

Burrishoole Parish
October 17th/18th 2020
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Level 3

Covid Level 3 has meant that once again we cannot gather for Mass in our Churches. For the next number of weeks all Masses will be celebrated without a congregation and will be available through Facebook Live and on Parish Radio.

Level 3 limits the numbers who can attend a funeral or wedding to 25. Only 8 people may attend a baptism

A New Saint

We call them living saints. They are usually elderly ladies or men, who have lived good lives characterised by their kindness and generosity. They are devout and almost other worldly in their demeanour and such is their 'holiness' we are inclined to think that they belong to another age.

We don't expect saints to be in their teens, to be dressed in hoodies and to be big into computer games and the likes. But Carlo Acutis was exactly that and last Sunday in a ceremony in Assisi he was 'beatified' by the Church, marking the final stage in anticipation of his canonisation as a Saint.

Carlo Acutis was just 15 years old when he died of Leukaemia in 2006. Born in London but moving with his family soon afterwards to Milan, Carlo was the son of non-practicing Catholic immigrants. In many ways he was a normal young boy who loved football, playing on his computer and being out with his friends. But Carlo wasn't just your average boy. On making his First Holy Communion he promised God that he would try to do two things every day for the rest of his life; attend Mass and say the Rosary. By fulfilling that simple promise Carlo grew in holiness and his relationship with God deepened. He called the Mass his 'highway to heaven'.

Carlo's love for and devotion to the Eucharist had an effect on his life. His interest in the Eucharist led him to learn more about the various sites around Europe where Eucharistic Miracles had occurred

and his knowledge of computer coding enabled him to set up a website in which he catalogued the various miracles. His ambition was to visit the sites in person but unfortunately, he was unable to fulfil his dream having developed Leukaemia at such a young age.

But there was much more to Carlo. When he wasn't writing computer programmes or playing football, Carlo was quietly living his faith. He was known the length and breadth of his neighborhood by those living on society's margins. With his savings he bought sleeping bags for homeless people and in the evenings he would bring them soup and hot drinks. He would say it was better to have one less pair of shoes if it meant being able to do one more good deed for someone in need.

Eventhough he had been sick for some time and unable to continue with his care of those living on the margins, such was the regard in which he was held and much to the surprise of everybody, including his family, his funeral was packed to capacity with hundreds of his secret friends and as the cortege left the Church the streets outside were lined by the poor and homeless of Milan. It seemed as if the whole of Milan was out to honour the quiet, ordinary young boy.

Sainthood isn't the preserve of the old and 'holy'. We are all called to be saints. Perhaps the first step to sainthood is not so much changing the world, perhaps the first step to sainthood is allowing ourselves to be changed by God.

For the computer whiz kids among us who might like to learn more about the life of Carlo Acutis take a look at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLFusUobkJ4

God Bless, Fr Tod

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. These are challenging times for many people. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Should you be in a position to contribute the Priest's Autumn Collection (Blue envelope) is still being accepted. With Masses currently suspended Envelopes can be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house or you might like to hold on to them for a number of weeks at a time. Thank you

New Parish Office Opening Times

The parish office will be open Tuesdays to Thursday 11am – 3pm. Due to Covid restrictions you are requested to phone or email Mass intentions and certificate requests.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Families wishing to have their loved ones remembered at Mass can still do so. Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated for intentions booked for Shramore and Tiernaur churches and Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated for intentions booked for Newport and Mulranny churches.

Church Rotas

The suspension of Masses means that our cleaning rotas are now put on hold for the next number of weeks. When the churches reopen the new Fogging System of sanitizing will be in place which will mean that churches can be cleaned quicker and by smaller teams.

In anticipation of the churches reopening at some point we have drawn up new Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Newport and Tiernaur. These will be available at the altar rails during the coming week.

Cancer Support Services

Due to the latest Covid restrictions Mayo Cancer Support are unable to attend the Achill Outreach service on Thursday, October 22nd. They will continue to operate remotely. For telephone support please contact Jean at 087 2804164 or Rock Rose House at 094 9038407.

Murrivaugh Cemetery Collection

The Annual Murrivaugh Cemetery Collection amounted to €1,090. This money will be spent on upgrading and maintaining the cemetery. This Summer the cemetery index map was updated and replaced at a cost of €300. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously.

Burrishoole Graveyard Collection

The annual collection for the upkeep of Burrishoole Graveyard would normally have taken place last August at the Pattern Mass. Due to COVID restrictions the collection did not take place. This has not stopped the hard-working committee from being fully committed to maintaining the graveyard to its usual high standard but they rely on the proceeds of the collection to be able to cover the expenses associated with enhancement and upkeep. The committee are launching an appeal to all households in the area whose loved ones are at rest in the graveyard to make a donation and enable them to keep up the good work. Contribution can be placed in an envelope and passed to any of the following members of the committee: - Jimmy O'Malley, Pat Hughes, Christy Horan, Billy

Chambers, Kevin O'Malley, Anthony Lenighan, Helen and Jack Keane.

The committee is very grateful to those who have already come forward and made a donation. They thank everyone for their continued support and generosity.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Johnny McGovern, The Quay, Newport; Bridget Mc Andrew, Belmullet, mother of Agnes McNea, Castleroad; Ruby Knox, father of Allan Knox, Ardagh and Paschal Kilroy, son of Peter Kilroy, formerly of Bleachyard. May they rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10am:
For those who have died through Coronavirus

Weekend Mass Intentions

All Masses available on Facebook and on Parish Radio

Saturday October 17th at 7pm:

Seamus O Malley, Shralogy (Months Mind)

Sunday October 18th at 10am:

Peg O'Malley, Rosclave (Months Mind); Anne Cattigan, Mulranny (1st Anv); Jack Moran, Mulranny Rd, daughter Christine Roycroft & sister in law Elizabeth Cahill; Ann Kilroy, Carrabawn, Paddy Joyce, Liavalley Barnadearg and James Gorman, Mulranny

Saturday October 24th at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

Sunday October 25th at 10am:

P.J. Donnelly, Tawnawoggaun (Months Mind)
Mary & Paddy Clancy, Quay Road, Newport;
Neil Chambers & his wife Maureen, Shramore & all deceased members of the Chambers & Rooney families, Ger Morrissey, Killererin