of goodbye.

New Computer Courses commencing in January 2021 funded by MSLETB and are free. Venue: Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre. ② Internet Skills for beginners. ② Word Processing for improvers. Contact: 0876312708 or 0879469356 or email info@allen.ie

Age Action's Getting Started KIT programme: provides free remote tutoring to older people to use the internet on their device. Please see the following link for further information or contact me: https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/getting-started-kit. Oisin 091 527831

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2020/2021: Leitrim County Council invites Applications for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme Application Forms available from www.leitrimcoco.ie or at 071

Celtic prayer for protection for our people
May the encircling God be with you, The encircling power of the Creator
May the enfolding of Christ be round you, the enfolding arms of His love.

May the encompassing of the Spirit be round you,
The encompassing of the strength of God.

It is with regret that during this pandemic time, it is necessary to close the toilets in the Church Carpark

## Mother and Baby Homes report:

I welcome the publication of the Mother & Baby Homes Report. As a Church leader today, I accept that the Church was clearly part of that culture in which people were frequently stigmatized, judged and rejected. For that, and for the long-lasting hurt and emotional distress that has resulted, I unreservedly apologise to the survivors and to all those who are personally impacted by the realities it uncovers.

Mindful of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which calls us to protect life and dignity and to treat everyone – especially little children and all who are vulnerable – with love, compassion and mercy, I believe the Church must continue to acknowledge before the Lord and before others its part in sustaining what the Report describes as a "harsh … cold and uncaring atmosphere".

The Commission's Report helps to further open to the light what was for many years a hidden of our shared history and it exposes the culture of isolation, secrecy and social ostracizing which faced "unmarried mothers" and their children in this country.....

Together we must ask "How could this happen?" We must identify, accept and respond to the broader issues which the Report raises about our past, present and future.

Above all we must continue to find ways of reaching out to those whose personal testimonies are central to this Report. They have shown determination in bringing to light this dark chapter in the life of Church and society. We owe it to them to take time to and reflect on the findings and recommendations of the Report, and commit to doing what we can to help and support them. The Report makes it clear that many are still learning about their personal stories and searching for family members. The rights of all survivors to access personal information about themselves should be fully respected and I again urge the State to ensure that any remaining obstacles to information and tracing should be overcome.

This report will stir many emotions as it further uncovers disturbing and painful truths about our past. I commend those who have fought to have this story told and I thank those who have already been supporting survivors through various organisations and providing a platform for their voices to be heard.

## **Eamon Martin**

(Primate of All Ireland)