

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Tiptoeing Back to Church**

Back in 2004 when the Celtic Tiger was in the full of its health the former journalist and Ombudsperson at the time, Emily O Reilly caused a bit of a stir when she suggested that it was time that modern Ireland began 'tiptoeing back to Church'. Ms O Reilly was speaking in the context of the rapid changes which the Celtic Tiger had brought to our shores. Our newfound wealth may have brought prosperity, but it had also brought with it a greed and an individualism which we hadn't experienced before and many of the values on which our society was founded were quickly beginning to crumble. 'It would be good' she wrote 'if we recognised the new religions of sex and drink and shopping for what they are and tiptoed back to the churches.'

Her remarks caused a stir because it was assumed at the time that the Church, still reeling in the aftermath of the sexual abuse scandals, was no longer relevant in our 'post catholic' and modern affluent society.

The Ireland we live in today is indeed a modern society but somehow, almost despite itself, our Church continues to play an important and essential role in the lives of many of our people. The Church of today may well be a smaller Church, a less powerful Church, a humbler Church than that of the past but I believe that it is a better, healthier and more Christlike Church. It is a Church which acknowledging its own weaknesses and vulnerabilities has had to learn a new way of being. It is a place of shared faith, a community of hope, the Body of Christ.

I am reminded of Emily O Reilly's expression as we a community of faith, we the Church of Burrishoole, begin now to 'tiptoe' back to our post Covid Church. For almost 18 months we have been a separated community. For much of that time our churches have been closed and we became a virtual community. In more recent times restricted numbers allowed to attend Mass has meant that only a small representative number of our community has been able to gather to celebrate

faith together. Understandably some who have not attended have done so in order to allow space for others.

As a parish we are first and foremost a community of faith. We need each other. We need the nourishment of each other's faith, we need the strength of our community, we need to gather as Church to break bread together, to listen to His word, to experience His love.

From this weekend, each of our churches can accommodate up to 50% of its capacity. It's time that we begin to tiptoe back to joining our community at weekend Mass. All will not be quite the same as before; Sanitising of hands, social distancing and the wearing of masks will be required for the foreseeable future. Every second pew will be cordoned off. Unfortunately, choirs are not yet allowed but hopefully this will change in the coming weeks. Masses will continue to broadcast via Facebook and Youtube.

We are creatures of habit and we have grown comfortable in this new 'normal'. I invite you, as individuals, as families, as parishioners over the next few weekends to join us as we gather to pray and support each other. Emily O Reilly is right; it is time to tiptoe back to Church.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**All Ireland Final**

Good Luck to Mayo on Saturday. In anticipation of shook nerves and an overabundance of joy Mass (of thanksgiving) on Saturday evening in Tiernaur is at 8pm.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

After a lot of false dawns, it is wonderful to announce that the boys and girls of Newport NS and Cuilmore NS will celebrate their First Holy Communion in Newport Church at 2pm on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>. And that First Communion for the boys and girls of Mulranny NS will take place in Mulranny Church on Saturday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Confirmation for all children will be celebrated in Newport Church at 2pm on Sunday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.

Covid restrictions mean that the ceremonies will be much simpler than in previous years. Numbers are limited; each family can have no more than seven people in attendance. Movement within the church will be restricted and children will not be invited to read or bring forward gifts or symbols. In keeping with public health guidelines masks must be worn by all adults in the Church.

We wish all the boys and girls every blessing on this their special day.

### **Returning to Mass**

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Each Church can now accommodate 50% of its capacity. 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. Please be mindful of social distancing and that the wearing of facemasks is required. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

### **Trocaire**

This year's Parish Trocaire Collection amounted to €5,088.34 which was almost one third higher than in 2020. Thank you for your generosity

### **Happy Birthday**

Belated but much deserved birthday blessings to Mary Hughes, Derrada who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. It was lovely to see her looking so well and enjoying all the fuss. God Bless you Mary.

### **Local Link**

Local Link Mayo are currently operating at 75% capacity. Pre booking is recommended for those wishing to use the service. Contact 09 49005150

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your continued generous support. Parish envelopes can 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.

### **A Back to School Prayer**

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed during the summer.

Today we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn,

Replacing fear with delight,

Anxiety with peace,

And tiredness with energy.

Grant our teachers wisdom, patience and joy in their role in helping to mould our children into the people you have called them to be.

Amen.

### **Remembering Our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Des Fitzgerald, St Dominick's and Kitty Gray, Westport, mother of Caroline Spellman, Cuilmore. May they rest in peace.

### **Mass Schedule**

*All Masses available on  
Facebook and Youtube*

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

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: RoseAnn and Charlie Murray, Kilbride

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday September 11th Tiernaur at 8pm:**

Yvonne Moran, Rosturk; Tom, Kate and John Moran and all deceased members of the Moran family. Paddy Nevin, Newfield and his son David.

#### **Sunday September 12th Newport at 10am:**

Peg O'Malley, Rosclave (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) her husband Josie, sons Seamus and Joe and all deceased family members. Martin McGuire, Knocknageeha. Paddy and Baby Chambers, Cloonfoher and deceased members of the Chambers and Corcoran families Cloonfoher and Lahardaune. Mary and Patrick Mulchrone, Taunyougaune. Jim Walsh, Derryloughan.

#### **Sunday September 12th Mulranny at 11.30am:**

The People of the Parish

#### **Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Kathleen Moran, Roskeen. (Months Mind). Seamus O Malley, Shralogy. (1<sup>st</sup> Ann).

#### **Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Michael Nevin, Mullaune. Michael Kearns, Quay Rd and deceased members of the Kearns and Connolly families.

#### **Sunday September 19th Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Willie O Malley, Murrivagh, (Months Mind), Thomas Mulloy, Mulranny. Helen and Peter Mc Nea, Carrowsallagh. Peter and Rose Barrett, Murrivagh.