

Burrishoole Parish

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Meetings!

I attend a lot of meetings. This wasn't a bad week with just six... but sometimes that number can be as many as ten per week. Because I chair a number of Diocesan groups I often have meetings about meetings where agendas are agreed, and processes are developed in advance of the full group meeting. Meetings are important – they allow for collective input and responsibility, they give people a voice, they foster inclusivity. But meetings can be time consuming and at times they can be energy draining.

Imagine for a moment that God in choosing how He would come into the world decided to ask us for our advice. How would we go about working out the details?

The first thing we would do I suppose would be to form a committee to oversee the process. Meetings would be held, and a chairperson elected. Subcommittees would be set up, each of which would be given responsibility to report back on the various aspects of the task. True to form there would be a welcoming committee which among other things would draw up a list of those to be invited, an entertainment committee would ensure that there was something for everybody, a publicity committee would be charged with informing as many people as possible via social media etc. A health and safety committee would make sure that every possible eventuality was foreseen and a 'diversity' committee would be charged with ensuring that everybody is included and no one's sensitivities are hurt.

But it is unlikely that, despite the multitude of meetings any of those committees would countenance the possibility of God taking the form of a baby and be born in a smelly stable in an obscure outpost.

Meetings are important but some meetings are more important than others. Next week the priests of the diocese will gather in Knock for an afternoon. They have been invited by Archbishop Duffy to come together in order to consider how the ever-changing landscape of church will affect them

and how they minister. The meeting is not so much about how we will serve the parishes of our diocese with fewer priests, it is not about grouping parishes together, it is not about the training and employing of lay people to become more involved in running the local parish. The meeting is about providing an opportunity for the priests of our diocese to reflect on how such changes will affect them both personally and in their ministry as priests.

As a diocese we are heading into uncharted territory. Many if not most of our priests have come from a different era. Over time we have become accustomed to working on our own, we have become part of, and are inspired by, the identifiable community which we serve, it has been important for us to know 'our' people and for 'our' people to know us. Our parish has been our home. That model of priesthood is no longer practicable nor possible. How we 'priest' is quickly changing and therefore we too need to be open to new ways and models of ministry.

In the coming months there will no doubt be more meetings on this topic. Planning will take place and new structures set up. But in the end it is important and consoling to remember that everything doesn't depend on us and that God's plan may not be our plan....
God Bless, Fr Tod

Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi falls on Sunday, June 11th this year. The parish Procession will take place, weather permitting, at Burrishoole Abbey at 7pm. Our First Communion and Confirmation children will lead the Procession from the old graveyard to the Abbey where Benediction will be offered.

May Rosary

May is the traditional time when communities gather and pray the Rosary at the local Grotto. Next Sunday May 28th at 7pm rosaries will be recited at each of our grottos. Communities are encouraged to tidy up their local grotto over the coming weeks.

Exam Mass

We will celebrate our annual Exam Mass on Monday June 5th at 7pm. All students, together with their families, who are preparing for Leaving Certificate or Junior Certificate exams and invited to attend.

Community Choir

The Community Choir which sang at the Confirmation are inviting new members to join them. Whether you already sing with a choir or not you are more than welcome to join. Contact Joanne on 087 6755543.

Gráinne Uaile Festival Bucket Collection

Newport Grainne Uaile Festival Committee are holding a bucket collection in Newport Town on Saturday, June 3 between 9am and 6pm to raise funds for the festival. If you are free for an hour or two your help would be greatly appreciated, Please contact Carol at 0862536433 or Hayley at 086 401 9315, or any member of the Festival Committee.

Hospice Sunflower Day

Mayo Roscommon Hospice holds its annual Sunflower event on Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10. If you are free for an hour or two on either of these days and would like to help this worthy cause please call Helen at 087 226 3540 or Margaret at 086 833 5394. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

Seán Mhic Pháidín Rambling House.

All teenagers and adults are welcome to come to The Bridge Inn, Newport, on Mon, 22nd May for an evening to revive the old Irish tradition of people coming together to be entertained by songs, recitations, stories, jokes, music, and dance. A cup of tea and light refreshments will be served at half time. Why not come along and enjoy the ceol, caint agus craic.

Burrishoole Graveyard

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee are seeking volunteers to help with the weeding and tidying of the graveyard. Every Tuesday at 7pm; young and old are welcome and it would be wonderful to have a representative from each home in the area join in.

Newport Pickleball

Looking for a new sport? Why not try out Pickleball with Newport Pickleball Group? They meet on Fridays between 4pm and 5pm in Newport NS Hall, the entry fee is only €2 and the paddles and balls are provided. It's great fun and suitable for all genders and age groups. Contact Sarah Coyle at 087 987 7504 for more info.

Mayo Public Participation Network

Mayo PPN Community Open Evening takes place at 7pm on Tues, May 23 in Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar. Hear about the new Community Climate Action Fund. Info; email mayoppn@mayococo.ie

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on May 17; new jackpot of €325, in 45 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp.

Welcome

We welcome Fr Billy Sheridan who covering for Fr Tod this weekend. Always lovely to have Fr Billy at home.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis, 5 nights, September 1st to 6th., ex Ireland West Airport. Limited availability. Details & Booking: 012410800.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Vincent Masterson Mulranny, Tommie Monaghan, Glenhest and Newport, Paddy Gavin, New York and Leenane, brother of Mary Ginnelly, Rosturk, JJ Rowland, Ballycroy brother of Agnes Carmichael, Derradda and Nancy Goggins (nee O Boyle) formerly of Derrycoultrim, all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny
For those preparing for Exams.

Weekend Masses

Saturday May 20th Tiernaur at 7pm

Rose Mary Mc Nea, Carrowsallagh, (Mths Mind) Margaret Moran, Castle Rd and her husband Martin. Deceased members of O Donnell family, Sandhill

Sunday May 21st Newport at 10am

Mary B and McGary Fergus, Ardagh. John Michael McNulty, Doontrusk. Willie O Malley, Tiernaur. Tom and Dora Heraty and deceased members of the Heraty family Ayle and Corcoran family Laherdaune. Miriam Chambers Fadden Castlebar and Newport

Sunday May 22nd Mulranny at 11.30am

James Horan and deceased family. Martin and Aisling Mulloy and deceased family, members.

Saturday May 27th Tiernaur at 7pm

Nora and Frank Moran, their son Gerard and grandson Liam. Bridgie and Sony Mulloy.

Sunday May 28th Newport at 10am

Mary, Kathleen and Nancy O Boyle. Thomas Walsh, Comploon and England.

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The People of the Parish