

Burrishoole Parish

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Learning

The closing of the school year for sixth class pupils is usually marked by a graduation service/celebration. Sometimes the celebration takes the form of a Mass but often the element of prayer and blessing forms part of broader celebration of their time in primary school. It's always a lovely occasion with lots of smiling children and very proud parents. This year was no exception.

Although I was sorry to have to miss one of our school's graduations this year I did feel a particular bond with the cohort of children who graduated because they had begun their primary school journey 8 years ago, the year I arrived in Burrishoole. Over that time it was a joy to watch them grow and develop into the fine young boys and girls they have become and it was a privilege to get to know them so well, first of all in the Good News Club, then as they prepared to receive their First Holy Communion and make their Confirmation and in more recent years as many of them served Mass.

This year's graduation ceremonies were different however in one major respect. Often at the end of the evening a slide show is shown of pictures of the children as they progressed through their time in school. It's lovely to see the children grow and develop, but this year the slideshows were somewhat different. Just over three years ago new faces began to appear – first one, then two, then many. The slideshow chronicled the arrival of children from Ukraine.

At first those faces were sad and lost – the children confused and broken, but overtime those faces transformed into beaming and smiling beacons of joy. What a change... slowly those children were able to leave behind the sadness and trauma of home as they grew in trust and confidence and became at one with their classmates.

As I marvelled at the transformation of those children and the wonderful work our schools have done in integrating them into the classes I couldn't help but remember some of the children who have

made their way to our parish and our schools seeking refuge. The little girl who was afraid of me simply because I was a strange man and her experience had taught her to fear all men, the boy from Bucha who arrived so traumatised that he had become non-verbal, the 14-year-old teenager who had been sent by his parents to mind his granny who had come to Ireland and she without a word of English. All beautiful children carrying huge burdens of loss and distress.

By year end there were over 40 Ukrainian children attending our local schools. There they found a refuge and sanctuary from the displacement and turmoil which they have suffered. Each of them carries with them their own trauma – the extent of that trauma we will never know, but this is now home for them. Our children have welcomed them with open arms and hearts, our schools have created a safe and secure place for them.

The end of year graduation ceremonies celebrate the boys and girls of 6th class. Over the past 8 years they have learnt a lot, but their warmth and welcome for their new classmates can teach us a lot.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Parish Office Phone

Apologies to anyone who was trying to contact the Parish Office by phone earlier this week. Our phone was down for a number of days. Happily we are back up and running now.

Daily Mass

There will be no 10am Mass in Tiernaur this Monday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, Friday, Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th., 5 nights, ex Knock-Ireland West Airport. Contact 012410800 for details and booking.

Book Launch Invitation

Breege O'Brien invites you to the launch of her new book, *A Record of Service: Scoil Damhnait 1948-2011*, at Óstan Oileán Acla, Achill Sound, on Friday, July 21, at 9pm. The book includes contributions from past pupils and former teachers at Scoil Damhnait. It will be available next week from a number of outlets including Doherty's Shop and Post office, Mulranny, and the Castle Book Shop, Castlebar (where it can also be ordered online). All welcome

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on July 12; new jackpot of €525, to be won in 49 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp; all welcome.

Mulranny Scouts Fundraiser

The 12th Mayo Mulranny Scouts are hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, July 22 from 11am to 2pm. The fundraiser includes a Cubs Car Wash and Beavers Bake Sale; both events will take place opposite Doherty's No.9 in Mulranny and all support would be much appreciated.

Concert with Patrick Dexter

Mulranny Arts are honoured to present an evening of enchanting music from globally-renowned, and local, cellist Patrick Dexter, a composer, music producer and an expressive cello player, that has captivated audiences around the world. Join us for this rare opportunity to experience Patrick's heartfelt music in the beautiful Oratory of The Old Convent in Mulranny. Tickets at €28 on website www.mulrannyarts.com

PTAA Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place this Sunday, 16th July. Mass is at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2.30pm. Newsletters & Emblems available from the PTAA stand in St John's Rest & Care Centre or via www.pioneers.ie

An Bhfuil Gaeilge agat?

Bíonn Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge ag Mulranny Arts ar an gcéad agus an tríú Satharn de gach mí ag a dó a chlog i bParlús an tSean Chlochair sa Mhala Raithní agus tá fáilte roimh chách. This open and free event takes place the first and third Saturday of every month at 2pm in the Parlour of The Old Convent in Mulranny (next door to Mulranny Church). Their next event is on Saturday, July 15, at 2pm. Bígí linn!

Story Telling Rambling House

Mulranny Arts host a Story Telling evening on the third Monday of every month in The Old Convent in Mulranny. This free event has become a great night with a lovely crowd gathering. So why not come along and join them for the cup of tea, a sprinkling of music, poetry, and some guaranteed laughs. Both Story Tellers and Listeners are always welcome. Their next evening is on Monday, July 17, at the later time of 8pm.

Garland Friday

Fr Tod will be climbing Croagh Patrick on Garland Friday, July 28th to celebrate Mass at 10am. Why not join him? Put the date in your diary.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Matthias Cowley, Galway, brother of Dr Jerry Cowley, Mulranny, of Nancy George, (nee Chambers), England and Upper Skirdagh, sister of the late John Joe Paddy Chambers, of James McDonnell, Belderrig, father of Sinéad Mc Greevy, Newport, and of John Pat Geraghty, Cortoon and Cornwall. May they rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Nan Kilroy and Family. (No Monday Mass)

Weekend Masses

Saturday July 15th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mary Nevin, Roskeen (Month's Mind). Thomas Moran and deceased family members Castle Road and deceased members of the Moran Family Sandhill.

Sunday July 16th Newport at 10am

Andrew Moran, Derrygarve (Months Mind). Martin Hughes Derradda and his wife Mary. John Pat Geraghty, Cortoon and Cornwall.

Sunday July 17th Mulranny at 11.30am

Judge Patrick Moran

Saturday July 22nd Tiernaur at 7pm

Jim O Boyle and his wife Muriel and tom o Boyle. Gabriel Diamond, Derrylaghan Mór and his grandmother Geraldine.

Sunday July 23rd Newport at 10am

Peter and Annie Ryder, Kilbride and deceased members of the Ryder and Madden families. Mollie Mc Govern, Carrabawn, Deceased members of Newport Church Choir. Tony and Annie Leneghan, Skirdagh.

Sunday July 23rd Mulranny at 11.30am

Billy Harness, Ballinrobe. John Moran, Cushleca and his son Kevin.