

**Burrishoole Parish**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Back it up!**

I spend a lot of time at the computer; homilies to be written, newsletters to be sorted, emails to be replied to, accounts to be kept, parish affairs to be administered. Not only does my office computer hold important information about parish affairs but years of work have been committed to its memory. As with most things in life, so it is with a computer: its only when you are in danger of losing it, or indeed when it has been lost, that you really appreciate its value.

Of course, I should have expected it, the signs had been ominous for a while. Slow start up, freezing midsession, eternal blue circles. I should have known better and made sure everything was backed up, but hindsight is everything. It happened on Thursday and in the end it was very simple. The computer had slowed down to a snail's pace and so, as had become my habit, I restarted it. It took for ever to get going again but eventually it did – it was only then that I committed a critical error. Rather than work away, instead of ensuring that I had my sermon and the newsletter backed up I decided – to be sure to be sure - to restart the computer one last time... The computer encountered an error in restarting and try as it might, it couldn't get going. It's probably a man thing (can one say that nowadays?) but its certainly a Tod thing, but all of a sudden it seemed as if my whole life depended on getting the computer back up and running. I was consumed by the problem! Callers to the house got short shift, tea was abandoned, and life put on hold. I tried everything. I spent hours watching a circle of dots 'diagnosing the problem', I even got as far as 'attempting repairs' but it always seemed to come back to 'the computer has encountered a critical error'.

Eventually I found myself in the inner workings of the computer and in a section called 'advanced troubleshooting' which offered various possible solutions - all of which seemed to take an eternity and none of which solved the problem. With hope more or less gone I left the computer 'attempting repairs' and headed to bed.

Just when I was about just to fall off to sleep I thought I heard the Windows jingle from the office computer downstairs. It couldn't be? Surely it was my imagination? Or was it? More out of desperation than hope I headed downstairs and into the office and sure enough the computer had restarted! Having learnt my lesson, I began to back up everything and eventhough it was late I patiently waited for the process to finish. Once bitten twice shy!

The missing sock, the lost voucher, the misplaced set of car keys... when missing or lost, such things can take on a significance beyond their importance. Like the computer however, in the great scheme of things their loss is not catastrophic, they can be replaced.

It is often the everyday and the ordinary which we take most for granted – the roof over our heads, the food on the table, the love of our family, the assurance of our faith... Its only when we are in danger of losing something, or indeed when it has been lost, that we really appreciate its value.

Somethings in life should never be taken for granted. Don't leave it till it's too late: treasure them in the present and back them up with time spent creating valued memories.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Returning to Mass**

With the lifting of restrictions Churches no longer are required to limit their capacity. We are however asked to maintain all other protective practices:

- The wearing of facemasks
- Sanitising of hands
- Respecting social distance.

The ribbons have been removed from the church seats and parishioners may sit where they choose. You are asked however to be aware of the need to give ample space between you and the person next to you and if possible avoid sitting directly behind someone. The ribbons on the pews in the front central section of Newport Church will remain in place for the time being.

Over the next few weekends we will monitor how this new arrangement is working out.

**Pope John Paul II Awards**

Transition year students who have signed up for the Pope John Paul II awards are invited to contact Fr Tod to organise how they might be involved in parish.

As soon as restrictions are lifted (Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will organise a Pizza and Coke night to meet up and chat, to arrange new rotas and to make plans for the coming year

### November Masses

A Novena of Masses for the Dead will be held in early November. Over the coming week families are invited to include the names of deceased loved ones in the envelopes provided in each of the churches. (please do not include any donation).

Masses will begin on the Feast of All Saints, Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude with our annual Mass of Remembrance at 10am on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

At our Mass of Remembrance, we will remember, by name, all parishioners who died in the past year. Should you have a family member who may have died away from home and would like them included please contact the parish office.

### The Oratory

The Oratory in Newport has been repainted and will be open from this weekend. It is hoped that we will return to the Oratory for Mass in early November.

### Social Media Classes in Mulranny

Social Media classes will take place in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 7.30pm starting November 9. These classes are part of the Community Education programme; if you are interested please call Mary at 086 168 3894 to book your place.

### Mulranny Gift of Hands AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday, 18th October at 10.30 am in the Essence of Mulranny Studio. All members are urged to attend for reports on the last year and also plans for the new studio which has now been approved for funding. A new committee will be elected to take us forward in this; there's an exciting year ahead.

### Mulranny Art Classes

Art classes with Pat Tracey will resume in the Amenity Center, Mulranny early November for 7 weeks. If interested contact Mary at 086 168 3894.

### Mulranny Tidy Towns

Mulranny Tidy Town's next meeting is on Monday, November 1, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. All Welcome. The AGM of Mulranny Tidy Towns will take place on Monday, November 29th at 8pm in the amenity Centre.

### Newport Tidy Towns

The AGM of Newport Tidy Towns is on Monday, November 8, at 8pm in Newport Tourist Office. All welcome

### Mayo Cancer Support.

Mayo Cancer Support Achill Outreach service will reopen, by appointment only, on Thursday 18th November, in the Health Centre, Achill Sound. Contact Jean on 087 2804164.

### Envelope Collection

For those attending Mass, envelopes can be left in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass. Parish envelopes can still be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. Thank you for your continued support.

### Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul of Kenneth Moran, Roskeen and London, nephew of the late Geoffrey Moran, Rosturk who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

### Mass Schedule

#### 10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Thurs-Newport, Fri- Mulranny:  
The People of the Parish.

10am Tuesday: Michael Reid, London and Meddlicott St. (Months Mind)

#### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Bernie Rumley, Rosturk

#### Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Helen Kilroy, Quay Rd. (Months Mind). Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. Kathleen and Tommy Lavelle, London and Lettermaghera.

#### Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mary Cattigan, Duffbeg and deceased members of the Cattigan family

#### Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

#### Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> Newport at 10am:

Tom Mulhern, Newport (Months Mind) and his wife Nancy (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Anne and Peadar Kilroy, Carrabawn. Eddie and Sarah Fitzgerald, Chapel St.

#### Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mary Cattigan, Duffbeg, her daughter Anne, and deceased family members. Mary and John Moran, Cushleca.