

Burrishoole Parish

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Moving Time!

My first appointment as a priest was as a curate to a gaeltacht parish in Connemara. In those days priests were plentiful and newly ordaineds were usually sent to the periphery of the diocese to 'cut their teeth' on the islands or in the gaeltacht. It was a lovely quiet parish and offered a gentle introduction to priestly life. There was one slight drawback however; the parish priest! The Parish Priest was notorious for his ill temper and short fuse. Even the locals were afraid of him. If news came that he was coming to our side of the parish the men would scatter from the back door of the church, the women would sit with heads bowed and the Mass servers would quite literally head for the hills. On the PP's departure a sense of relief would fall over the place as locals emerged from the shadows and chatted about the devastation he had left in his wake. Something I noticed very early on however was that although the locals might laugh and give out about their PP, in the company of visitors they would inevitably defend him to the end. 'An sagart s'againne' – our priest, they would call him, and despite his obvious weaknesses and faults they accepted and loved him as one of their own.

The relationship between a priest and the people he serves is in many ways unique. A bond is formed which is deep and mutual. In as much as the community is his care, he is very much cared for by the community. The community grows attached to their priest, and his particular idiosyncrasies as much as the priest becomes part of the community. Next weekend the annual clerical changes take place in our diocese as some 11 priests move from one parish to another. While it's a particular unsettling and even sad time for the priests involved it is also a big change for a parish community who have come to know and love 'their' priest.

The practice of moving priests from one parish to another helps ensure that various parish communities can benefit from the particular talents (and oddities) of the priest involved. The practice

also provides priests with an opportunity to grow as ministers by gaining wider experience in different ministry contexts. But leaving one parish for another is a reminder too that priesthood is never about the priest but is always in the service of the people of God.

Moving is never easy. When a priest moves he leaves behind the individuals and the community which over the years he has come to know and love. Through his ministry he has formed intimate relationships with the sick and the bereaved, he has been part of pivotal family moments of celebration and despair, and from baptism to First Communion, from Confirmation to Mass Serving he has been part of the lives of the local children. And now he must start again.

This weekend we might remember our diocesan priests who will say goodbye to their congregations at weekend Masses. It's a difficult time for both the priest and the community.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Feast of the Assumption

This Tuesday, Aug 15th is the Feast of the Assumption – a Holy Day. Mass will be celebrated in Tiernaur Church at 10am and in Newport Parish Church at 7pm. *Note: there will be no Tiernaur Mass on Monday.*

Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses

Thank you to all who prepared the Graveyards and tidied graves and to all who attended in the four parish graveyards. Especially the hardy people of Killeen! What a lovely tradition

Cuan Modh Holiday Break

The Cuan Modh Centre will be closed for two weeks for holidays, from 1st of August till Tuesday, 15th August. It is hoped many more over 55's will join in after the holiday break. We are open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10am till 2pm and if you need to be collected just let us know. Please leave a message with Jo 086 347 0103.

National Novena at Knock Shrine

Knock Novena runs from 14 - 22 August with daily Ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm (Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm) The Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine. Over the course of the Novena, guest speakers will speak on a variety of topics, from personal faith stories, to how we are responding to a changing world. Why not make a special effort to attend as a family?

Nora's Boxty

A big thank you to all who purchased Nora's Boxty at the festival. A grand total of €1,596 was raised and split between the Cuan Modh Centre, Western Care, and local Palliative Care Services. Special thanks to sponsors Lavin's Fruit & Veg, Sheridan's Centra, Chambers Agri, Ashling's and Kelly's Butchers; their kind support and everyone's generosity that enabled these funds to be raised.

Tiernaur Banner Mass

A special Mass will be celebrated in Tiernaur Church on Monday, August 21, at 7pm for all those living and deceased persons who have been associated with the Tiernaur Banner before and after its creation in 1917. The banner will be on display during Mass and everyone is welcome

Seán Mhic Pháidín Rambling House.

Monday 14th August, Nevins Bar, Main Street, Newport, an evening to revive the old Irish tradition where people came together to be entertained by songs, recitations, stories, jokes, music, and dance.

All teenagers and adults welcome on the night. A cup of tea and light refreshments will be served at half time! So come and join in for a great night of traditional Irish entertainment and craic, no pressure to perform. Bring yourself, your instrument, your poems, stories, steps and songs to share and enjoy.

Mayo Cancer Support

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer at Rock Rose House in Castlebar and (by appointment only) at outreach centres in Ballina every Tuesday and Achill on the third Thursday of the month Call (094) 9038407 for full details/bookings.

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on Aug 9; new jackpot of €625, to be won in 51 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp; all welcome.

Mayo PPN Community Interactive Map

The map showcases community groups' location and list each groups services and amenities. The Interactive map is displayed on the PPN website www.mayoppn.ie. If your Community Group is not listed on the map email mayoppn.ie and they will send you the link to add your groups details.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Michael Murphy, Westport, father of Alan Murphy, Kilbride. May he rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Tues-Tiernaur, Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Mary Geraghty, Castlebar St. James and Mary O Brady, Georges St.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Aug 12th Tiernaur at 7pm

Sean Chambers, Rosyvera and nephew Brian Loftus, US. Kathleen Moran and husband Sony, Roskeen. Yvonne Moran, Rosturk and deceased members of the Moran family Rosturk.

Sunday Aug 13th Newport at 10am

Peter McGee, Sandymount (1st Ann). John and Joan Gibbons Acres, their son Jack and deceased members of the Gibbons and Heduvan families. Marty and Eileen Moran, Ardagh. Mary and Michael Keane, Derrykell and deceased members of the O'Brien Family. Patrick Conway, Fahy.

Sunday Aug 13th Mulranny at 11.30am

Martin Hanley, Mulranny and deceased family members,

Tuesday August 15th Feast of the Assumption

10am Tiernaur: As per weekday

7pm Newport:

Saturday Aug 19th Tiernaur at 7pm

Katherine O'Donnell, Sandhill (1st Ann)
Una Moran, Rosgalive (1st Ann)

Sunday Aug 20th Newport at 10am

Paddy, Molly and Cyril Sweeney, Quay Rd. Mary Mc Tighe, Seaview. Pat Bracken and his parents Ann and Jackie, Bracken. Hubert Keane, Lecarrow and his parents John and Nora. Tommy Hughes, Newbridge St, parents Michael and Bridie and brother Sean. Annie and Tim Davitt, Quay Rd and daughter in law Mary Davitt.

Sunday Aug 20th Mulranny at 11.30am

Rosmualdas Ziska, Lithuania (1st Ann). Jack and Catherine Joyce, Mulranny. William O Malley, Murrivagh.