

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

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**Thank God for Sport!**

My uncle, who wasn't the most athletic of types himself, would often ask; 'Where would we be without sport?' He was a lover of sport. You name it, he followed it; GAA, Rugby, Boxing, Athletics, Tennis, Cycling etc, etc... and no conversation with him would be concluded without some reference to whatever was current on the sporting front at that time. He was sport mad but even the least sporty of us can't help but be occasionally swept along by the excitement and exhilaration which sport engenders.

As a country Sport has given us so many memorable moments; Jack Charlton's Euro odyssey in '98, the Rugby team's victory in Croke Park over our near neighbours in 2007, Stephen Roche's Tour de France win in 1987, Pdraig Harringtons and Shane Lowry's triumphs in golf's British Open, Sonia O Sullivans Olympic silver in 2000 not to mention the more recent boxing golds of Michael Carruth, Katie Taylor and Kelly Harrington. Even though we might know nothing about their respective sports we are rightfully proud of our rowers, our sailors, our hockey and cricket players.

Sport has given us many memorable moments as an nation but Mayo's victory in last Saturdays men's All Ireland Semi final gave us one such moment as a county.

We had dreamed about such moments for decades, we had suffered heartbreak after heartbreak and yet we kept coming back. Saturday's victory – although not quite the Holy Grail we seek, went along way to healing the hurt of generations of Mayo fans. The win was hugely deserved and this team rightfully acclaimed, but the victory was a vindication of sorts for the Mayo teams which had gone before, given their all and suffered the pain of defeat. It was their victory as much as it was the current team's victory.

In acclaiming this victory we shouldn't forget that each of those footballers began their footballing life far away from the dizzy heights of Croke Park. They began as young children being ferried to

training by their parents on wet and dreary Monday nights, they began as the U5's or U6's who were coached by anonymous and often unappreciated coaches, they began as enthusiastic and often not very talented youngsters who were prepared to spent hours and hours honing skills which now seem almost second nature.

Our community is blessed to have so many volunteers who give freely of their time and energy in order that our children can experience sport of every kind. In applauding our great Mayo team we acclaim and thank the many nameless volunteers who gift our children not only with a love of sport but also with the discipline and values which sports develop in the young.

Last Saturday night's match gave us as a county, and dare I say us as a country (with the exception of Dublin!) a much needed lift to our spirits. It has put a pep in our step and a smile on our faces. It has filled our hearts with hope and kept the dream alive.

As things turned out Mass on last Saturday was rescheduled for 8pm giving Mass goers the opportunity of watching the match beforehand. We hadn't bargained on extra-time! As a small but faithful congregation gathered at 8pm for Mass on Saturday night we were very much aware that the county was holding its breath. We tried our best not to get too distracted and prayed for Mayo. We did our bit for the cause.

It was at Communion time that a man, after he received whispered to me that Mayo were winning. 'Amen' I said! Where would we be without sport!

God Bless, Fr Tod

**This Weeks Masses**

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses in the parish this week. Note also that the only Mass available on Facebook/YouTube next weekend will be the 10am Mass from Newport.

The normal schedule of daily Masses returns next week. Thank you for your understanding

**Returning to Mass**

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. 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.

### **First Communion and Confirmation**

Government advice continues to read; *'First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.'*

In order that parents can plan family holidays over the summer First Holy Communion or Confirmation will not take place in our parish during the month of August.

When Government advice changes, we will endeavour to hold both ceremonies as quickly as possible taking into account previously booked weddings and the rescheduled All Ireland!

### **Free online Living Well Programme**

If you are living with a long-term health condition you may be interested in doing the *'Living Well' Programme*. This is a six-week programme delivered in short weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day-to-day basis. September start dates are Thursday, September 9, Monday, September 13, Tuesday, September 21, and Wednesday, September 29

Places are limited to 10/12 participants so you must register in advance. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea at 087 349 0393 or by email to [liam.gildea@mayocil.ie](mailto:liam.gildea@mayocil.ie)

### **New Rotas**

New rotas for the various church ministries are now available in our Churches. Thank you to all who are able to volunteer. If your name is still on a rota and you find yourself unable to fulfil the rota or if you'd like to be added please let the Office know.

### **Accord**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). The closing date is Friday 27 August. For more information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

### **Local Link**

Local Link Mayo are currently operating at 75% capacity. Pre booking is recommended for those wishing to use the service. Contact 09 49005150

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your continued generous support. 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. If you are in a position to do so you can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

### **Remembering Our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Willie O Malley, Mullranny, Tom Moran, Chicago, husband of Nora Sheridan, formerly of Trienbeg and of Fr Bill McNulty Chicago who had family connections with the McDonnells, Quay Rd and the McNultys, Tiernaur. May he rest in peace.

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **10am Weekday Mass Intentions:**

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: **No Mass this week.**

#### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Gus Moran, Roskeen. Mary Moran, Mulranny Rd and Sandhill, her husband Jack, daughter Christine and deceased family members.

#### **Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Peadar Murray and his wife Margaret, Rosslave. Paddy and Julia Nolan and the deceased members of the Nolan and Flaherty families, Buckagh. Johnny Moloney, Shramore.

#### **Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Molly and Michael O Boyle, Mulranny, Beady O Malley and Carmel Foley, Mulranny and Dublin. Mary Corrigan, Doughill.

#### **Saturday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 8pm:**

Matthias and May B Moran, Oliver and Mabel Moran.

#### **Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

David Walsh, Derrykell and grandparents Maureen and Paddy Walsh. Nora and Bill Chambers, Clareview

#### **Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Sean Moran (Post), Mulranny. Months Mind