

Burrishoole Parish

July 10th/11th 2021

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The Hope of God

At Baptisms I sometimes quote, but seldom credit, a lesser-known English mystic Evelyn Underhill who said, 'The soul of every child represents the hope of God'.

In gifting us with life God has a 'hope' for each of us. God's hope for us is that we might be healthy and happy and caring. God's hope is that we will reach our potential whatever that might be, that we might find fulfilment in life, that we will love and be loved, that we become the very best we can be. The beautiful thing is that God shares that hope, that dream with our parents, and parents in helping their child become the very best they can be, are in fact realising God's dream for their child. Parenting is a vocation and in a very real way being a parent is doing the work of God.

I never cease to be in awe of parents. From the moment of their child's birth and for as long as a parent lives, parents' commitment to their children is total. A parent's life is both selfless and generous. They want the very best for their children and will do their utmost to ensure that they have, and that they are, the very best.

In rearing their children parents strive to gift their children with much more than material possessions. Every parent would love their child to be dressed in the latest designer fashion or to have the hottest computer game but as important as such things might be they are never as important as the character and the values which parents dream that their children might grow up to have. Parents hope their children will grow up to be honest and hardworking, to be loyal and committed, to be loving and kind and generous. What makes parents truly proud of their children is not necessarily their achievements but rather the kind of person they have become. A parent knows that possessions, awards, achievements or victories are only accumulated because of the character, the dedication, the commitment, the practice, the self-sacrifice and sheer hard work which went into the achievement. In the end the most important things

which parents gift their children are not in fact things but rather values.

Children learn such values by seeing them in action. Values are not simply picked up from books or from school lessons, children learn values by seeing them being lived at home and parents teach those values by living them.

Faith is a value which we gift our children and like any other value it is gifted not so much by word but by example. If we are to gift faith, if we are to help our children grow up with an awareness of God in their lives, if we are to give them the consolation of a deep faith then we have to live that faith. We have to create a space for God in our own lives, we have to live the Gospel rather than just read it.

As Catholics, the Mass is at the very centre of how we experience and celebrate faith. For over 15 months now many of us have been unable to attend Mass. Patterns and routines have been broken and maybe even lost. As things slowly begin to reopen up parents will be left with decisions to make. What value do we place on faith? How important is Mass to us as a family?

'The soul of every child represents the hope of God.' In being the best parents that parents can be they are realising the hope that both they and God have for their children. How will you gift faith to your child?

God Bless, Fr Tod

Reek Pilgrimage for July

The Reek Pilgrimage is an integral part of the faith life of so many of us. In order to provide Mass and Confessions to pilgrims this year, the pilgrimage has been spread out over the month of July. In conjunction with Murrisk Development Association, the Community Centre in the carpark will operate as an oratory for Confessions and Adoration. Hopefully this will provide a facility for those who would dearly love to climb the Reek and cannot physically do so, or who would like to pray while loved ones are on the mountain. Mass on the summit Weds- Fri at 12 noon Mass on Sat at 10am.

Note: As part of the Garland Friday pilgrimage Fr Tod will say Mass on the summit at 12noon on Friday July 30th. It might be nice to make this our local pilgrimage day.

Parish Defibrillators

Defibrillators are available in Newport, Mulranny and Tiernaur Churches. All have been recently serviced and are easily accessible. A course to train/retrain volunteers in their use will be scheduled as soon as is possible.

New Rotas

We are in the process of drawing up new rotas for the various church ministries. Might you volunteer as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Society, Cleaner? Please contact the Parish Office.

Returning to Mass

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Parishioners are asked to be patient and, in a situation where the church is full, they are invited to participate from their cars via radio or phone and are welcome to receive Holy Communion once the church has emptied.

First Communion and Confirmation

Updated Government advice now reads; *'First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.'*

In order that parents can plan family holidays over the summer First Holy Communion or Confirmation will not now take place in our parish during the months of July or August

Furnace 10K Walk in aid of Hospice

Newport Hospice Support Group is delighted to announce they are back again with their annual Furnace 10K walk in aid of Hospice. Participants are asked to complete the walk in their own time between Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 18. The loop walk starts from Derradda Community Centre where parking can be found and is clearly signposted with black marker posts; walkers should follow the blue arrows.

Hospice fundraising has been hit hard over the past two years and all support for this very worthy cause will be greatly appreciated. Please donate via the 2021 Furnace 10K Walk for Mayo Roscommon Hospice <https://gofund.me/706d8112>

Western Alzheimer's Befriender.

Do you have a few hours to spare? If so Western Alzheimer's befriending volunteers are currently being sought. This is a befriending service for those in the early stages of dementia, who require friendship and stimulation. We are looking for individuals who can give 2-3 hours a week in the homes of people living with dementia. The supports would range from companionship, meeting for coffee and generally supporting them in their own homes. This support is to offer the family carers a break from their caring role.. Full training provided. Contact; 094 93 64900

Congratulations!

Congrats and best wishes to our own Clodagh McManamon who will Captain Mayo Senior LGFA for 2021. A huge honour for her and her family and a proud day for her Club and her Parish.

Envelope Collection

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. If you are in a position to do so you can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul of Seán Moran (Post) Newport Wales and Mulranny. Frances Loftus, London, wife of Jimmy Loftus formerly of Bunnahowna. Mary Dunleavy, Scotland sister of Jimmy Langan, Newport. Sarah Chambers England, wife of Paddy Chambers formerly of Shramore. Mary Rooney New York, sister of the late Maureen Chambers, Shramore. May they rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny:
The People of the Parish. *No Mass Tues.*

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday July 10th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Thomas (Sonny) Moran and deceased members of the Moran family, Sandhill.

Sunday July 11th Newport at 10am:

Martin Hughes, Derrada. John and Mary Conway, Ballycroy (Parents of Tina, Rosmore). Bea Loftus, Comploon

Sunday July 11th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday July 17th Tiernaur at 7pm:

John and Roseanne Mulloy and Mike Joyce, Rosgalive

Sunday July 18th Newport at 10am:

Josie O Donnell, Rossinrubble. Kathleen and Pa Horan and their sons Tom and Pat, Tawnyougaune.

Sunday July 19th Mulranny at 11.30am:

John Barrett, Rosturk his wife Mary and deceased members of the Barrett family. The Corrigan Family, Curraune Achill.