

Burrishoole Parish

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Pastoral Letter

This weekend our Archbishop, Francis Duffy, has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of the diocese. He has asked that the letter be read at all Masses but because we have our First Holy Communion, *Grow in Love* Masses this weekend I have taken its main points and include them here in the newsletter. Next weekend we will look at the letter in more detail.

Archbishop Francis begins his letter by thanking the people and priests of the diocese for their warm welcome. He then goes on to address his hope for the future of our Archdiocese.

‘On several occasions I have expressed my own hopes for the future of the parishes in this diocese given the long legacy of faith and now the ongoing drop in the number of clergy. This is not about something that will happen somewhere else and away in the future. This is happening in your parish right now.

At present we have 41 diocesan priests under the retirement age of 75 working in our 56 parishes. There are 4 diocesan priests, well over 75, who continue by choice, to minister with wisdom and great affection for their parishioners. Fortunately we have 7 priests from abroad and 3 Irish priests, who worked with missionary congregations, who now are enriching our experience of church and faith at local level. We currently have two students who are studying for the priesthood. The trend is downward. Retirements and ill health, in addition to so few replacements, mean that our pastoral services have to be reimagined. In six years’ time an additional 7 diocesan clergy will be over 75.

Now is the time to plan for greater parishioner led communities of faith

Every parish will be impacted by the current trend, and so I am asking each Parish Pastoral Council, along with neighbouring Parish Pastoral Councils in the Deanery, to address this issue and plan for the immediate future. The question is ‘how can we provide for the pastoral needs in our parish and surrounding parishes, given the declining number of priests and with an immediate reduction of one priest in the deanery?’

Priests may celebrate up to three Sunday Masses, including the Vigil Mass. It will be necessary to reduce the current number of Masses so that priests may be able to attend to the pastoral needs of two or more parishes. As is already clear in some parishes in this diocese, it is not necessary to have a priest resident in the parish to have a flourishing community of faith. Certainly a priest or a small team of priests will be available for pastoral needs. It is not necessary to have a Sunday Mass in each church; already several churches have weekday Masses and no Sunday Mass. In some parishes, when the priest is unavoidably absent during the week, parishioners hold a prayer service in their church; this may need to be extended to weekends where necessary.

The Archbishop continued by assuring us that as more and more lay people take on leadership roles in our church that ‘*training for parishioners to lead prayer services as well as training for Parish Pastoral Councils, Liturgy Councils and Finance Committees will become a feature of diocesan life*’ and he ends on a note of hope,

‘Despite the changes we are witnessing, and the challenges we face, I am convinced that there are good times ahead. This is a very exciting moment for the Archdiocese of Tuam and for the whole Church. I firmly believe that the rich faith and traditions of this diocese will sustain and assist us as we endeavour to continue to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ’.

Food for thought.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Handel’s Messiah

Newport 300 is proud to present Handel’s Messiah this Saturday, November 26 at 7pm in St Patrick’s Church Newport. This 90 minute production is by Choral Symphony West. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, and locally from Kelly’s Kitchen, Newport and Eye World Opticians, Westport.

First Friday

This Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas will take place on Thursday with visits in the Newport area taking place on Friday.

Mulranny Meet and Greet

A meet and greet afternoon for the community to meet the Ukraine families who have come to the village will take place in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny on Sunday, December 4, at 3pm. All are welcome to come along and get to know our new neighbours.

Parish Bank Accounts

Following the closure of the Ulster Bank both Parish Accounts are now with the AIB:

The Church Account for weekly collection and day to day running of parish; Burrishoole Parish A/C IE23AIBK93716943416098.

The Priest's Revenue Account for the four annual priest's collections and the payment of priests stipend; Newport Church Revenue A/C IE18AIBK93716927540004

Mulranny's Community Futures

The Mulranny Community Action Plan 2022 - 2027 will be launched by Michael Ring, TD, on Friday, Dec 2, at 3pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. This is the community's third plan under the Community Futures Programme. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

Santa to Switch on Newport Lights

Santa Claus is coming to Newport on Sunday, December 4 to switch on the Newport Christmas Lights. He will arrive at Canon Killeen Park at 6pm and is looking forward to saying hello to the little ones. He is very busy so please be on time, he has lots of places to visit and cannot wait very long.

Newport Christmas Lights Funding

Newport Christmas Lights Committee has in the past depended on the financial support of local businesses to cover the cost of the Christmas Lights in Newport. Due to the colossal increase in overheads, they feel unable to ask businesses for funding this year. However, if anyone would like to support the lights, donations would be hugely appreciated and can be left at Keanes' Meats.

Newport Christmas Village

Newport Christmas Village is back on Sunday, December 4, from 4pm to 7pm. All bakers, crafters and artists, are invited to take a stall at €20 for the market. Call Sharon at 087 224 7960 or email nbanewport@gmail.com to book a place.

RNLI Church Gate Collection

Newport Sea Angling Club thanks all who contributed to their recent RNLI church gate collections which took place at Newport, Tiernaur, Mulranny, Kilmeena and Fahy Church. A total of €1,250 was raised and your support is greatly appreciated.

Burrishoole GAA AGM

Please note that the venue for the Burrishoole GAA AGM has changed to Nevins Newfield Inn, Tiernaur at 7.30pm this Tuesday, November 29th

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Mary and Tommy Keane, Furnace, daughter in law Veronica and deceased members of the Keake and King families.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Nov 26th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Mike Moran, Roskeen North. Hughie Cannon, Roskeen. Johnny and Mary B Mc Nulty, Cahereenbrack and deceased family members. Paddy and Mary Hanley, Knockbrega.

Sunday Nov 27th Newport at 10am:

Mary Hughes, Derrada (Months Mind). Lillian Dawe, Swinford (Months Mind). Michael and Mary Keane, Derrykell and deceased members of the Keane and Philbin families. Peter and Celine Chambers, Kilbride, their daughter Ann Duff and son in law Michael Higgins. Sam and Nora Moore and grandson Michael. Michael O Reilly, Rossclave and deceased family members.

Sunday Nov 27th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Michael Masterson, Achill and his parents Brian and Fabina.

Friday Dec 2nd Shramore at 7pm

Mary Conway, Shramore and her daughters Rose Nixon and Nora Conway

Saturday Dec 3rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Patrick Mc Manamon, Dublin. John McHale Sandhill, his mother Margaret and deceased members of the McHale family

Sunday Dec 4th Newport at 10am:

Sean Mulchrone, Mulranny Rd. Kate and John Murray, Skirdagh and deceased family members. Mickie Kelly and son Joseph, Newport. Mary and Martin McGuire, sons Joe, John and Padraig and daughters Molly and Bridget and the deceased members of the Ryan and Mc Guire families.

Sunday Dec 4th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Annie and denis Gallagher, Achill and deceased members of the Gallagher and Greallis families. Matilda and Michael Cafferky, Ballycroy and deceased members of the Calvey and Cafferky families.