

**Burrishoole Parish**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Broken Glasses**

I am happy to say that I know most of the boys and girls making their Confirmation – we had gotten to know each other when they made their First Communion and many of them subsequently became Mass Servers in the various churches, but one of the many unfortunate side effects of Covid is that I never got the opportunity to get to know the children preparing for their First Communion this year. In a normal year I would be popping in and out of their classroom, I would have met with their parents and we would have had a series of ‘Do This in Memory’ First Communion preparation Masses. That was not possible this year and with our churches closed for public worship for much of the year we have had very little interaction. A year is a long time in the life of a child.

Since January we have celebrated a Friday morning children’s Mass which was child friendly and focused on the children of the parish, particularly those preparing for the Sacraments. When schools were closed, the Children’s Mass proved particularly popular with parents homeschooling children, and post lockdown, before churches reopened, schools were able to livestream the Mass into the classroom.

With the opening up of churches however both the First Communion Classes and the Confirmation Classes have been able to join us for weekday Masses in Mulranny and Newport churches. It has been lovely having them attending in person and so important for them to grow familiar with their church and the whole ritual surrounding Mass.

On one of the first mornings that the First Holy Communion children visited the church for Mass I went over to chat with them and to ask them their names. I then told them that I was Fr Tod only to be told that they knew that. When I asked them how they recognised me – I was wearing a mask – they gave two answers: firstly they recognised me from the computer Mass and secondly they said that they knew me because I was ‘the’ priest. Notwithstanding my internet fame it struck me that for children of First Communion age a priest is a

very rare species indeed and for many, if not most, I am the only priest they would have seen or even heard of!

This week we celebrated First Confession. Due to Covid it was a much simpler occasion than we have grown used to. This year’s First Confession was held in the schools with no family present. It was nonetheless a very significant moment for the children, one which they entered into with great sincerity and authenticity. Gone are the days of fear and dread, confession for our children is an experience of God’s forgiveness and love. It was a truly beautiful and joy filled occasion.

Despite our more sophisticated world children still maintain much of their innocence. Some ‘sins’ never to out of fashion; pinching my sister, not doing what I am told and even throwing stones still feature among modern day ‘sins’. It is sometime hard not to smile but smile I did some years ago when a young boy told me that he had broken his sister’s glasses. ‘Oh’ I said ‘did you sit on them?’ ‘No’ came the reply ‘She had them on her when I hit her’.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**First Communion and Confirmation**

The easing of covid restrictions means that First Communion and Confirmation can take place during July:

**First Communion**

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> Mulranny Church  
12noon; Mulranny NS  
Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Church, Newport  
12noon: Newport NS (Surname A-L)  
2pm; Newport NS (Surname M-Z) and  
Cuilmore NS

**Confirmation**

Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Church, Newport  
12noon: Newport NS  
2pm; Cuilmore NS and Mulranny NS

Due to Covid restrictions numbers permitted to attend will be limited to 7 people per family, i.e., the child receiving the sacrament plus 6 others.

In organising both First Communion and Confirmation parishes have been asked to stress to parents that any social gatherings following the church celebration must be ‘planned in line with prevailing public health advice on household mixing and indoor and outdoor gatherings.’

During the week, in preparation for First Communion 29 boys and girls made their First Confession. Congratulations! They were a credit to their parents and to their schools. Their parish is immensely proud of each of them

### **Returning to Mass**

In order to gather safely you are reminded to please

1. Wear a mask
2. Sanitise your hands on entering and on exiting the church.
3. Be mindful in church of social distancing requirements
4. Follow directions of stewards/ushers
5. In Newport Church if seated in the front half please enter and exit via the side doors. If seated in the bottom half please enter and exit via the main door.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. You are asked to leave the church after receiving

Note: 50 mourners are now allowed to attend a funeral and 50 guests are permitted to attend a church wedding These limited numbers will remain until the end of June.

### **Mulranny Community Evening**

A Community evening will be held this Tuesday 22nd in The Amenity Centre at 7.30pm. It is hoped to continue with the programme of village enhancement and planting. There has been great participation so far, so come along, everyone welcome, no skills required.

### **Mulranny NS Beach Clean Up**

Mulranny NS undertook their Annual Beach Clean-up on June 16, the pupils were blessed with a sunny morning for the assignment and thankfully the beach was just moderately littered. The pupils were treated after the clean up to a picnic sponsored by Rhona Moran proprietor of Costcutter, Mulranny. A big thank you to all involved.

### **GAA Thank You**

Burrishoole GAA U12 girls Team and Management thanks everyone who donated items and helped out with the preparations for their recent Pop-up Shop. They thank all who called into the shop and are delighted to report that with the added help of two local sponsors, Kevin Kilroy and Seamus Walsh they have achieved their goal of providing new football gear for the team.

### **Envelope Collection**

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. You can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass

Thank you for your continued generous support of your parish.

**Happy Father's Day to all our dad's  
and to all who have been a father to  
us. God bless you all!**

### **Remembering Our Dead**

We pray for the soul of John Masterson, London and Knockbreaga. May he rest in peace.

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Weekday Mass Intentions:**

**10am Mon-Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny:** Charles and Rose Murray, Kilbride. Michael Reilly (Mon) Claremorris and Newport.

#### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Francis Moran, Rosgalive and Curraune and the deceased members of the Moran and O Malley families

#### **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

McGarry and Mary B Fergus, Ardagh. John McNulty, Doontrusk and Bill O Malley. Mary Kelly Castlebar St. Margaret and John Callaghan, Shraloggy and the deceased members of the Moran and Callaghan families. Deceased members of the McDermott and Durrant Families. Tony and Annie Leneghan, Skirdagh.

#### **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Mick and Annie Heraty and deceased family members, Drummin. Frank and Annie Grealis, Cushleca. Joe Schlegel, Cleveland.

#### **Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Michael and Mary Agnes Cusack. Belinda Smith, Roskeen. Peter Mc Hale, London.

#### **Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Tom and Ciss Mulchrone and daughter Mary Kelly. Martin Crehan, Lecarrow. Martin and Margaret Casey, Lecarrow and deceased members of the Crehan and Casey families. Miriam Fadden (nee Chambers) Hollyhill and Georges St and granddaughter Jamie Mary Fadden. Jenny Kilroy, Westport. Jack and Nora McNeela Letterlough, daughter Nary and granddaughter Marie.

#### **Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Mary Loftus, Bunnahowna