

Burrishoole Parish

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What the Dickens!

Last weekend marked my eight year in Burrishoole. Eight years! On the one hand it seems like a long time on the other the time has just flown. Eight years; around 350 baptisms, close to 320 funerals, more than 120 weddings. Over that time hundreds of children have made their First Holy Communion and celebrated their Confirmation and over 416 weekends I've written 416 Newsletter pieces!

As Dickens might have said 'It's been the best of times and the worst of times'.

It's been the best of times as we celebrated wonderful family and community occasions; Christmases, Easters, Dawn Masses, family and Church anniversaries. It was the best of times as we came together to offer support and care for those cocooning (remember that) during Covid, it was the best of times as neighbours and friends gathered for Graveyard Masses or the 'Stations' (hopefully returning in the Autumn), it was the best of times as again and again our community encircled in love those who lost cherished family members. It was the best of times as we laughed while eating pizza with our teenagers and as we followed our teams across the county and beyond. It was the best of time as I successfully ducked during Mass to avoid the flight of our visiting low flying barn owl, it was the best of times as we giggled through some very poor singing by yours truly during the Easter ceremonies. It was the best of times... and God was there.

But it was the worst of times as we huddled together to seek comfort and support during times of loss and grief. It was the worst of times when I found myself on the side of the road in the middle of the night anointing a victim of a road accident, it was the worst of times when visiting a family home to tell them that their loved one had died unexpectedly. It was the worst of times when families struggled through domestic crises or ongoing health issues, when relationships fragmented and hearts were broken, when loneliness and grief became almost too much to

bear for those left behind. It was the worst of times when our churches lay closed and Mass was celebrated from our empty cavernous parish church. It was the worst of times when the Easter exultet was proclaimed to a silent church, and on a personal level it was the worst of times when over these past years both my mam and dad went to their eternal reward. It was the worst of times... but God was there.

Eight years is a long time, but for me it has been a time filled with great grace and joy. Looking back over that time its revealing to note that it is when it is the worst of times that we as a community are at our best – that often it is when things are at their lowest, and need is at its greatest, that the true character of our community has shone through. In the best of times and in the worst of times God is here.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses

Our Annual Pattern Day Mass will be celebrated at 1pm in Burrishoole Abbey on Monday August 7th. The Pattern Day Mass, celebrating our patron saint, St Dominick is a lovely tradition to keep and gift to the next generations. All are welcome.

Graveyard Masses will be celebrated during that week each night at 7pm

Tues 8th Murrivagh

Thurs 10th Killeen

Fri 11th Kilbride

Parishioners are invited to tend to their family graves in preparation for the annual graveyard Masses.

Garland Friday

Fr Tod will be climbing Croagh Patrick this Friday, Garland Friday, July 28th to celebrate Mass on the summit at 10am. Garland Friday is always a lovely occasion with Mass celebrated in the Oratory. Why not make the climb and join him?

Please note that there will be no Mass this Friday in Mulranny.

Reek Sunday

Next Sunday is Reek Sunday. Masses will be celebrated on the Summit from 8am-2pm with Confessions being heard from 7.30am.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, Friday, Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th., 5 nights, ex Knock-Ireland West Airport. Contact 012410800 for details and booking.

Priest's Summer Collection

The Priest's Summer collection (Blue envelope) is currently being taken up. This is one of the four annual collections used for the priests stipend. Thank you for your ongoing support of your priest.

First Friday Visits

If you have an elderly or sick family member in your household who might like a visit from the priest each month please let Fr Tod know. If you would like to bring Holy Communion home to a family member on a Sunday/Weekend Mass please let Fr Tod know and that can be arranged.

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on July 19; new jackpot of €550, to be won in 49 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp; all welcome.

Mulranny Scouts Fundraiser

The 12th Mayo Mulranny Scouts are hosting a fundraiser this Saturday, July 22 from 11am to 2pm. The fundraiser includes a Cubs Car Wash and Beavers Bake Sale; both events will take place opposite Doherty's No.9 in Mulranny and all support would be much appreciated.

Máiméan Pilgrimage

The annual August pilgrimage to Máiméan takes place on Sunday, 6th August. Turas na Croise at 3p.m. followed by Mass.

Mulranny Concert

Mulranny Arts are honoured to present an evening of enchanting music from globally-renowned, and local, cellist Patrick Dexter, a composer, music producer and an expressive cello player, that has captivated audiences around the world. Join us for this rare opportunity to experience Patrick's heartfelt music in the beautiful Oratory of The Old Convent in Mulranny. Tickets at €28 each are available on; www.mulrannyarts.com

Living Well Programme Dates

Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops of 2.5 hours by trained leaders. Anyone with any chronic illness can benefit. The next programme will commence online on September 13. Advance registration is required. Please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

Parish Choirs

A word of sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to our Choirs who add so much to our liturgies throughout the year. In many ways we have become so used to our choirs that their talent and generosity may seem to go unnoticed. Visitors constantly compliment the music at our Parish Masses. Thank you to all involved.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Nancy George, (nee Chambers), England and Upper Skirdagh, sister of the late John Joe Paddy Chambers and of Michael Loftus England, son of the late Paddy Loftus, Tawneyougaune, and Ann Collins Cahergal. May they rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaurl, Tues/Thurs-Newport

The People of the Parish

Weekend Masses

Saturday July 22nd Tiernaurl at 7pm

Jim O Boyle and his wife Muriel and Tom o Boyle. Gabriel Diamond, Derrylaghan Mór and his grandmother Geraldine.

Sunday July 23rd Newport at 10am

Peter and Annie Ryder, Kilbride and deceased members of the Ryder and Madden families. Mollie Mc Govern, Carrabawn, Deceased members of Newport Church Choir. Tony and Annie Leneghan, Skirdagh.

Sunday July 23rd Mulranny at 11.30am

Billy Harnesse, Ballinrobe. John Moran, Cushleca and his son Kevin. Seamus and Mary Daly. James Daly and Frances Reynolds, Mulranny

Saturday July 29th Tiernaurl at 7pm

Geoffery Moran, Rosturk

Sunday July 30th Newport at 10am

Peggy and Jimmy O Donnell, Shanvalleyhue. Phylis and Tom Burke Rossinrubblew and their son Liam, Currigaune. The deceased members of the Brady and Carter families. Mary and Paddy Clancy, Quay Rd. Sarah, Eddie, Des and Michael Fitzgerald and deceased members of the Gorman family, Doontrusk.

Sunday July 30th Mulranny at 11.30am

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