

Burrishoole Parish
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A Holy Week Like No Other (... again)

This Sunday last year I wrote a piece in anticipation of celebrating Easter in empty churches via Facebook. The title on the piece was 'A Holy Week like no other' and in it I suggested that our Covid experience of Easter would be a once off – that never before and never again would we as a parish community find ourselves unable to gather to celebrate the greatest and most significant feast of the Church's year. Who would have thought? I certainly didn't!

Beginning on Palm Sunday the ceremonies of Easter Week are rich with meaning and importance. The blessing of palms, the washing of the feet, the kissing of the cross, the lighting of the Easter Candle are hugely significant rituals which of their very nature are communal.

Once more, this year we will be a community separated by distance but united in faith. And once again, the ceremonies, although in simpler form, will take place in empty churches without a choir or congregation.

We have grown used to Facebook, the novelty has worn off. Despite its flexibility participating in Mass via the internet demands time and commitment. Holy Week is a sacred time. Please join us via Facebook, Youtube or Parish Radio.

Palm Sunday: Mass Sat 7pm, Sun 10am.

Parishioners are invited where possible to get some Palm for their own homes and this palm will be blessed during Mass. Family and neighbours might leave palm at homes of those who are unable to go outside.

Service of Healing / Reconciliation: Mon 7pm.

In place of individual confessions a Parish Service of Reconciliation and Healing will be held via Facebook, YouTube and Parish Radio. The Service will allow us as a community and as individuals to explore where in our lives we are in need of healing and forgiveness and to seek God's comfort and implore God's mercy.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper 7pm.

The central ritual of this Mass is the washing of the feet – a symbolic act reminding us of the

connection between attending Mass and service to each other. In place of the washing of feet it might be very appropriate that families pass around a bowl of warm water to wash their hands and to have their hands dried by some other family member.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

This is the most solemn moment when we remember Jesus' death. Perhaps between 3pm and 3.30pm families might like to switch off all tellys, phones and social media and simply and quietly focus on the radio or the Facebook broadcast.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 7pm.

The central ritual at this Mass is the Ceremony of Light. When the Easter Candle is lit in the Church, symbolising the light of our faith in the Risen Jesus, families are invited to light a candle in their own home and at the end of Mass to place that candle in a window – spreading the light of Easter faith across the parish.

Easter Sunday: Children's Mass at 10am.

Mass on Sunday will have a particular focus on our children and families. Please join us.

Please God this will be the last of Holy Weeks like no other! We may be apart, but we are united by faith. God is with us.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Reconciliation/Healing Service

Individual Confessions will not be possible this Christmas. A Parish Service of Reconciliation and Healing will be held via Facebook, Youtube and Parish Radio on Monday March 29th at 7pm. The Service will allow us as a community and as individuals to explore where in our lives we are in need of healing and forgiveness, and to seek God's comfort and implore God's mercy.

First Communion and Confirmation

Churches will remain closed for public worship until after Easter Sunday. It is impossible to know with certainty when we will be able to gather again as a community. Numbers in recent weeks would suggest that any opening up will be very minimal. *Hopefully by next week we will have some clarity.*

When Churches reopen for public worship there will inevitably be limited numbers allowed to attend.

In the event that limited numbers will be allowed after Easter, First Communion and Confirmation will take place on the dates chosen.

First Communion.

Mulranny Sat April 17th

Newport Sat May 15th (2 Masses)

Confirmation

Newport Sat May 22nd (2 Ceremonies)

Easter Holy Water

Easter water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and bottles of Holy Water will be available in each of the churches on Easter Sunday

Time Change

Remember the clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night/Sunday morning. One less hour in bed!

New Envelope Boxes

If you have not yet collected/received your new Envelope Box please contact the Parish Office. Due to the good news that the parish debt is now cleared there is no second envelope and parishioners are asked to contribute to the Offertory Collection alone. If you are in a position to do so you might consider giving something extra to the weekly offertory collection thus enabling us to build a contingency fund into the future. Again, thank you for your generous support of our parish. Should you wish to set up a regular direct debit you can do so using the following information: Account Name; Burrishoole Parish Account, Iban: IE27 ULSB 9864 3000 7788 78

Priest's Easter Collection

The Priest's Easter Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being accepted. As always thank you for your generous support. 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; Account Name; Newport Church Revenue Account IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

The Two Graces

Newport Business Association have announced plans for the erection of statues of Grace Kelly and Gráinne Uaile. The project which it is hoped will become an iconic part of the Newport tourist offering is well underway and fundraising will begin shortly.

National Spring Clean Day, April 2

Newport Tidy Towns are encouraging all residents to make a special effort on Good Friday, April 2 to clean up their own road, streets and outside of their homes.

Litter bags will be made available between 10am and 10.30am from beside Cannon Killeen Park, Meddlcott Street. All litter collected can be left at the same site and will be collected at 1pm.

Newport Tidy Towns

Newport Tidy Towns will resume their weekly clean up sessions from Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm starting from the bottom of Main Street. They would be very grateful if you would join them. All welcome.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of Theresa Ginnelly, Bunahowna, Mulranny and Richard Steer, Glenhest Rd, Newport, both of who died recently. We extend sympathy to their families. 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: The People of the Parish

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday March 27th at 7pm:

Gerard Moran, Roskeen North. Jim and Teresa Cooney, Kilmeena

Sunday March 28th at 10am:

Breege Mc Manamon, Meddlcott St (Months Mind). Sylvie and Angela Healy, Mulranny Rd. Bob and Mary Loftus, Meddlcott St. Pdraig Doherty, Mulranny. Caroline Ginnelly Rosturk. Bridgie Loftus, Bunnahowna and deceased family members. Maud and Dominick Lavelle and deceased family members, Shanvalleyhue

Holy Week Ceremonies

Holy Thursday 7pm: Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday 3pm: Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 7pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 10am: Children's Easter Mass