

Burrishoole Parish

July 24th/25th 2021

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Celebrating Grandparents

Somehow having been relieved of the responsibility of having to parent their grandchildren, grandparents have the opportunity to enjoy their grandchildren in ways in which they couldn't possibly enjoy their own children. The truth be told grandparents are in the happy position of being allowed to spoil their grandchildren and they are more than happy to do so.

Although I never met either of my grandfathers, I was lucky enough to have known both of my grandmothers. My maternal granny lived in Dublin so we only saw her when she'd come down on holidays or when we'd visit her in Dublin once or twice a year. Granny Nolan however lived across the street from us. Although she died when I was in my early teens I remember her as a small, quiet, yet strong willed woman.

As children Granny Nolan was our point of refuge when we got into bother at home; her hug could sooth all ills, her press always had a plentiful supply of jelly sweets and her purse had an unending amount of three penny coins which she doled out on a regular basis. But my abiding memory of Granny Nolan was her strong and unwavering faith. Her faith was at the centre of her life. Daily Mass and the rosary were as much part of her day as were breakfast, dinner and tea. For her, faith and religion weren't an extra in her life they were an essential part of who she was, and although she seldom spoke about faith it was obvious, even for a young child, that faith was something she treasured dearly.

Next Monday, July 26th is the feast of St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of Our Lady and the grandparents of Jesus. Over the years the feast day has been an opportunity for us as Church to celebrate the role grandparents play in the gifting of faith to children. This year however Pope Francis has nominated Sunday 25th as the inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

In our modern world where parents find themselves so busy in the 'work' of parenting the role of passing on the faith to the next generation falls

more and more to Grandparents. The quiet faith-filled presence of grandparents is a huge gift to children. Small, seemingly insignificant, religious practices nourish and confirm their faith; pausing for the Angelus, the use of a Holy Water font in the home, the lighting of a candle in the local church, the visit to the graveyard, weekend Mass – the bits and pieces of daily life quietly claiming a place for God in our lives while at the same time gifting faith to our children.

In his Letter to Grandparents to mark the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pope Francis pays tribute to Grandparents for the enormous sacrifices which they have had to endure during this time of Pandemic but he goes on to highlight the role which grandparents and the elderly will play as our world emerges from the shadow of the Coronavirus. It is he says, Grandparents who are the custodians of faith and of hope for the future.

This weekend as we as parish celebrate the gift which grandparents are to our families and to our community I remember with particular fondness both my grannies. Their quiet and unassuming faith continues to be a source of inspiration and strength to me even after all these years.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen

Reek Pilgrimage for July

The Reek Pilgrimage is an integral part of the faith life of so many of us. In order to provide Mass and Confessions to pilgrims this year, the pilgrimage has been spread out over the month of July. In conjunction with Murrisk Development Association, the Community Centre in the carpark will operate as an oratory for Confessions and Adoration. Hopefully this will provide a facility for those who would dearly love to climb the Reek and cannot physically do so, or who would like to pray while loved ones are on the mountain., Mass on the summit Weds– Fri at 12 noon Mass on Sat at 10am.

Why not join Fr Tod for Mass on the Summit next Friday, July 30th at 12 noon. All welcome. It might be nice to make this our local pilgrimage day.

Killeen Cemetery

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemetery will take place in the coming weeks. All homes in the area will have an envelope delivered. The envelopes can be returned to any of the committee members or through the church basket at weekend masses. Committee member in Killeen are Francis O'Donnell, Tom McLoughlin, Peter Moran, Neil O'Donnell, Pat Cannon, Francis McHale, Peter McManaman and Mae Holmes.. Committee members in Murrivagh are Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

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. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses

First Communion and Confirmation

Updated Government advice now reads; *'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 now take place in our parish during the months of July or August

New Rotas

New Rotas will be available in early August for the various parish church ministries. If you aren't already and would like to be part of any particular Rota please contact the Parish Office. If you are not in a position to continue you might also let us know.

Envelope Collection

Parish 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 also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport: Phyllis and Tom Burke, Rossinrubble and their son Liam

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday July 24th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Jim and Tom O Boyle, Knockbreaga. Bridgie and Sonny Mulloy, Newfield

Sunday July 25th Newport at 10am:

Austin Mc Dermott, Cuilmore (Months Mind), Mary and Paddy Clancy, Quay Rd. Hubert Keane, Lecarrow and his parents John and Nora. Baby Gabriel Alex Diamond, Derryloughanmore and his grandmother Geraldine Diamond, Westport.

Sunday July 25th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday July 31st Tiernaur at 7pm:

Geoffery Moran, Rosturk. Mick and Bridie Kilcoyne, Rosturk and their son Tommie. Bridie Corrigan, Rosturk and Dublin. Patricia O Byrne, Dublin, Michael and Bridie Mulloy and Brendan Mulloy.

Sunday August 1st Newport at 10am:

Patrick Conway, Fahy and Lettermaghera. Jack and Aileen Corbett, Newport and sons Justin, Liam and Michael. John Joe and Mary O Malley, Carrowmore and their son Seamus. John and Mary Ellen Sammon and son Paddy, Lecarrow.

Sunday August 1st Mulranny at 11.30am:

Ashling Mulloy, Mulranny and deceased family members. Patricia Masterson, Murrivagh and Celbridge.