

**Burrishoole Parish**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

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**School Reunion**

I recently attended a class reunion of my Leaving Certificate class. Although over the years various efforts were made to gather the class for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversaries for one reason or another, in terms of numbers gathered, they weren't that successful. I suppose despite the best of intentions, young families and the pressure of work meant that that school reunions didn't hold a high priority in an already hectic and busy schedule. But by the time the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Leaving Cert came around our priorities seemed to have changed because much to everyone's surprise and delight over 70 of our classmates managed to make it back to St Jarlath's in Tuam for a lovely get together.

As boarders in St Jarlath's we came from all over the west of Ireland. Although there were a few dayboys our class was made up mostly of boarders – strange as it may seem now even some lads from Tuam town were boarders. Probably because we came from different parts of the country most of us found that, if we hadn't gone to College together we quickly lost contact. And so it was that many of us who were good friends during our time in secondary school had not in fact met in 40 years.

It was lovely to meet up with the lads you had grown up with. Some were completely unrecognisable, others seemed not to have changed at all. It was fascinating to hear their stories and to see how each had coped with the ups and downs of life. Most of us had lost our parents, some had lost their wives or partners and others had lost children. Some had left home in the early 80's and had reared their families in England or America. Others hadn't married and were still living in their original homes. Some seemed successful, others carried the scars of a hard life.

Our time in St Jarlath's was a time when Sunday Mass was at the centre of our week. It was very much part of our shared experience and those who were involved in organising the reunion thought that it would be appropriate to have a Mass together after all those years. Although three of our class

went onto Maynooth to study for the priesthood I was the only one ordained and so I was asked to celebrate the Mass.

I must admit that at first, I was hesitant. Times had changed, many of my classmates would have a different experience of Church than I had, some I'm sure had long since left the practice of the faith and all that entails. My initial hesitancy began to wane however when I contacted three classmates, who I remembered as been involved in providing music at our weekly Masses, and they enthusiastically agreed to help with the music. We chose the 'boom boom' hymns of our schooldays and did out a hymn sheet for those who might like to join in.

On the day of our reunion, at 4.30pm on a Saturday afternoon 70 fifty-something year olds gathered in the school oratory for Mass. For me as the celebrant it was a very moving occasion as we remembered our four deceased classmates, our dead parents, and the deceased members of our families. Somehow in that moment we were brought back to that time of enthusiasm and innocence as we belted out the hymns at the tops of our voices. Everything had changed but nothing had changed.

Mass was followed by food and as the night became early morning it became obvious that although time may have taken its toll on our appearances those 17/18-year-olds of 40 years ago still lingered under the grey hair and wrinkled foreheads.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Well done to all involved in last weekend's First Communion in Mulranny. A special word of thanks to the parents who decorated the church.

This weekend at 10am Mass in Newport we welcome four young children who will make their First Holy Communion. We congratulate them and their parents

**Returning to Mass**

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Each Church can now accommodate 50% of its capacity. Parishioners are asked to be patient and, in a situation where the church is full, they are invited to participate from their cars via radio or phone and are welcome to receive Holy Communion once the church has emptied. Please be mindful of social distancing and that the wearing of facemasks is required. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

### Thank You

Newport Hospice Support Group sends a big thank you to all who supported their recent coffee morning on Main Street, Newport. They are delighted to report just under €2000 was raised for Mayo Roscommon Hospice and give a special thanks to those who donated baked goods; it is these wonderful treats that helped to make the day so exceptional.

### Mulranny ICA are back!

Mulranny ICA will resume its guild meetings on Tuesday, October 12, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. This meeting is open to all who feel they can meet the current HSE regulations for meetings. This is a much-anticipated get-together for our members and all are welcome.

Please bring along any projects you have been working on since the guild last met, or any extra jars of jam, chutney or honey that you would like to swap. It is hoped as many members as possible will be able to attend so plans can be made for the coming months' meetings.

### Living Well

Living Well is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. Next programmes commence on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>, Weds 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct and Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. For more info please contact Liam Gildea on 087 3490393 or by email at [liam.gildea@mayocil.ie](mailto:liam.gildea@mayocil.ie)

### Stoma Group

Stoma Support Group meeting takes place in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7pm. For more information contact J J on 087 2300580.

### Envelope Collection

The Priest's Autumn Collection is being taken up this weekend. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, you can donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

Parish 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. Envelopes can also be left in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

### Drop-In Listening Service

If you feel the need to talk to someone in confidence, you can 'drop-in' (no appointment necessary) on Thursdays to Knock Counselling Centre. The drop-in service begins at 11am with final sessions no later than 3pm.

This is an open and accessible service to help those who find themselves in need of support. Contact 0949375032 or [counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie](mailto:counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie)

### Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls Helen Kilroy, Quay Rd., and Tom Mulhern, Main St, Newport who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

### Mass Schedule

*All Masses available on Facebook and Youtube*

#### 10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaut, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Margaret and Frank Cowley, Georges St., Tommy and Ann Mulchrone, London and Buckagh. Ted and Aggie Mulchrone, Georges St

#### Weekend Mass Intentions

##### Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> Shramore at 7pm

Tom Moran, Chicago. Elizabeth O Malley, Trienbeg.

##### Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Tiernaut at 7pm:

Tom Hanley, Mulranny

##### Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> Newport at 10am:

Des Fitzgerald, Barrack Hill. (Months Mind). Kathleen and Charles McGee, Sandymount. Paddy McIntyre Derrycoultrim and his brother Michael McIntyre, Mulranny Rd.

##### Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Maggie and Mick McLoughlin. JJ Fitzpatrick and the deceased members of the Carolan and McLoughlin families, Mulranny.

##### Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> Tiernaut at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

##### Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Johnny Mc Govern, The Quay (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Oliver Murray, Skirdagh and his sister Dympna. Marty and Ellen Moran, Ardagh. Keith Donnellan, Shramore

##### Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Rosie Mc Corry Williams, Mulranny and deceased family members