



# The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

**World Day of Poor**

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2017



## **No great economic success story possible as long as homelessness and other poverty crises deepen – Bishop Brendan Leahy**

Ireland cannot claim itself an economic success while it allows the neglect of its poor, Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has stated in his letter to the people of the diocese to mark the first World Day of the Poor.

The letter - read at Masses across the diocese for the official World Day of the Poor called by Pope Francis – says that with homelessness at an unprecedented state of crisis today in Ireland, it is almost unjust and unchristian to claim economic success.

“Throughout the centuries we have great examples of outreach to the poor. The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi, followed by many other holy men and women over the centuries. In Ireland we can think of great women such as Catherine McAuley and Nano Nagle.

“Today the call to hear the cry of the poor reaches us. In our Diocese we are blessed to have the Limerick Social Services Council that responds in many ways. There are many other initiatives that reach out to the homeless, refugees, people in situations of marginalisation,” he wrote.

“But none of us can leave it to be outsourced to others to do. Each of us has to do our part. Today many of us live a privileged life in the material sense compared to generations gone by, needing pretty much nothing.

Yet there are people in our towns, in our villages for whom the need is very great.

“Homelessness has become a crisis in Irish society and is that way now for a number of years. But somehow, week in week out that crisis deepens and yet we hear at the same time boasts of how our economy is growing.

“There’s a huge disparity here and it needs to be dealt with. It is almost unjust and unchristian for us as a nation to be aspiring to become one of the great economic success stories of Europe while at the same time we have a hidden story, in many cases, of new forms of poverty and homelessness.

“This must be addressed and we pray that we will do our part to help our political leaders to address the various scenarios of neglect that our country still suffers.”

**Fr. John O’Shea P.P.** The Presbytery, Raheen • 087 9708282  
**Fr. Richard Davern**, Ballyduane, Clarina • 087-2977500 • 061 353529  
**Fr. Robin Thomas**, “St. Joseph’s”, Lifford Avenue. 089-4333124  
**Mary Egan, Parish Secretary** • 061 210869 • 10am - 4pm

• e-mail: [parishoffice@mcrparish.com](mailto:parishoffice@mcrparish.com)



# The Parish of Mungret ✚ Crecora ✚ Raheen

## MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH :

**Raheen: Vigil 6pm Sun 11am & 12.30 pm** Mon – Fri 10 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 10.30am–10 pm

**Crecora: Sunday 10 a.m.** Tue. – Wed - Thurs 9.15 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thurs 10 – 11 a.m. 6p.m. - 10 pm

**Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m.** Wed & Fri 9.30a.m. **Sat 11.30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed 10am–12 noon.

### Mass Times 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November..

Vigil 6 pm Jack & Lily Egan (A)

also Bunty Phelan (A)

11. a.m. May Byrnes (A)

12.30 pm. Eugene Younger (A)

### Crecora:

Sunday: Margaret Peg Dineen (Requiem)

Prayfor Daniel, Eileen and Michael Mann (A)

### Week ahead 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Raheen

Mon: Pro Pop.

Tue: Paddy O'Riordan (A)

Wed: St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.

Deceased Members. also Peggy Devanney RIP

Thurs; Mary O'Riordan R.I.P.

Friday: Purgatorial

### Raheen: Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> November.

6 p.m. Michael McNamara (A).

Thomas Donlan (A)

Pray for Fr. Joe Lucey (A)

11 a.m. William Tuohy (A)

12.30 p.m. Denis Leonard (A))

**Crecora:** Concept O'Sullivan (A)

Paddy, Kathleen and Michael O' Neill (A)

### Mungret:

Sunday: Kathleen Sherry & Una Hanley (A)

**Diocesan Needs Collection:** Second Collection at all Masses this weekend.

**Do This in Memory** for children receiving Holy Communion for the first time will be held next Sunday 26th Nov. at 11 a.m. Children who wish to prepare for Holy Communion and are not attending a catholic school must enrol for two years at the RE Classes in O'Connell Avenue, Wednesday evenings.

### Pobal Neasain Pastoral Area Meeting:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 8 p.m. in Raheen Church Sacristy. The area includes the following parishes: Mungret/Crechora/Raheen, Patrickswell/Ballybrown St. Paul's, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joseph's, St. Saviours.

**Hope Foundation:** Karin Mason, a local parishioner and a fifth year student at Laurel Hill, will be speaking on behalf of the Hope Foundation at Masses on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Hope Foundation promotes the protection and education of underprivileged children in Kolkata. Karin will be travelling to Kolkata at Easter to volunteer and hopefully help in enriching and improving the lives of these children. She would appreciate your help.

**Mungret Church Choir:** Choir practice for Christmas will take place on Thursday at 7.30pm in Mungret Church. New members welcome.

**Raheen Remembrance Tree** for month of November: You may like to put the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the cards provided and place them on the tree. They will be remembered in prayers during this month.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** Mass for deceased members of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10 a.m. The A.G.M. will take place after Mass in the sacristy.

**Knitvity:** Thanks to all who got involved in the Knitvity for Beaumont Hospital, if you could please have your knitting into us by the weekend of the **25th/26th November**. You can drop them to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office.

**Mungret Christmas Artisan Market** (Country Market) will be held in Mungret/St.Paul's G.A.A. Community Centre on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Santa will be making a special appearance. We look forward to meeting you all on the day.

**Liam Lawton Concert:** Newcastle West and District Lions Club present Fr. Liam Lawton in concert (with Desmond College Choir) in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Newcastle West – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. – concert at 8 p.m. Proceeds in aid of local charities. Tickets available from Tony Hayes and the Dresser, Newcastle West, and from Helen on 086-9865237 and 069 77086. Tickets €25.

**Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass** this Sunday, 19th Nov.at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. John Walsh, Limerick. Tea after. All welcome.

**Christmas Party:** Annual Collection for Mungret-Raheen Senior Parishioners will take place the weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Santa Letter Programme 2017:** Would you like to be Santa to a child this Christmas from a school in Limerick which is designated with underprivileged status. If you would like to sign-up, you will receive a "Santa Letter" from a child. Please put your name and contact number on the sheet provided at the back of the church.

**Milford Hospice Light Up a Memory:** You are warmly invited to the official ceremony to mark the illuminating of the Light Up A Memory Tree at Milford Care Centre on Sunday 10th December, 2017 at 6 p.m. The ceremony will incorporate carol singing prior to the illumination of the tree followed by refreshments. Each person remembered on the tree will be enrolled in the Light Up a Memory book on display in the Hospice during the coming year.

**Parish Office** will be closed on this coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.