

Burrishoole Parish
12th / 13th December 2020
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A Family of Families

With Christmas only a few weeks away and a Covid 19 Vaccine now firmly on the horizon, for the first time in a long time we have reason for genuine hope. 2020 has been a long year, a year which has challenged us all in different ways and a year we will be delighted to see the back of. Although still some way off the dawn of a new Covid-free era is beginning to stir.

At a parish level the virus has been deeply disruptive. From early March we have been unable to gather together as a full family of faith and for months on end have been unable to gather at all. Being unable to receive Holy Communion has been particularly difficult for many. Baptisms, First Communions, Weddings have all had to be postponed or rescheduled while simple things like school visits and First Friday calls have had to be suspended. We have missed our altar servers, our Good News Club, our 'Do This in Memory' Masses and our 'Pizza and Coke' nights.

Every aspect of our lives has been affected and yet we have been willingly prepared to surrender so much of our own freedom, not because of Government regulations but rather because of our commitment to work together for the common good of all. We stayed at home so that others might be safe, we limited our social interaction so that people who may be vulnerable because of age or underlying health conditions had a better chance of avoiding the virus, we washed our hands, wore our masks, kept our distance so that we would not – unknowingly to ourselves and to others, be carriers of the virus. It hasn't been easy, but it was never so much about ourselves as it was for others.

It's important to keep that sense of the common good in mind as we now prepare for Christmas. What we do, or do not do, has an effect on others. Throughout this period we are not being 'deprived' of Mass - numbers are limited in our churches so that all might be safe. We would prefer to be able to attend Mass, we would dearly love to attend Christmas Mass and to receive Holy Communion,

but we are prepared to surrender our preference so that no one is placed in unnecessary danger.

When we gather at home on Christmas Eve for 7pm Mass we do so for each other and in solidarity with each other. We do so as Parish; as a family of families stretching from Mulranny to Newport, from Tiernaur to Shramore. We gather as one. As each family lights its candle in its own home a light will spread across our parish and beyond; the light of faith, the light of hope, the light of Christ. O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Mass will be celebrated in each of our churches. Due to the restrictions on numbers allowed to be physically present at Mass parishioners are encouraged to participate from their homes via Parish Radio or Facebook.

Christmas Eve:

7pm.	Parish Family Mass	<u>No Congregation</u>
9pm	Tiernaur	Max 45

Christmas Day:

8.30am	Shramore	Max 20
10am.	Newport	Max 100
11.30am	Mulranny	Max 35

In the event that a church reaches its capacity parishioners are asked to remain in their cars. Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass.

Christmas Family Mass

Our main Parish Family Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Christmas Eve. There will be no congregation present. Families and households of the parish are invited to gather in their homes around their kitchen table and to participate through parish radio or Facebook. As a sign of solidarity and a symbol of our unity we invite every family to light a candle and place it in the porch or on a windowsill of their home for the duration of the Mass.

The Parish will prepare a pack for each household which will include among other things a candle, some straw from the crib, a prayer card, something for the children and a little Christmas memento. At the end of Mass each family will be invited to say a family prayer together uniting the whole parish in one voice. Mass will finish with the ringing of the church bells and households are encouraged to go to their door to ring a bell, announcing to each other and to the world the birth of Jesus.

Parish packs will be distributed through the schools and made available in the Churches next weekend.

An Invitation

Christmas Mass

Parish - A Family of Families

7pm Christmas Eve

Join us on Facebook or Parish Radio

We gather in prayer as a community

We gather from our homes

We gather as One

Reconciliation/Healing Service

Individual Confessions will not be possible this Christmas. A Parish Service of Reconciliation and Healing will be held via Facebook and Parish Radio on Monday December 21st at 7pm. The Service will allow us as a community and as individuals to explore where in our lives we are in need of healing and forgiveness and to seek God's comfort and implore God's mercy.

All Ireland Saturday

Mass in Tiernaur next Saturday evening (Dec 19th) will be at the later time of **8pm** to allow time for Fr Tod's heartrate to return to normal. Come on Mayo!

Burrishoole Parish Magazine on Sale

Burrishoole Parish Magazine is on sale from this weekend, Dec 11. It includes numerous interesting accounts of the many goings-on in the parish during 2020. With special reports on the highlight of Jim McManamon's centenary birthday celebration, Mary Caffrey's 99th birthday, and Mary Friel's 80th. Peter Muldowney reports the news of the parish from 50 years ago while Kathy Ryder records the building of a bridge into Shrahoric and Julie Langan writes of CCE's plans for the 40th anniversary of Cuilmore Comhaltas in 2021. Football exploits are recorded by Burrishoole GAA and Newport/Mulranny Wanderers while Gerry Cowley and Andy McGreal report on providing new infrastructure in Newport and Mulranny. There is something for everyone in the 80 pages and the magazine makes for interesting reading for parishioners at home and abroad.

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Envelopes can still 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 drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

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:

Masses available on Facebook and/or on Parish Radio

Mon -Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs - Newport, and Fri - Mulranny: People of the Parish

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday December 12th in Tiernaur at 7pm:

Sonny Moran, Roskeen and deceased members of the Moran and Smith Families. Michael and Nora Mc Cormack and the deceased members of the Mc Cormack family.

Sunday December 13th in Newport at 10am:

Annie Horan, Doogary; Michael & Katie Calvey, Shramore; Patrick & Julia Keane, Derryloughan & their daughter Mary Catherine.

Sunday Dec 13th in Mulranny at 11.30am:

Felix Murray, Mulranny

Saturday December 19th in Tiernaur at 8pm:

Ciss O'Boyle, Knockbreaga & all deceased members of the family.

Sunday December 20th in Newport at 10am:

Nancy Mulhern, Newgate Street, Newport (Months Mind); Mick Chambers, Treanbeg; Charlie O'Donnell, Derrylahan; Zoe English, Carrowsallagh; Catherine Keane, Lecarrow & parents Mick & Kathleen Costello, Belcarra; Vera O'Brien, Ballintubberand Martina O'Brien Kilglass

Sunday Dec 20th in Mulranny at 11.30am:

Michael McNea, Tonragee; Paddy & Mary Callaghan, Murrivaugh & deceased members of the Cleary & Callaghan families.