

Burrishoole Parish

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We Are The World

Last week Newport was treated to a most wonderful concert of choral music. 'Ode to Joy' featured children's choirs from Newport, Westport and Heidenheim in Germany along with Ukrainian musicians and folk singers. Billed as a fundraiser for local Ukrainian relief the concert was much more than that. It was a joy to hear the uninhibited voices of children happily singing together in harmony. Their energy, their exuberance was infectious. With many of our newly arrived Ukrainians in attendance, the concert was a moment of consolation and hope for all. It was a night which brought a much-needed smile to many a face.

Music, and choral singing in particular, brings people together in ways which go beyond words. Music is truly a universal language. Throughout the night songs were sung in English, Ukrainian, German, not to mention a sprinkling of Irish, yet despite a lack of understanding of the lyrics the music spoke to the soul.

The main choir was a youth choir from Germany which filled the parish church with magnificent harmonies and in the process raised our spirits. At one point, with the conductor standing in the middle, the choir spread out around the four walls of the Church as if enveloping the audience with their music. It was deeply moving. I think it was St Augustine who said that 'to sing is to pray twice' and indeed it is, but more than that, to have the opportunity to listen to and enjoy such beautiful singing is to allow the soul to soar towards the Holy.

The concert ended with all the choirs, musicians and singers coming together to sing 'We are the world'. In a fitting end, well over 100 young voices from Ireland, Germany and Ukraine joined together to sing the Michael Jackson/Lionel Richie song;

'There comes a time

When we heed a certain call

When the world must come together as one

There are people dying

*Oh, and it's time to lend a hand to life
The greatest gift of all.'*

As I listened a tear came to my eye when I thought of the children and families who have fled Ukraine and have found their way to our parish. I thought of the violence and horror which continues to be inflicted on their homeland and of the death and destruction they have left behind. I thought too of the hopes and dreams of all the children who were singing together as one; Irish, German and Ukrainian, of their inherent goodness and natural generosity, of their innocence and simplicity, and of how greed and hatred can so easily destroy all of that.

'We can't go on

Pretending day-by-day

That someone, somewhere soon make a change

We're all a part of God's great big family

And the truth, you know, love is all we need'

As those young people and children sang together they reminded us of our shared humanity and of our shared vulnerability. Their innocence and undiluted acceptance of each other represented what the world can be. Despite a difference of language and culture they are the world and they are our hope.

'We are the world

We are the children

*We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's
start giving*

There's a choice we're making

We're saving our own lives

It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me.'

It was beautiful yet heart-breaking as I wondered what that *better day* will be.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Weekday Mass

Please note that there will be no Mass in Tiernaur this Monday. Sorry for inconvenience.

Ode To Joy

A total of €1988 was donated to the Local Ukrainian Relief Fund following the Ode to Joy Concert. Thank you to all involved

Glenamino

'Glenamino' is a sponsored local Camino-like hike across the stunning hoshoe from Oghillies Mass Rock to the Cross of Salvation on Tirclieu. It takes place next Saturday 25th and is in aid of the Shramore/Treenbeh Church Restoration Fund. For more info contact John Brannen on 087 6391777 or follow the link on the Nephin Begger's Facebook page to register.

Good Luck

Wishing all the dancers and musicians from Cuilmore CCÉ the Best of Luck at the Connaught Fleadh in Sligo this weekend. Since the Mayo Fleadh, all have been practicing and preparing for this competition and we wish them and their teachers well.

Hospice Thank You

Thank you to all who generously supported the Sunflower days for Hospice collection in Newport. A total of €2,028 was collected over the two days and will be used to support the running of the Hospice in Castlebar. Special thanks are also given to those who gave their time to organise the collection and to those who manned the buckets.

Foróige Parents Training

Following a successful meeting with parents about starting up a Foróige Club in Newport again, training for parent volunteers will take place this Tuesday 21st at 7pm, upstairs in Walsh's Bridge Inn. Please attend if you have a child in 6th class or a child in 1st or 2nd year of secondary school.

Burrishoole Graveyard Weeding

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee will be at the graveyard on Monday evenings at 7pm for the coming weeks to weed the graveyard. They would be delighted to have some help.

Looking for Festival Escorts

Young men from the parish are needed to act as escorts for the Festival Tea Party which takes place in Hotel Newport on Friday, June 24. If you are over 18, why not invite a friend or two to join you to escort these lovely ladies? To volunteer or book a seat for the event contact Carol at 086 253 6433 or Hayley at 086 401 9315.

Priest's Summer Collection

The Priest's Summer Collection (Blue Envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. This is one of the four annual collections through which the parish supports its priest. In these difficult times thank you for your continued 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

Choirs

The Folk group will sing at 7.30pm Mass in Tiernaur next Saturday and the Parish Choir will sing at Mass in Newport next Sunday at 10am. Thank you again to all our choirs.

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.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Terry Dever, England and Achill, brother of Seamus Dever, Rosturk, Sean Hughes, London and Newbridge St, Newport and Mary Holloway (nee Murray), Surrey and Kilbride. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny

Charles and Rose Murray and daughters Rita and Mary, Kilbride (Note: No Monday Mass)

Saturday June 18th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Michael and Mary Agnes Cusack. Rose Cusack, Ardagh. John and Roseanne Molloy and Mike Joyce Rosgalive.

Sunday June 19th Newport at 10am:

Andrew Burns, Newport and Birmingham. (1st Ann). Mary Kelly Castlebar St. John Geraghty, Derrygarve

Sunday June 19th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday June 25th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Belinda Smith, Roskeen. Mary and Michael Masterson. Sonny and Bridgie Molloy, Newfield. Francis Moran, Rosgalive.

Sunday June 26th Newport at 10am:

Martin Crehan, Lecarrow. Margaret and Martin Casy Lecarrow and deceased members of the Crehan and Casy families. Mary Davitt and deceased family members, Doontrusk. Tony and Annie Leneghan, Skirdagh..

Sunday June 26th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Sean Moran (Post) Mulranny and South Wales (1st Ann)