

Burrishoole Parish

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The Quiet Ones.

It's always the quiet ones that you don't remember! It's twenty years ago now since I was a teacher in St Jarlath's in Tuam. Over those years it has been a great joy to have occasion to meet and catch up with past students. More often than not such meetings happen at random, in places and circumstances that you'd least expect and I am nearly always surprised with myself that despite the passing of time I manage to remember the name of my former student - nearly always!

There are occasions however that not only can I not remember the name of the former student, I simply don't remember the student at all. No bells ring when I am given the name!

Over the years I have considered why this might be and I've come to the conclusion that most, if not all of these forgotten students were quiet lads with whom I would have very little dealings outside of class. They were the boy who sat quietly at the back of the room and never caused much fuss. They would go about their business in a quiet and unassuming way, always having their homework done and never coming to the teacher's attention. Somehow they slipped quietly through the five years of secondary school without ever being really noticed.

Last Monday was the feast of the apostle St Bartholomew. If the quiet, nameless boy at the back of the class has a patron saint it must be St Bartholomew. Although listed as one of the twelve apostles nothing is really known about Bartholomew. He seems to have been a friend of Phillip (another of the quiet boys at the back of the class) because he is always named beside him, and some argue that in St John's gospel he is mistakenly given the name Nathanael! Beyond the belief that he may have been martyred in Armenia Bartholomew seems to have managed to spend three years with Jesus without really coming to the attention of anyone.

Our lives are full of Bartholomews – those quiet and unassuming people that are ever present but who somehow live their lives under the radar. They

are that person in the village who lives quietly, seldom raising their heads above the parapet, they are that lady who sits in company scarcely saying a word but always being there, they are that young woman who is not really involved in any of the various church ministries but who quietly leaves flowers or tidies the sanctuary when no one is around, they are that man who caringly and discreetly keeps an eye on vulnerable neighbours in case of a fall or unexpected illness, they are that boy at the back of the class whose name was never really forgotten because it was never known in the first place.

Here's to the Bartholomews in our parish community. Thank you.

God Bless, Fr Tod

First Holy Communion

Thank you to all involved in last Saturday's First Communion Masses in Newport Parish Church. A special thank you and congratulations to the 30 boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion. We are so proud of you

This Saturday is First Holy Communion Day in Mulranny. We wish Rachel, Brian, Dorothy and Liam every blessing. Thank you to your parents, your families and your communities. Thank you too to Mr Mc Vann and Ms Crowley

First Holy Communion Day is always a proud day for our parish. We rejoice that a new generation of our faith community can now share in our most treasured gift – the Mass. But First Communion is just a beginning. For faith to deepen and mature it needs nourishment. Coming to Mass regularly ensures not only that we ourselves grow closer to Jesus but our very presence nurtures and sustains the faith of the community.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month and visits to the sick and housebound will resume. Fr Tod will visit homes in the Tiernaur, Mulranny and Shramore areas on Thursday and in the Newport area on Friday. He will wear a facemask when visiting and is quite happy to stand at the door. Holy Communion will not be distributed

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. It is deeply appreciated. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house or if you are in a position to do so you can drop your envelope in the baskets provided as you enter or leave Weekend Mass.

Rivers do not drink their own water, trees do not eat their own fruit, the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... life is good when you are happy, but much better because others are happy because of you.'

Pope Francis

Parish Mass Schedule

Our new weekly Mass schedule is running as smoothly as we might have hoped with numbers at weekend Masses very manageable. People who are in a position to do so are still encouraged to please attend a weekday Mass instead of Mass at the weekend.

Parish Rotas

As we begin to return to some semblance of normality a new rota will be drawn up for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist in each of the three churches which have Mass at weekends.

A huge thank you to all the kind volunteers who have volunteered to clean and sanitize our churches each week and to those who have agreed to become ushers. Cleaning and sanitizing of the churches will need to continue indefinitely We need more volunteers in each of our churches in order to maintain the cleaning regime which we have in place

If you are available to read or to act as a Eucharistic Minister or if you are willing to become a member of a cleaning team or an usher you are asked to please contact the Fr Tod or the Parish Office.

Killeen/Murrivagh Cemeteries Collection

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemeteries is due to take place. All homes in the area will receive an envelope, in the coming weeks for the collection. Due to Covid-19 householders are requested to return their envelopes direct to any committee member.

Killeen envelopes can be returned to Peter Moran, Pat Cannon, Michael Holmes, Francis O'Donnell, Peter McManamon, Mai Holmes, Neil O'Donnell, Francis McHale and Tom McLoughlin. Murrivagh envelopes can be returned to Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle.

Death Notice

We pray for the soul of Johnny Moloney, Shramore who died recently. We extend sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended. Our churches remain open and you are invited to drop in at any time.

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Monday – Tiernaur, Tuesday and Thursday – Newport, Friday – Mulranny.

Peter and Annie Mulroy, England. Molly, Lizzy and Joe Keane, Newport. Sarah, Jim, Margaret and Baby Duffy. Mary and Jim Smith. Doontrusk.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Aug 29th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Oliver and Mable Moran and Matthias and May B Moran, Sandhill

Sunday Aug 30th Newport at 10am:

David Walsh, Derrykell and his grandparents Maureen and Paddy Walsh, Aughagower. Nora Chambers, Clareview and Main St. Mickie Kelly, Castlebar St and his son Joseph. Michael and Margaret Kelly and the deceased members of the Kelly family

Sunday Aug 30th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday Sept 5th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Brian and Hannah Cusack.

Sunday Sept 6th Newport at 10am:

Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. John Brennan, England and Newport

Sunday Sept 6th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mick and Maggie McLoughlin. Ned and the deceased members of the Carolan Family. JJ Fitzpatrick, Mulranny and Tim Nealon.