

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**November 14th/ November 15th, 2020**  
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### **Lockdown Musings and Learnings**

The wintery weather combined with the long dark nights are challenging for all of us. The current Lockdown is taking its toll on many. So, in an effort to avoid the telly and to keep my spirits up I am making a special effort to read a bit more and to get a run or two in every week.

A friend of mine prides himself in his collection of books. He has walls of books. The funny thing is that over the years I have seldom heard him talk about the latest book he has just read or for that matter I have never 'caught' him reading. It was only recently that I asked him whether he actually reads all those books only to be told that he has half read half of them! He buys them not so much for reading but because he finds having books around him strangely comforting. A bit like a warm fire, books do offer a sense of wellbeing and comfort.

Over the years I have to admit that I too have bought more books than I have read. Bought with the best of intentions, I own many books which have never even been opened. This current lockdown however has encouraged me to look again at my bookshelves and explore some of the books that have sat untouched for years. It's amazing how some books will immediately grab your attention while others just don't manage to inspire interest at a particular time. Yet no book will open its world to you unless you pick it up and start to read.

It is easier to find excuses not to run than not to read. When its cold, dark and wet outside its always more comfortable to stay at home. But I know that the fresh air and exercise actually energise me and so I force myself to get out of the house. Fresh air clears the head. No more than the first page of a book the first step of a run is always the most difficult.

For the past number of weekends, I have tried a longer run. Usually about halfway in I wonder what possessed me and why I don't act my age. But the fact that I am running along the Greemway means that there is no shortcut back so on I trod. It was on one such long run a few weeks ago that I noticed I

had a bit of a nosebleed. Not having a tissue with me I thought I'd manage. However, by the time I got to my turning point the trickle had become a steady flow. What to do? I had greeted a mother with her children a little while back so I could always ask her for a tissue but as I passed them all seemed grand. The reprieve was temporary – the further I went the worse it got. There was nothing to do but to swallow my pride and call to a house and ask for help. It was only as I was running home all patched up that it struck me that I actually knew every house I passed and that I would be quite comfortable calling into any one of them. After 5 years in Burrishoole I am very much at home!

These are challenging days. Its good to do something to keep the spirits up. But remember help is never far away.

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **First Communion/Confirmation**

Covid 19 has made it difficult to make definitive plans for the future. It is very hard to say what restrictions might be in place next week never mind next Spring. It is important however to set targets and to have something to look forward to.

First Communion will take place in Mulranny on the weekend of April 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and in Newport on the weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Newport Church.

We keep all our children who are preparing for the Sacraments in our prayers.

### **Parish Volunteer Group**

We have a Parish Volunteer Group set up which is available to assist those who are cocooning or in self-isolation with collecting messages, prescriptions etc. If you need anything please call Fr Tod on 098 41123 or Guard Ronan O Grady on 086 8333535. We are here to help

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. These are challenging times for many people. With Masses currently suspended 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. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. If it is more convenient to hold on to the envelopes for a number of weeks, please do so. Thank you

### **Mulranny Envelopes**

Parishioners in the Mulranny area are asked to drop off parish envelopes into the box provided at the rear of the church. Thank you

### **Music in our Churches**

The Coronavirus has meant that for the past seven months we have not enjoyed the singing of our wonderful parish choirs during regular weekend Masses. Choirs will not be permitted to sing in church for the foreseeable future. This does not however mean that we can not have music at Mass. Music is a beautiful way to enhance our liturgies and to raise both our spirits and our souls. It is possible for small, socially distanced groups to provide music at Mass. If you, or your group would be willing to play/sing at Mass please contact Fr Tod or the parish office. In doing so you will be gifting something beautiful to your parish community.

### **Visits to Sick and Housebound**

During Level 5 restrictions Regular First Friday visits have been suspended. If however, any parishioner would like a visit from Fr Tod please contact Fr Tod or the parish office.

### **Senior Line**

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Phone 1800 80 45 91

### **Clew Bay Oyster Co-op online AGM**

The Clew Bay Oyster Cooperative will hold their AGM online this Tuesday, November 17 at 7pm. Members wishing to attend are invited to email their name, address, and member number to [ClewBayCoop@gmail.com](mailto:ClewBayCoop@gmail.com). Login instructions will then be sent, prior to the meeting, to those wishing to attend. The board of the Co-op wishes to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and looks forward to a time when the AGM can go back to normal attendance procedures.

### **Burrishoole Graveyard Collection**

The Graveyard Committee are appealing to all households in the area whose loved ones are at rest in Burrishoole Graveyard to make a donation toward the costs of maintaining the graveyard. A GoFundme site has been set up to help raise badly needed funds. It's an easy way to support the work of the Committee in keeping and maintaining the graveyard. To make a donation search; [gofundme - Burrishoole Graveyard](https://www.gofundme.com/Burrishoole-Graveyard)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

### **Mass Schedule**

*All Masses available on Facebook and on Parish Radio*

### **Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10am:**  
Tommie Corcoran & deceased members of the Corcoran & Chambers Families, Cloonfoher & Lahardane; Jimmy Finucane, Barrack Hill; Kathleen McClintock, Newfield.

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday November 14th at 7pm:**

Brigid McLoughlin, Sandhill & dec family members; Jim & Teresa Cooney, Kilmeena; Martin & Margaret Moran, Castle Road, Carrowbeg.

#### **Sunday November 15th at 10am:**

Johnny McGovern, Quay Road, Newport (Months Mind); Peadar Kilroy, Carrowbaun; Brian Keane, Skirdagh, grandparents Tom & Nancy Keane & their son James; Peter & Nancy McManamon, Shramore; Martin Nevin, Mulranny Road; James Gibbons, Assbridge; Robert Lally, Belmullet & Sarah Lally, Manchester. Edward (Jnr) Callaghan, Mulranny Road & brothers P.J. & Mickie; Mary Kilbane, Knockloughra

#### **Saturday November 21st at 7pm:**

Deceased members of the O'Malley & Moran families, Rosgalive; Michael & Rose McManamon, Graffy.

#### **Sunday November 22nd at 10am:**

Peter & Celine Chambers, Kilbride, their daughter Anne Duff & son in law Michael Higgins; Deceased members of the Geraghty family Buckagh; Martin Halligan, Castlebar. Phoebe and Bernie Masterson, Murrivagh and their son Michael. Sally Masterson, Eugene and Dorris Hanley, Kent. Annie and Seán Nixon, Murrivagh and deceased members of the Hanley and Masterson Families. Peter Murphy and John Kilkenny, England and Murrivagh