

**Burrishoole Parish**

**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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**Beginning Again**

When I worked in the area of Adult Education I would sometimes introduce a group to an exercise which I called 'Beginning Again'. The idea was very simple; I asked the group to imagine that in one catastrophic event all the leaders of the Church were wiped out and that our group was charged with starting from scratch again. What of the 'old' church would we leave in? What would we leave out?

To make matters a little bit easier I asked them to consider 'things' like; Jesus, The Pope, Dogma, Sacraments, Priests, Our Lady, Authority, Mass etc. If we had a chance which, if any of those, would we hold onto in our new church?

The exercise always proved to be very energising as participants began to seize the opportunity to begin again. Usually, they did so with great enthusiasm relishing the opportunity to rid the church of what, at first, seemed to be unnecessary and excessive. Thankfully, Jesus was unanimously deemed necessary! But as the discussion deepened and the arguments unravelled it was always interesting to see how gradually a lot of what we thought was superfluous is in fact essential.

We need Dogma but only in so much as it helps us to better understand who God is, the sacraments are crucial because they are moments of encounter with God, authority is essential, not as an exercise in power but rather as caring leadership - leading us towards God, the priesthood is vital because the priest is a living reminder of the Gospel and is tasked with bringing us to God and God to us.

By the end of the exercise, we usually agreed that a lot of what we thought was unnecessary about Church is in fact very necessary. It is necessary not for its own sake but only in so much as it helps us understand, know and relate to God. When dogma, authority, priesthood etc no longer facilitate us in knowing and experiencing God then they are indeed superfluous.

By all accounts as Covid restrictions begin to be lifted in early May, there will be some opening up of Church. For the best part of a year the Church

has quietly slept, going about her business through the use of technology. We as a parish have been unable to gather as community for Mass and the Sacraments and we have grown used to 'virtual' gatherings through Facebook and YouTube.

As we begin to emerge as a parish from the necessary and yet severe restrictions brought about by Coronavirus, as we begin to begin again, it is perhaps an opportune time for us to ask ourselves as parish, and as individuals, what is important and what is not? What is our role as parish? Do we as a parish place God at the centre of everything we do? How do we proclaim to each other and to our world our faith in God? What value do we place on gathering as community? How might our gatherings help us to better appreciate and celebrate the place that God plays in our lives? How can we be a better parish, a more welcoming parish, a more inclusive parish, a more Gospel living parish?

As a young person, as a parent, as a parishioner what is your role in parish? How can you help make our parish better? What gifts, insights, challenges can you offer our community? As we begin again how can you help us to become the God-centred community we are called to be?

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Government Restrictions**

It is hoped that in early May the Church will once again be in a position to open its doors for communal worship.

Over the next week or two we hope to draw up new rotas for the various Church ministries. The use of fogging will mean that the cleaning and sanitising of the churches will be a much easier task.

The number of people permitted to attend a Wedding remains at 6 but from this Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> onward the number of people permitted to attend a funeral will be raised from 10 to 25.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

We had hoped that First Holy Communion would be celebrated in Mulranny last weekend. Unfortunately, the current restrictions have meant that this wasn't to be. We expect some clarity this week about the reopening of churches for communal worship. As soon as we have clarity, we will pick a new date for Mulranny.

Our hope remains that restrictions may ease in time to enable us to hold with our dates for Newport First Communion and for our Parish Confirmation. Should restrictions be lifted we hope to hold two First Communion Masses on Sat May 15<sup>th</sup> and two Confirmation ceremonies on Sat May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Numbers will inevitably be severely restricted.

### **Children's Mass**

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

### **Trocaire**

Thank you for your support of Trocaire again this year. You are asked, if possible, to change coins into notes and return to parish with weekly envelopes. Alternatively, Trocaire boxes can be left in Newport Church in the baskets provided.

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. In these very difficult times, your generosity is deeply appreciated. Although public Masses are again suspended 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.

### **Priesthood?**

Priesthood is a challenging way of life in the service of God and others. Might you consider life as a priest working in the Archdiocese of Tuam? If you are interested and over 18, you are invited to join a Zoom information evening on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. To register please contact 093 24166 or email; [admin@tuamarchdiocese.org](mailto:admin@tuamarchdiocese.org).

### **Burrishoole GAA Membership**

Club membership for 2021 is now open and with the good news of the return of Underage Training on the 26th April it is important to have all members registered and fees paid.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions Burrishoole GAA are unable hold a registration night. Online registrations can be found by logging onto [www.Burrishoolegaa.ie](http://www.Burrishoolegaa.ie)

Please contact any member of the club and they will be happy to assist with membership enrolment, registration or entry into the County Development Draw. Kenneth Kelly Chairperson (87) 779 0375  
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### **Housing Opportunities in Mulranny**

Mayo County Council are planning to build 16 high Spec, energy efficient Social Housing units in Mulranny in the near future. Mulranny Community Futures strongly support this project. More housing is vital to help to secure the viability of the community and, in particular, our school.

Visit [www.mulrannycommunityfutures.com](http://www.mulrannycommunityfutures.com) for more information.

### **Remembering Our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Michael Mc Cormack, Roskeen and Tomás Ó Máille, Tuarmakeady, father of Sinéad Curran, Rockfleet and brother of Martin O Malley, Newport. 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**

*Mass available only on Facebook and/or Parish Radio during current restrictions*

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

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri; Mary Alice Reilly, Castlebar St and the deceased members of the Reilly and Chambers families. Frank Kelly, Fahy and deceased family members. Tommy and Ellen Murphy, son Christy and deceased members of the Murphy and Rowland families, Crosmolina.

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday April 24th at 7pm:**

Richard Steer, Glendest Rd, (Months Mind). Winifred and Henry Adamezyk. Oliver and Mabel Moran.

#### **Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am:**

Michael McNally Derryloughan and son James and grandson Christopher. Brian Farren, Newport and Tiernaur. Bernie Masterson, Murrivagh. John and Mary Moran, Cushleaca. Paddy, Molly and Cyril Sweeney, Newport.

#### **Saturday May 1st at 7pm:**

Sonny Moran, Roskeen. Delia Reilly, Rosturk

#### **Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am:**

Tony and Rose Nixon, Inishower, Sean and Ann Nixon. John Joe O Malley and deceased members of the O Malley and Grady families, Lettermaghera and Belclare. Patrick and Breege Kelly, Trienbeg and Meddicott St, their son Jiam and daughter Ann. Deceased members of the O Malley Family, Rossclave. Thomas Loftus, Bunnahowna