

## Statement by Bishop Jim Moriarty

23 December 2009

Following a meeting with the priests of the diocese and diocesan staff this afternoon, Bishop Jim Moriarty issued the following statement - On the Sunday after the 'Murphy Report' into the Archdiocese of Dublin was published (29th November 2009), I stated the following in Carlow Cathedral;

"As you are aware, I served as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Dublin from 1991 until my appointment here in 2002.

While the Murphy Report does not criticise me directly, I feel it is important to state that I fully accept the overall conclusion of the Commission - that the attempts by Church authorities to 'protect the Church' and to 'avoid scandal' had the most dreadful consequences for children and were deeply wrong."

I do not want to dwell here on individual criticism as I have already responded to that. As I acknowledged in radio interviews last week, the Murphy report covers far more than what individual Bishops did or did not do. Fundamentally it is about how the leadership of the Archdiocese failed over many decades to respond properly to criminal acts against children. Over the last few weeks, I have been reflecting on what should be my response to the overall conclusion of the Murphy report - particularly because I was part of the governance of the Archdiocese prior to when correct child protection policies and procedures were implemented.

It does not serve the truth to overstate my responsibility and authority within the Archdiocese. Nor does it serve the truth to overlook the fact that the system of management and communications was seriously flawed. However, with the benefit of hindsight, I accept that, from the time I became an Auxiliary Bishop, I should have challenged the prevailing culture. I know that any action now on my part does not take away the suffering that people have endured. I again apologise to all the survivors and their families. I have today offered my resignation as Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin to the Holy Father. I hope it honours the truth that the survivors have so bravely uncovered and opens the way to a better future for all concerned.

I will endeavour to continue to do my best, as I have throughout my 48 years of ministry, to share Christ's light and hope for the world. We are about to celebrate Christmas, a time when we welcome Christ as the 'light that darkness could not overpower'. It is this truth that leads us forward. Christ is our Light.

May the blessing, the grace and the peace of Christmas be with us all.

## Myshall/Drumpea Parish Newsletter

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### Priests Phone Numbers:

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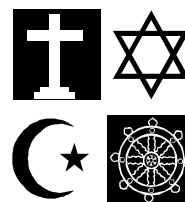
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For many the New Year is a time for making resolutions, to alter personal and material ways of their life. We are called to renew our commitment to follow 'The Word made flesh' - full of grace and truth

### Masses for the coming week - Myshall

Sat 2nd at 7.30 pm  
Sun 3rd at 11 am  
Mon 4th at 9 am  
Tue 5th at 7.30 pm Vigil Mass  
Wed 6th at 11 am The Epiphany  
Fri 8th at 7.30 pm  
Sat 9th at 7.30 pm  
Sun 10th at 11 am

### Masses for the coming week-Drumpea

Sun 3rd at 9.30 am  
Wed 6th at 9.30 am The Epiphany  
Sun 10th at 9.30 am

### Readers:

Tue 5th: Joe Rooney  
Wed 6th: Brigid Fox  
Sat 9th: Alice Fagan  
Sun 10th: Marie Nolan

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Tue 5th: P.J Walsh  
Wed 6th: Margater Doyle  
Sat 2nd: A.Ryan/ V. Dunne  
Sun 3rd: Mary Keogh

### Mass Servers:

Fri 8th: Anthony Sullivan  
Gerard Brennan

### Reader:

Wed 6th: Eilis Eagers  
Sun 10th: Hazel Corcoran

### Eucharistic Minister:

Wed 6th: Nancy Kavanagh  
Sun 10th: Kathleen Donohue

## Special Notices

- **Parish Office** will be open on Wednesdays from 9.30—11.30 am.
- **Myshall Community Centre Bookings** will be taken by caretaker 087 7959736.

<b>Parish Collections: Dec 24/25</b> <b>Offertory: € 1471.95</b> <b>Parish Collections: Dec 26/27</b> <b>Offertory: € 562.00</b> <b>Envelopes: € 902.05</b>	<i>Many Thanks to the Whist Committee for the recent generous donation of €1500 to The Hall Committee towards the upkeep of the Hall</i>
<i>Councillor Charlie Murphy would like to wish everyone a Peaceful &amp; Happy New Year and looks forward to continued support in the future</i>	Mass was offered for all on the Pious List on Monday morning.

**Many Thanks** to everyone who helped in so many ways to make the Christmas such a wonderful celebration. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Christmas Station & Collection. The Envelopes for 2010 are now available and each family is asked to take their box. Boxes of envelopes are available at the Parish Office if anybody is omitted.

**Invalid Visitation on Monday January 11th** If there is anybody who is ill and would like the priest to call during visitations, please contact the Parochial House

**Angies Hair Salon**, The Gables, Garryhill. 25 years experience. OAP's & student rates. Call 059 9727007 or 087 7943539 for appointment.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** Car Trailer load €50. Bags €4 each. delivered. Contact 086 1569119.

*'A Mass for the Nations, where all nationalities living in Ireland are to be represented, will be celebrated on the Feast of The Epiphany, 6th January, in Portlaoise Parish Church, SS. Peter & Paul, at 12.30pm. All are welcome'*  
*A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to you all from Faith Development Services.*

**James Jordan, Hurleys & Repair, Newtown, St Mullins.** All hurley sizes now in stock Juvenile sizes 18—32 inch, Senior From 34-36. Now available to order. Cooper helmets as well as Cooper hurling balls, wall balls & first touch balls. Order early for Christmas to avoid disappointment, Contact James at 0872750912

## MYSHALL GAA LOTTO

*No Jackpot Winner*

**Numbers Drawn : 4 : 17 : 18 : 25**

**Match 3 winner received € 100 each :**

Evelyn Minchin, Ballinree

E & E Minchin, Ballinree

**Sellers Prize:** Derek tarcey, Corris

**Next weeks draw** will be held in Myshall Inn on Tue Jan 5th at 10.30 pm

**NEXT  
WEEKS  
JACKPOT  
€ 2600**

### **Tops of The Parish**

**Group A.** Drumphea, Milltown, Booldoragh, Ballinree,

Knocklonongad, Carnafeca, Garryhill, Ballinakill

Contact. Persons, Mairead Kavanagh, Peter O'Rourke, 087 2564706, Sean

Ryan, Thomas Kelly,

**Group B.** Roslee, Kylemaguish, Tourtane, Clonee, Strawduff, Shean, Ratheenwood,

Contact Persons, Tess Butler, 086 0825276, Kay Kavanagh, Marie Coogan.

Mairead O'Sullivan 087 7552486. Eddie Nolan 087 2847689.

**Group C** Myshall, Aclare, Coolnasheaguan, Ballinacrea, Knockbrack, Ullard.

Contact Persons: Shelia McEvoy, Michael Whelan, 087 9034937 Willie

Eustace, 087 2375609, Sean Keogh. 086 3503512.

**Group F.** Shangarry, Lismaconly, Ballaghmore, .

Contact Persons, Michael Nolan, 087 2041250 Tommy Murphy, 087

6256028 Joe Rooney 087 9050960 Pat Nolan, 087 6101773.

**Group D,** Knockindrane, Seskin, Rathnageeragh, Coolnasneaghta, Ratheenleigh.

Contact Persons, James Phelan, 087 2137576 Tom Treacy, Paddy Foley,

**Group E.** Croanruss, Bealalaw, Hollybrook, Ballinrush, Knockdrumagh,

Contact Perasons: Lena Doyle 059 9157747, Sheila Ryan, Jimmy O'Neill,

John Nolan 0877808781

*Meeting of all areas in the Clubhouse on Tuesday Jan 5th at 8.30 pm. All areas are asked to send their representatives.*

