

Burrishoole Parish
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New Habits

When Covid began I had to consciously stop myself from shaking hands. Hand shaking came so natural to me that it seemed that I'd have to tie my hand behind my back in order to stop myself. Yet now, two years later and with the end of Covid in sight, not only have I lost the habit but I find myself almost recoiling if someone offers to shake my hand. Old habits don't die too hard.

Experts tell us that whereas it can take years to form a habit that it takes only a matter of months for habits formed over a lifetime to be lost. We are creatures of routine, and many of those routines have become so much a part of us that we scarcely even notice them.

President Biden is currently in the process of nominating a new Judge to sit on the US Supreme Court. It's an arduous process, at the end of which the chosen candidate will have their lives examined in minute detail.

Four years ago, Judge Brett Kavanaugh was nominated. As part of the confirmation process he was asked to submit a highly-detailed personal calendar from his high school days. Some of his opponents noticed that "going to Mass" was not on his calendar—and that seemed an odd omission for a devout Catholic.

Kavanaugh explained this by saying, "Some have noticed that I didn't have 'church on Sunday' on my calendars. I also didn't list 'brushing my teeth.' And for me, going to church on Sundays was like brushing my teeth: automatic. Still is."

For many of us going to Mass, pre Covid, was very much part of who we were. It was as much part of our routine as brushing our teeth or shaking hands. Perhaps we didn't give it much thought but that didn't mean we didn't value it. We valued the time it offered us to slow down and reflect, we appreciated the opportunity to gather with and for our community in prayer, we treasured the experience of support and the sense of belonging that it brought, we cherished receiving Holy Communion, we may even have welcomed the rhythm and discipline which going to Mass gave to

our lives. Going to Mass was a habit and a routine which, although we scarcely thought about it in such terms, added greatly to the quality our lives. Many people, post Covid have found, sometimes to their own surprise and alarm, that that weekly routine is now broken. A routine, once very much part of their lives now gone. Some wonder how this could happen to a "good" person, but it's important to recognize that when we talk about the formation of a habit or routine, we are talking about human psychology — not about faith or devotion. Irrespective of how deep our faith may or may not be—regardless of our personal level of love for God — the routine has been lost because gradually the software in our brains has been reprogrammed. Since the reopening of our churches, we have gradually been returning to our pre Covid routines. It's not all plain sailing. In both Newport and Tiernaur, Holy Communion is now distributed at 'Communion' time and we have to remind ourselves not to walk out the door after receiving. Likewise, we have a new Archbishop and I have to keep reminding myself— not successfully yet, to pray for Archbishop Francis. It's not easy learning new habits!

For those of us who have lost the habit of regular Mass going, now might be a good time to re-establish a habit for ourselves which was first established by others for us. The first step is the decision. Why not decide to start for Lent?

God Bless, Fr Tod

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, March 2nd, is Ash Wednesday. Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8am in the Parish Church, Newport, at 10am in Mulranny and at 7pm in Tiernaur. For those unable to get to Mass, Ashes will be also distributed from 1-1.30pm in the Oratory, Newport

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound take place on Thursday in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas. Visits in the Newport area will take place on Friday.

Shramore Mass

Mass will be celebrated this Friday, March 4th at 7pm in Shramore.

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council meets for its final meeting this coming Thursday, in the Parish house at 7pm. We thank them for their service to the

parish for the past 5 years. Over the coming months a new Pastoral Council will be formed.

New Offertory Envelope Boxes

The new Offertory envelope boxes are available for collection from Newport and Mulranny Churches.

Church Ministries

New parish rotas for the various Church ministries are now being drawn up. During Covid some people understandably withdrew from their chosen ministry. Over the next number of weeks all involved in the various church ministries will receive a text inviting them to opt in/out. Thank you to all who give of their gifts for the good of our parish community.

New Scheme CE Vacancies

Mulranny Day Centre Housing CLG is starting a new scheme with new positions available. There are two sales assistant positions with the Gift of Hands, one Reception and Administration Support position in the Tourist Office, two Guide positions with the Old Irish Goat Visitor Centre, two Trail Workers positions with Mulranny Environmental Group and an Administrator position with Mulranny Futures. These are developmental opportunities, with no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Should you require any further info please phone 098 36011. These vacancies can also be viewed on the Jobs Ireland website.

Start Planning Your Floats

Newport St Patrick's day is back and will start at 2pm from the old Campus site. Start planning your floats now, and let's bring it back with a bang. The committee is looking for a band to walk in the parade, if you have any suggestions, please get in touch with any of the committee members or leave a message on the Newport St Patrick's Day Parade Facebook page. Roll on March 17th.

Newport Tourist Office

Newport Tourist Office is now open Monday to Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm.

Mulranny Tidy Towns Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 2nd at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. All are welcome

Mulranny ICA Meeting and AGM

The next ICA meeting is on Tuesday 8th March at 8pm in the Amenity Centre and it is also our AGM. All welcome. Members should bring their deposits

for the June visit to the An Grianan Education Centre. If you have not already booked your place please contact Anne Moran as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kilbride Cemetery Meeting

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd March at 8.30pm in the Amenity Centre, Cuilmore School to form a committee for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Change of Date for AGM

Burrishoole GAA Club is holding its AGM this Sunday, February 27, at 7pm in Newport NS Hall.

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaurl, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Fionuala Duane, Dublin and deceased members of the Duane and Walsh Families.

Weekend Masses

Saturday February 26th Tiernaurl at 7pm:

Bridgie Ann Moore (nee McIntyre), Derrycooldrim (Months Mind). Packie Hoban, Knockbreaga

Sunday February 27th Newport at 10am:

Breege McManamon, Meddlcott St., (1st Ann). Olga Horan, Doogary. Frank McGreevy, Kilbride, and Michael McGreevy, Glenhest and all deceased members of the McGreevy family.

Sunday February 27th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Thomas and Ann Doherty, Mulranny. Frank and Annie Grealis, Cushleeka.

Saturday March 5th Tiernaurl at 7pm:

Christy Butler, his parents Ned and Bridget Hoban and all deceased family members. Tom and Annie Chambers and all deceased of the Chambers and Cormack families. Annie Sherry, Birmingham and formerly of Sand Hill, Tiernaurl.

Sunday March 6th Newport at 10am:

Liam Bourke, Carrowbaun and his parents Tom and Phyllis, Rossinrubble. Joe Kelly, Newport and Galway. Seamus O'Malley, Carrowmore. Mary and Patrick Costello, Knocknageeha. Paddy and Baby Chambers, and all deceased members of the Chambers Cloonfoher and Corcoran families Carrowkeel, Lahardane.

Sunday March 6th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Peter & Helen McNea, Carrowsallagh. Mary and Tom Kennedy, Yorkshire.