

**Burrishoole Parish**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>2022**

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**Caught for Time!**

The recent closure of the Newport to Castlebar road caused a bit of commotion. We have grown used to the 'temporary lights' on the Westport road, but the two day closure of the Castlebar road, while it was being resurfaced, was frustrating for many. Whether you were heading to work, fulfilling a hospital appointment or simply going for a day out the diversion was an inconvenience. Taking an alternative route added up to twenty minutes onto people's journeys.

The Bangor Trail is the old drover pathway used by our ancestors to bring cattle and sheep from Bangor to Newport for market. There are no 'temporary lights' or signposted alternative routes along the way! Dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century the Bangor Trail meanders its way across the magnificent Nephin Beg Mountains, through what is now regarded as Ireland's last remaining true wilderness. Once the main route from Bangor to Newport, it nowadays attracts experienced walkers and hardened trekkers due to the distance involved (40km) and rough ground underfoot which even at the heart of the summer can be wet and boggy.

Completing the Bangor Trail is not for the faint hearted or indeed for the well intentioned amateur. It will take anything up to twelve hours of heavy walking. There are no shops along the way to pick up cold drinks or refreshing ice creams and should you happen to twist an ankle or get soaked in a bog hole there is no easy way out. Even calling for help will prove difficult as mobile phone coverage is scant at best.

I recently completed\* the Bangor Trail for the fourth time when I joined a local walking group on their annual trek. We were blessed with a beautiful day and although underfoot conditions were soggy, they were considerably better than I had previously experienced. There were almost 40 of us in the group and our experienced guides did their best to keep us together while guiding us through the vast and isolated wilderness. We enjoyed regular breaks to catch our breath and to marvel at the absolute beauty of our surroundings. As we walked, we

sometimes found ourselves chatting with complete strangers but more often than not we were lost in our own thoughts as we tried to navigate the soft and sometimes treacherous terrain.

Lost in my own thoughts I reflected on the sheer struggle it must have been for those herdsmen of yesteryear to drive sheep or cattle along the trail and of the difficulty they would have had in keeping the herd together or of releasing animals which had literally gotten stuck in the mud. If it takes a modern-day walker, with all the equipment, up to 12 hours to complete, it would have taken our ancestors days - meaning they would have had to stay out in the wilderness overnight. A 20-minute diversion would have meant nothing to them!

The Bangor Trail has a way of slowing you down, both physically and psychologically. It allows you to appreciate and value not only the utter beauty of our landscape but also the hardship and struggle of those who have gone before us. It is a gift at our doorstep.

\*Despite this being my fourth Bangor Trail I underestimated the time it would take. It being a Saturday I had Mass at 7pm and so found myself having to complete the final 10kms in super quick time. Thanks to the group who came with me and to the organisers for arranging to have transport for me when I reached Letterkeen! I just made Mass in time. Phew!

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Weekday Mass**

There will be no 10am Masses this week. Mass will be celebrated in each of the cemeteries at 7pm (see below for details) with Mass on Friday celebrated in Shramore at 7pm.

**Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses**

We are blessed to have four beautiful graveyards in our parish. Thanks to all involved in their upkeep. Pattern Day Mass will be celebrated at Burrishoole Abbey at 1pm this Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> with Mass in each of the graveyards at 7pm during that week;

Tuesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny

Wednesday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Kilbride

Thursday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Killeen

Parishioners are invited to look after their family graves in preparation for the Graveyard Masses.

**Covid Precautions**

As we experience this latest wave of Covid infection, parishioners are once again encouraged to wear face masks in church and to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving Mass. Let us continue to be mindful of the most vulnerable.

### **First Friday**

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

### **Máméan Pilgrimage**

The annual pilgrimage to Máméan will take place on Sunday, 7 August 2022. Turas na Croise will be at 3.00 p.m. followed by Mass. Archbishop Francis Duffy will lead this year's pilgrimage and he will be the celebrant and preacher at the Mass. Beidh fáilte roimh 'chuile dhuine.

### **St Vincent de Paul Helpline**

Many families are experiencing great financial hardship at this time. Should your family need help please call the confidential local confidential helpline 086 4181000.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Annual 33 hr Eucharistic adoration takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine on Thurs/Fri August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Burrishoole Parish has been invited to cover Thursday from 11am-12noon.

### **Knock Shrine**

The National Novena takes place from August 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Hear from guest speakers at 3pm and 8pm daily with something for everyone to feel enriched and inspired. Family Day takes place on Sunday 21 August from 11am to 3pm. On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, we will hold a special Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine. The Ukrainian Community in Ireland and host families are especially invited on this day. Find out more at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### **Kilbride Cemetery Collection**

The Kilbride Annual Cemetery Collection will take place on Wednesday, August 3, at the 7pm Cemetery Mass. All donations are used towards the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery and a collection bucket will be located in the Mass tent for this purpose. This is the first collection in two years, and it is hoped donors will take this into account and be as generous as they are able. All support greatly appreciated.

### **Mulranny Golf Club Fundraising Am-Am**

The Am-Am will be held from Thurs 11-Sun 14 Aug. Great prizes. Teams of 4; €100. For more info please contact Patsy on 087 6198188/098 36262 or see Club website.

### **Ukrainian Support**

Accommodation is being sought locally for two Ukrainian families. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Alan Callaghan, Newport and USA and Mary Mc Namamara, (nee Nevin) Cleveland and Roskeen both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Weekday Masses 10am**

*Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny*

No 10am Mass this week. See notice above

#### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm.**

Geoffrey Moran, Roskeen. Michael and Bridie Kilcoyne, and son Tommy, Rosturk. Bernie Corrigan, Dublin

#### **Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Bobby Hanrahan, Newport (Months Mind). John and Mary Ellen Sammon and son Paddy and the deceased members of the Spellman family, Lecarrow. Mary and Paddy Clancy, Quay Rd. Jack and Aileen Corbett, Newport and their sons Justin, Liam and Michael.

#### **Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Jack and Catherine Joyce, Mulranny. John Barrett, Rosturk, his wife Mary and deceased family members.

#### **Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> Shramore at 7pm**

The Deceased of the Parish.

#### **Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Kathleen Moran (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) and her husband Sonny, Roskeen. Tom and Ollie Barry (nee Ryan) Laytown and deceased family members. Christy and Rose Murray (nee Byrne) Minnistown and deceased family members.

#### **Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Mary and Michael Keane, Derrykell and deceased members of the O'Brien family. Patrick Conway, Fahy. John Joe and Mary O'Malley, Carramore and deceased family members. John and Kathleen Moran and son James, Quay Rd.

#### **Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Martin Hanley and deceased members of the Hanley family Mulranny.