

Burrishoole Parish

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Making Community

There was a meme (I think that's what it is called!) doing the rounds of the internet around Easter. It showed a picture of Jesus hosting the Last Supper via Zoom and him asking the twelve apostles to make sure they had their sound on! It was funny and brought a smile to my face.

As a Church and as a parish we have come a long way over these past fourteen months. Who would have thought last Christmas twelve months that just a few weeks later we would be set up to have weekend and daily Mass via Facebook and YouTube. We would never have imagined that we would celebrate two Easters without being able to physically gather as a community and that the new 'norm' would mean that, with Sunday obligation lifted, people would attend Mass virtually from their homes at a time which suited them. For a Church which doesn't do change very well, if at all, we certainly managed to adapt quickly to an ever-changing Covid landscape.

I for one have been amazed and indeed inspired by the number of people who seem to connect with our virtual Masses. A whole new 'community' of weekday Mass goers has developed and the numbers of people who link in for Sunday Mass is impressive.

As we now begin to emerge from Covid restrictions and are gradually allowed to gather again for communal worship it will be interesting to see what will happen. Will people turn off their computers in order to physically return to Mass or have they become comfortable with the new norm? Will there be a bit of both, people physically attending Mass when it suits and joining via internet when that suits them better?

Community is central to who we are as Church. I get a sense that many of those who link in with Mass via the internet do so for two reasons. Firstly, it is a time of prayer, a time to be attentive to and connect with God, a time to give thanks and to seek God's blessing, but secondly, and perhaps just as importantly, it is to feel part of a 'community' albeit a virtual community. Somehow it is

comforting and reassuring to know that we are not alone and that in attending Mass we are with others - our community. The Facebook comments section when people greet and check in with each other underpins that sense of community - it's the virtual equivalent of the catching up and the chat before and after Mass.

As valuable and as vital as our virtual community has been for us as church it can never replace our physical gathering. We need each other, our very physical presence is a statement of support to each other. It says that we belong, that we are part of something greater than ourselves. It reminds us that together we are the Body of Christ, we are Christ for each other and for the world. Pope Francis spoke about the priest as shepherd, knowing the smell of the people he serves. I would go further and say that we need to know and experience the smell of each other.

An awful lot has changed for us as Church and as parish over the past year. There is a danger that we might become comfortable as a separated community.

The foundation stone of our faith is the Incarnation: God takes on human form, God assumes our physical bodily existence. The Last Supper was much more than a Zoom call. Jesus gathered his followers around him and together they broke bread and they shared Eucharist.

We cannot be Church; we cannot share Eucharist unless we gather as a physical community. We gather not just for ourselves; we gather for each other and we gather for God.

God Bless, Fr Tod

New Mass Schedule

From Monday, May 10th we will revert to our Covid Mass Schedule;

Weekday Masses will be at 10am – Monday in Tiernaur, Tuesday and Thursday in Newport and Friday in Mulranny. Weekend Masses will follow our now familiar pattern: Saturday at 7pm in Tiernaur, Sunday at 10am in Newport and at 11.30am in Mulranny.

Numbers allowed to attend continue to be limited. This will mean the maximum number of people able to attend in Tiernaur will be 45, in Mulranny will be 32 and in Newport will be 100. (2 x Pods of 50). **All** Masses will be available on Facebook and YouTube.

Note: From Monday, 50 mourners are allowed to attend a funeral and 50 guests are permitted to attend a church wedding. These limited numbers will remain until the end of June. Currently only 6 family members may attend a Baptism

Church Rotas

At the end of the last Lockdown, we asked volunteers if they would be available to be part of a temporary Rota for the various Church Ministries. We are hoping that those who volunteered then might be happy to go again. New temporary Church Rotas will be available in the Churches this weekend.

Cleaning of Churches

Our Churches have for the most part lain idle for the past four months. They are all in need of a good wash down and clean up. *On Monday at 7pm it will be all hands on deck as we prepare Newport Church for reopening.* Anyone who is free at 7pm is asked to come along to give the church a thorough going over. We will take the opportunity to do a similar job in Tiernaur and Mulranny this coming Monday and Friday after weekday Mass. Once cleaned Churches will be sanitised using ‘foggers’ immediately after every Mass

First Communion and Confirmation

Although the lifting of Government restrictions has meant that from May 10th we can return to Mass, the Government advice around First Communion and Confirmation is very clear; ‘ceremonies such as Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time’.

Unfortunately, this means that all our Parish First Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies are postponed for now. Once there is some level of certainty as to when ceremonies will be allowed, we will choose new dates.

Children’s Mass

Our Children’s Mass continues each Friday at 10am and is available on Facebook and YouTube.

Mulranny NS ‘My Challenge’ fundraiser

Mulranny NS is running a ‘My Challenge’ fundraiser. Children, parents, friends and families are challenged to walk, cycle or run their preferred distance over 30 days starting from May 10, and finishing on Tuesday, June 8. More info can be downloaded from the school website www.mulrannynationalschool.scoilnet.ie

Burrishoole GAA Lotto to Return

Burrishoole GAA are delighted to announce their club lotto is returning with the first draw taking place on Monday 24th of May. The new license allows up to €30,000 to be won. The jackpot currently sits at €20,100. Play online or in local stores. Your support greatly benefits our club

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of Eileen Loftus, Ballina, sister of the late Vincent Leneghan, Kiltarnet, Seán Hannon, Wales, brother of the late Nancy Mulhern, Newport and Kathleen Marley, formerly Rosturk. 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.

Mass Schedule

All Masses available on Facebook/YouTube and/or Parish Radio

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Mon – Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs - Newport, Fri - Mulranny: Gerry, Margaret and Michael Marmion, Furnace. Paddy and Agnes Walsh, Patrick, Norah and Brendan Berry.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday May 8th at 7pm:

Pat and Nora Mc Loughlin, Sandhill. John Loftus and his wife Wyn, Bunahowna. Frank Mc Hale Roskeen. Francie Masterson, Mulranny and Harrow.

Sunday May 9th at 10am:

Maureen and Patrick Geraghty, Cuilmore. Tom and Dora Heraty, Ayle and the deceased members of the Heraty and Corcoran families. Gerard and Baby Bracken, Sandymount. James Horan, Mulranny and deceased members of the Horan family. Teresa and Harry Jordan Acres. Tom and Patricia McHale, Mulranny Rd.

Saturday May 15th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Michael Mc Cormack, Roskeen (Months Mind) and deceased family members. John and Teresa Kelly and deceased members of the Kelly and Hanley families, Roskeen, Brendan and Annie Kate Mc Manamon, Sandhill.

Sunday May 16th Newport at 10am:

The People of the Parish.

Sunday May 16th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Anthony Grealis and his wife Maria, Doughbeg