

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
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### **Opening the Windows**

Last Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrated the feast of Pope John XXIII. Pope John XXIII was elected as an interim Pope in 1958, a stop gap until a more dynamic character emerged. It was hoped that he would be a safe pair of hands who would keep things ticking over for a few years. As it turned out John XXIII was responsible for the greatest reawakening the Church had experienced in its 2000-year history.

The Church of the late 50's early 60's was a very stuffy place which was inward-looking and wrapped up in its own importance. John XXIII wanted to 'open the windows and let in the fresh air'. He believed that the world was not the enemy of the church but that God was alive and active in our world. By reading 'the signs of the times' the Church could rediscover its mission and become a more vibrant and relevant presence in the world.

Pope John XXIII convened Vatican 11 which over three years gathered the bishops of the world to discern where God was calling the Church. Vatican 11 set out a new vision for the Church which gave new impetus to its social teaching, it made the Mass accessible to the people and it acknowledged the validity of other faiths and denominations. In truth we are still trying to become the Church which Vatican 11 envisaged and in many ways we have grown weary and disillusioned as the world continues to change at pace.

Change has happened rapidly in the 60 years since Vatican 11 – some would say that the world has changed as much in the past 60 years as it did in the previous 2000. The past sixty years has also seen huge change in how the Church understands itself and its relationship with the world. In the face of such change Pope Francis believes that it is time to open the windows again.

Last Sunday Pope Francis launched what he has called the 'Synodal Pathway' for our Church. He has invited the People of God 'to walk together' (the meaning of 'synodal') as we discern what kind of Church we are called to be for today's world.

How is God speaking to us through the signs of our times?

In his opening remarks Pope Francis urges us not to 'remain barricaded in our certainties' but rather to 'listen to one another'. He challenges the Church, 'Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses – it's useless – or – we've always done it this way'.

The Synodal Pathway which Pope Francis sets before us begins not with the Bishops but with the lay faithful. It begins with us and has three phases;

- In the "listening phase", people in parishes and dioceses all over the world will be invited to discuss a wide range of issues. Pope Francis said it was important to hear from those who were often on the fringes of local Church life such as women, pastoral workers and local parish volunteers.
- The "continental phase" will see local bishops gather to discuss and formalize their findings.
- The "universal phase" will see a month-long gathering of the bishops at the Vatican in October 2023

Finally, the Pope will write an apostolic exhortation, giving his views and decisions on the issues discussed.

This is an exciting time for our Church. When pope Francis was elected Pope no one imagined where this 'outsider' from Argentina might bring us. He was supposed to be a stop gap!

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **Pope John Paul II Awards**

Transition year students who have signed up for the Pope John Paul II awards are invited to contact Fr Tod to organise how they might be involved in parish.

As soon as restrictions are lifted (Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will organise a Pizza and Coke night to meet up and chat, to arrange new rotas and to make plans for the coming year

### **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.

### **Social Media Classes in Mulranny**

Social Media classes will take place in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 7.30pm starting November 9. These classes are part of the Community Education programme; if you are interested please call Mary at 086 168 3894 to book your place.

### **Mulranny Men's Shed**

All are invited to an open meeting in the Mulranny Amenity Centre at 8 pm on Tuesday, 18th October. Come along to find out about our Men's Shed, its aims and objectives. Looking forward to meeting you all.

### **Newport Business Association AGM**

NBA will hold their AGM on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, upstairs in Walsh's Bridge Inn at 7.30pm. All members are urged to attend and may email any item for the agenda to [nbanewport@gmail.com](mailto:nbanewport@gmail.com).

After a busy season it is now time to get back on track as one strong, united voice to call for the basic services and infrastructure which are currently lacking. New members very welcome.

### **Mulranny Gift of Hands AGM**

The AGM will be held on Monday, 18th October at 10.30 am in the Essence of Mulranny Studio. All members are urged to attend for reports on the last year and also plans for the new studio which has now been approved for funding. A new committee will be elected to take us forward in this; there's an exciting year ahead.

### **Killeen and Murrivagh Graveyard**

The Killeen and Murrivagh Graveyard Committees wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to their Annual Graveyard Collection. The amount collected for Killeen was €2,014 and for Murrivagh was €1,150. The funding will go towards the upkeep and future enhancement of both graveyards. If there are still people that would like to contribute, please feel free to do so by giving it to any member of the committees or leave it in the church basket after Mass.

### **Envelope Collection**

For those attending Mass, envelopes can be left in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass. Parish envelopes can still be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Team Hope Shoebox Appeal**

Team Hope Shoebox annual Christmas appeal provides welcome and practical help to children across Africa and Eastern Europe. Ashlings, Newport will accept donations and prepare and deliver shoeboxes to Team Hope. They will also provide shoeboxes free of charge. Call in or contact Ashlings at 087 2985845

### **Mass Schedule**

*All Masses available on Facebook and Youtube*

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

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Jack Moran, Mulranny Rd and Roskeen, his wife Mary and daughter Christine Roycroft and his sister in law Elizabeth Cahill, Sandhill.

#### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Dominick O Grady, Shraloggy. (Months Mind)

#### **Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Bridie Monaghan, Cuilmore and deceased members of the Monaghan and Murphy families. Willie and Maureen Mannion and deceased family members, Creevaghbawn, Barnadearg

#### **Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Nora and Michael Kilcoyne, Murrivagh, their daughter Bridgie and son in law Alberto Malseo, Chicago. Betty and Pat Gorman and their son James, Murrivagh and Pat's brother James, Cleveland

#### **Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Bernie Rumley, Rosturk

#### **Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Helen Kilroy, Quay Rd. (Months Mind). Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. Kathleen and Tommy Lavelle, London and Lettermaghera.

#### **Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Mary Cattigan, Duffbeg and deceased members of the Cattigan family