

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Our Big Weekend**

Last weekend didn't turn out as we had hoped. Despite ourselves, and against our better judgement we had allowed ourselves to dream of reaching the Holy Grail, of exorcising the 'curse' and of ending the famine. It wasn't to be and with hunger undiminished the wait goes on.

As much as All Ireland weekend is an important occasion for us here in Mayo this weekend is a very important occasion for us here in our parish. This weekend we celebrate a huge moment in the lives of some of our young people and their families.

On Saturday 23 children from Newport NS and Cuilmore NS will receive their First Holy Communion (Mulranny NS make theirs next week) and on Sunday 34 children will be Confirmed.

At Baptism parents are entrusted with the gifting of Faith to their newly baptised child. As a symbol of their responsibility, they light a candle from the Easter Candle and they promise to keep the light of faith alive for their child until the child is in a position to hold that light for themselves. But the passing on of faith, the gifting of an awareness of God in our lives, is the task of the whole community of faith. A parish community nourishes the faith of its children, it confirms children in their faith by living out that faith in our everyday lives. In as much as it is true to say that it takes a village to raise a child it is equally as true to say that it takes a parish to raise a follower of Jesus Christ.

Although the ceremonies of First Communion and Confirmation will take place this year with just limited numbers of immediate family in attendance the celebration of First Holy and Confirmation should not be considered a private affair. We as a parish community celebrate not only that a new generation of children have taken the next steps in their journey of faith but in celebrating this moment we are proudly proclaiming to our world that faith in Jesus Christ is important to us.

At their Confirmation the young boy or girl confirms their parents' decision to bring them up in faith. As they say 'yes' to what their parents have done for them in baptism they now take on the

responsibility of holding the light of faith for themselves. In return for their 'yes' the sacrament offers them the 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit; Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Courage, Right Judgement, Reverence and Wonder and Awe. These 'gifts' are not so much magical talents that will appear out of nowhere they are rather the products of genuine faith.

As part of the ceremony of Confirmation the Archbishop (Fr Tod this year!) anoints each child with the oil of Chrism and then he gently touches each child on their cheek. I like to think of that touch on the cheek as a gentle wakeup call - first of all for the child but also for us as a community. It says wake up and live your faith! It urges us to proclaim our faith to the world by the quality of our lives – don't just speak about love, live it, don't just pray for peace, work for it, don't just dream about forgiveness and tolerance, practice it.

Last weekend was a big weekend for the county - this weekend is a huge weekend for our parish. In celebrating the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation we are celebrating the faith which marks us out as followers of Jesus Christ.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this weekend. In congratulating the boys and girls I also want to thank their parents for their patience and understanding. Despite being a much simpler occasion than we might have been used to, both the First Holy Communion and the Confirmation were lovely, prayerful and indeed joyous occasions for all involved.

Thanks too to our teachers who give so much of their time, talent and energy in preparing our children for the sacraments

**Returning to Mass**

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Each Church can now accommodate 50% of its capacity. 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. Please be mindful of social distancing and that the wearing of facemasks is required. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

### Newport Hospice Coffee Morning

Newport Hospice Support Group will host their annual Hospice Coffee Morning on Friday, September 24th on Main Street Newport, by the gates of Newport House.

Coffee and cakes will be on sale between 8am and 1pm. Please come along and support them while adhering to guidelines. Donations of baked goods are always welcome so if you are a baker and would like to contribute, please do so. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### Local Link

Local Link Mayo are currently operating at 75% capacity. Pre booking is recommended for those wishing to use the service. Contact 09 49005150

### Envelope Collection

The Priest's Autumn Collection is being taken up this weekend. This is one of four collections per year from which the priest draws his monthly stipend. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

Thank you for your continued generous support. Parish envelopes can 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.

### Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.  
You're a special friend to me.  
Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome.  
Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you  
For giving yourself to me.  
Make me strong to show your love  
Wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all of us children in your loving care  
And bring us to heaven to live with you there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus,  
To show how much I care.  
I'm ready now to give your love  
At home and everywhere. Amen.

### Confirmation Prayer

Spirit of God, grant me:  
The gift of wisdom  
To see the world through your eyes,  
The gift of counsel  
To make difficult decisions,  
The gifts of knowledge and understanding  
To use my mind to know you and to love you,  
The gift of fortitude  
To have the courage to live in the faith,  
The gift of piety  
To be able to express my special love  
And commitment to you,  
And the right kind of awesome fear  
That makes me pause to wonder and revere  
God's Love. Amen.

### Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul Dominick O Grady Shraloggy who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

### Mass Schedule

*All Masses available on Facebook and Youtube*

#### 10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Patrick Costello, Knocknageeha

#### Weekend Mass Intentions

##### Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Kathleen Moran, Roskeen. (Months Mind).  
Seamus O Malley, Shraloggy. (1<sup>st</sup> Ann).

##### Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Michael Nevin, Mullaune. Michael Kearns, Quay Rd and deceased members of the Kearns and Connolly families.

##### Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Willie O Malley, Murrivagh, (Months Mind),  
Thomas Mulloy, Mulranny. Helen and Peter Mc Nea, Carrowsallagh. Peter and Rose Barrett, Murrivagh.

##### Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Thomas and Christina Cusack. Nora and Pat McLoughlin, Sandhill

##### Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Paddy Tresnan, Derrada. Jack Chambers, Cloonfoher and Chicago, his wife Sally and sons Bill and Tom and Tom's wife Cathy.

##### Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish