

Burrishoole Parish

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Ronaldo

Our mass servers are the best but we still have a few small 'rules'! Four to be precise; try not to talk, try not to fidget, try to have a 'holy' face on and last but not least; never to wear a Manchester United jersey to Mass. The last one is for my benefit! Being a supporter of the other team in red I try to avoid everything Man Utd – especially on weekends when we lose and they win! That last rule often leads to a bit of fun and banter in the sacristy before Mass.

In recent weeks it has been hard to avoid news of one red; Ronaldo. I have to admit that I am not his greatest fan, but last week I came across a video he did which has given me second thoughts.

The video is set in Madrid. Ronaldo is made-up to look like a tramp, with a scruffy beard and hair, and he wears a body suit to make him look heavy and out of shape. He goes to the central square in Madrid with a football, places a small cardboard box in front of him and performs tricks with the ball for the passing crowds. The crowds pass him by without even a sideward glance, nobody notices him, except to avoid and walk around him. Then Ronaldo changes tack. He tries to engage the passers-by by kicking the ball to them in the hope that they will pass it back. Most just step over the ball, some pass it back but then quickly walk on.

Finally, after over an hour of being ignored, a young boy, of about 10, passed the ball back to Ronaldo and looked for a return. They began to play together and, like children do, spent the next five minutes dodging in and around the hurried pedestrians and playing ball with each other.

The video finishes with Ronaldo revealing his identity to the awestruck boy and presenting the signed ball to him. Within seconds Ronaldo is surrounded by a frenzied mass of people holding cameras aloft. Everyone wants to get close to him - to such an extent that security has to step in. The little boy meanwhile simply walks away with the ball under his arm, quietly smiling to himself.

Ronaldo's video teaches us a lot about ourselves; how quick we are to judge people by their appearances, how in the 'busyness' of our lives we

can often miss the important bits, how children can teach us about life.

In these days leading up to Christmas our attention will be drawn to many things. Shiny packaging will try to lure us into buying the latest must-have Christmas items, subtle marketing will tempt us into believing that Christmas couldn't possibly be Christmas without us having a particular item, well focused advertising will try to convince our children (and us) that Christmas is all about them. We won't have time to notice the humble old crib standing in the town square. The incessant hum of 'Christmas music' will drown out the words of the Christmas carol and the birth of the Christ child over 2000 years ago will be forgotten amid the wrapping paper and the presents. Sometimes we get sucked in and get so caught up in our busyness that we miss the important bits.

Sometimes it takes the innocence of a child to see beyond outward appearances. At Christmas we need to rediscover that child in ourselves so that we might see beyond the tinsel and wrapping paper.

Despite the video I won't be buying a red No7 shirt this Christmas. Then again nor will many others!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Next Thursday, Dec 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass at 10am in Tiernaur and Mass in Newport Parish Church at 7pm.

Baby Jesus Sunday

Next Sunday Dec 11th, Gaudete Sunday, is the Sunday when families are invited to bring their Baby Jesus to Mass for a blessing. Small or big, heavy or light, with crib or without, all Baby Jesus are welcome. Just drop off at Crib before Mass.

Goodnews Club

Our Goodnews Club meets next Sunday at 10am Mass in Newport. All boys and girls welcome. Don't forget to bring the Baby Jesus

Decorating of Churches

The Churches of the Parish will be decorated next week. Tiernaur Church at 7pm Tues, Mulranny Church at 6pm Weds and Newport Parish Church at 7.30pm Thursday. All hands on deck. Please come along to help.

Pizza and Coke

Thanks to all who came to our last meeting. A reminder to get your JP II Award form back to Fr Tod asap. Forms still available. See you at the church decorating during the week.

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee AGM

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee will hold its Annual General Meeting in Derradda Community Centre on Wednesday, December, 7th at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hospice and Shine a Light Cards

Hospice Christmas Card are available at Newport Post Office and Shine a Light cards are available from Newport Pharmacy. All funds raised go to the Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

Mulranny Choir Practice

Mulranny Choir will hold its Christmas choir practice this Wednesday, December 7th, at 7pm. All singers and musician's welcome.

Santa to Switch on Newport Lights

Santa Claus is coming to Newport on Sunday, December 4 to switch on the Newport Christmas Lights. He will arrive at Canon Killeen Park at 6pm and is looking forward to saying hello to the little ones. He is very busy so please be on time, he has lots of places to visit and cannot wait very long.

Monster Card Game in Glenhest

Glenhest Community Centre will host a Monster 25 game on Sunday, December 11, starting at 6pm sharp with €220 in prize money to be won plus lots of raffle prizes and spot prizes. Admission is €10 and all are welcome.

Mulranny Christmas Lights

Mulranny Christmas Lights will be switched on at 6pm on Sunday, Dec 11th. The Village lights are being sponsored by Mulranny Tidy towns and they have been assured a VIP will attend to meet the children at the event. The Light up has been deferred by a week in consideration of the energy crisis.

Newport 300: the last 100 years 1923 - 2023

A Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 8, at 8pm in Newport Tourist Office to discuss what chapters to include in the second book and who will volunteer to write them. All welcome. If you have any photographs you would like to include in the book, please bring them with you to be scanned.

Newport Christmas Village

Newport Christmas Village is back on Sunday, December 4, from 4pm to 7pm. All bakers, crafters and artists, are invited to take a stall at €20 for the market. Call Sharon at 087 224 7960 or email nbnewport@gmail.com to book a place.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Celine Murray, Derrygarve and John O Malley, Leeds, brother of Mai Holmes, Tiernaur. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Myles Higginbotham, Galway and Newport. Bill and Mary Reilly.

Weekend Masses

Friday Dec 2nd Shramore at 7pm

Mary Conway, Shramore and her daughters Rose Nixon and Nora Conway

Saturday Dec 3rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Patrick Mc Manamon, Dublin. John McHale Sandhill, his mother Margaret and deceased members of the McHale family

Sunday Dec 4th Newport at 10am:

Sean Mulchrone, Mulranny Rd. Kate and John Murray, Skirdagh and deceased family members. Mickie Kelly and son Joseph, Newport. Mary and Martin McGuire, sons Joe, John and Pdraig and daughters Molly and Bridget and the deceased members of the Ryan and Mc Guire families.

Sunday Dec 4th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Annie and Denis Gallagher, Achill and deceased members of the Gallagher and Greallis families. Matilda and Michael Cafferky, Ballycroy and deceased members of the Calvey and Cafferky families. John Loftus, Bunahowna and grandson David

Thurs Dec 8th Feast of Immaculate Conception

Mass in Tiernaur at 10am

Mass in Newport at 7pm

Saturday Dec 10th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Deceased members of Burrishoole GAA

Sunday Dec 11th Newport at 10am:

Annie Horan, Doogary. Peadar and Anne Kilroy and deceased members of the Kilroy and Cox families. Mary and Patsy Hynes, Lecanvey. Martin and Annie Walsh, Derryloghan and son in law Tommy Cawley. Catherine Keane, Lecarrow, her brother Gerry Costello, Castlebar and parents Mick and Kathleen Costello, Belcarra

Sunday Dec 11th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Felix Murray, Mulranny and Ballycroy. Thomas and Mary Ginnelly, Rosturk. Mary Doyle (nee Loftus) England and Mulranny