

Burrishoole Parish
16th/17th January 2021
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A Slice of Porter Cake

As some people will know I am not much into Christmas decorations. I keep my crib up all year round and my small little Christmas tree sits in the corner of the kitchen untouched for one year to the next. This year my nieces decided I needed some shaking up in the decorating department and so they gave me a present of a 2 ½ foot high stuffed Santy Claus which I not only have to put out in the sitting room each year but which I have to put away each year once Christmas is over. I can now say that this year the decorations are down and put away!

The Christmas decorations having been put away does not mean that there are no remnants of Christmas to be seen. Those extra pounds which I carry around my waist are all I need to remind me of Christmas past! It seems that each year it becomes much easier to put on weight but the problem is aggravated by the fact that it grows increasingly more difficult to lose it.

With that in mind, after a bit of a lay off, I've been out running and walking whenever I get the chance. We are blessed with the variety of beautiful, looped-walks which are at our doorstep – and lockdown provides us with a welcome excuse to explore areas of our parish which we seldom take time to appreciate.

I find that being out in the fresh air helps me to clear my head of all the cobwebs which can amass over the lazy days of Christmas. I often bring the weekend's 'few words' with me and by the time I get back they can have changed quite a lot from at the start. I suppose because of the year that is in it, being out for a run or walk has for me of late been a time of remembering and reflection.

For some reason recently, possibly because I was looking forward to a big slice of porter cake on my return, I was reminded of my time at boarding school and how we used to barter our treats which we brought back from home. My mam used to send me back with an apple tart and I then was able to swap/barter a slice of tart for something else. I remember one of the lads mothers used to make

lovely potato salad and I would swap a slice of tart for a portion of that but my favourite thing to barter for was for a slice of porter cake. Mam didn't make porter cake but my friend's mam did, so we would barter; a slice of porter cake for a slice of tart.

As we journey through this extended period of lockdown, I wonder what are the things we are experiencing now that we might barter in exchange for those we have lost? I don't think I'd exchange the time that lockdown gives me to slow down in exchange for the busyness of pre-covid times, nor would I easily exchange the sense of care and responsibility for each other, particularly for the most vulnerable that Covid has unwittingly brought with it, for the very self-centred life before Covid. I would however exchange in a heartbeat the empty church for a full congregation of smiling faces and I yearn for a good hug in exchange for an elbow rub.

A lot has changed but I still like a nice slice of porter cake. Pity the few extra pounds cant be bartered for a slice of cake!

God Bless, Fr Tod

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among men,
To make music in the heart.

Level 5

In Level 5 it is particularly important that we keep an eye out for the vulnerable and the elderly. If you have an elderly neighbour living alone please try to make sure that they are ok. Often its just the wave, the quiet word or the phone call which makes the difference.

We have a Parish Volunteer Group set up which is available to assist those who are living alone or in self-isolation with collecting messages, prescriptions etc. If you need anything, please call Fr Tod on 098 41123 or Guard Ronan O Grady on 086 8333535. We are here to help.

During Level 5 all Baptisms have been suspended. Under the new restrictions only 10 people are permitted to attend a funeral and from January 2nd only 6 people can attend a wedding.

Friday Children's Mass

For the period of Lockdown and while the schools are closed 10am Mass on Friday will be our weekly Children's Mass. Families and home schoolers are invited to join us via Facebook for a more child friendly experience of Mass.

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.

Priests Christmas Collection

The Priest's Christmas Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being accepted. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04. Again many thanks for your continued generosity which is truly humbling.

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 a free six-week workshop delivered online in sessions of two and a half hours. The 2021 programme commences on Mon, Jan 18, with more dates available on Thurs, Feb 18, Mon, Feb 22 and Tues, Feb 23. You must register if you wish to take part as places are limited to ten to twelve participants. To register contact Liam Gildea at 087 349 0393 or email liam.gildea@mayocil.ie

Cuilmore CCE

Cuilmore CCE held their AGM via Zoom on Monday 30th November. They look forward to a time when it will be safe to resume classes. In the meantime music tutorials have been sent to students who are encouraged to learn tunes in their own time.

Plans to celebrate the branch's 40th anniversary which is due to take place in November 2021 were discussed. The Committee are asking the community if they have photographs, videos or stories related to the local area in relation to music, song and dance. The branch hopes to create an archive to commemorate this significant occasion. If you have any of the above please contact any committee member or or email cuilmorecce@gmail.com

The Following officers were elected: Chairperson. Martin Hughes. Vice: Cathrina O'Donnell. Secretary: Liz Hughes. Treasurer: Caroline O' Malley P.R.O Catherine Sheridan. Treoraí na Gaelige. Julie Langan. Delegates to County Board: Mary Langan & Liz Hughes. Youth officer. Matthew Dillane. Auditor: Sinead Curran and DLP Michelle Finnerty.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of Betty Gorman, Murrivagh, Mulranny and Mary Webb, Ballyhaunis, aunt of Michael Webb, Kilbride
We extend sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased. May their souls 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: Tommy and Mary Keane and deceased members of the Keane and King families

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday January 16th at 7pm:

Francie Chambers, Roskeen and his grandnephew PJ Chambers, Cleveland and deceased members of the chambers family, Roskeen

Sunday January 17th at 10am:

Frank Mc Greevy, Kilbride, Michael Mc Greevy, Glenhest and deceased members of the McGreevy family. Elizabeth O Malley, Shramore, Tom and Tilly McGlynn and their daughter Mary Kate Hannah, Cleggan Mountain. John Joe O Malley, Carramore

Saturday January 23rd at 7pm:

Mary O Malley Lyons

Sunday January 24th at 10am:

Nancy and Colm Gallagher, Shramore, Bridget (Baby) O Malley, Shramore, Frank and Annie Grealis, Cushlecka