

Burrishoole Parish

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Mam

This weekend marks the 1st Anniversary of my mam's death. It has been a long and difficult year. Not a day goes by when I don't think of her. She comes to mind in a myriad of ways - a smell, a sound, a taste. I am reminded of her through an expression she might have used, in the smile of her grandchild, through a memory which breaks over me like an unexpected wave. She is missed at family occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, confirmations but most of all I miss her when I have news to share or when I just long for her affirming presence.

I'm not sure if its because I am a seasoned bachelor or whether it was because I was the only son but the death of my mother seemed to affect me deeper than that of my dad. I suppose when our dad died our attention quickly turned to looking after mam. I was fortunate enough to have been closest to home and so for the last two years of her life I had the opportunity to spend precious time with her.

When she was able, I would bring her shopping once a week but, with my sisters taking turns in coming home at weekends, my main task was to bring her out for lunch on three or four days a week. We developed a little routine and spread our business far and wide. She loved heading out to lunch; she enjoyed the occasion more than the food, and she loved meeting and chatting with anyone who happened to pass. People were extraordinarily kind to her and even when her memory was going and her appetite was as good as gone people were generous in the time and care they gave to her.

Mam was never in a hurry home. I know that I have joked before about mam's uncanny ability to knock a good hour out of the last sip of a cup of coffee. In the end, with her independence almost totally gone, it was her last act of defiance and she relished it. Occasionally, in exasperation I might indicate that I had to go and as cool as you'd like she'd say that she'd walk home herself – and we in Murrisk.

As a family we miss both of our parents. The house in Westport is empty now and even though I pop in and out it is not the same. There is an emptiness

there, her, their absence felt in each of the rooms. It's a house but no longer a home.

Mam's First Anniversary will be the first time that we have been able to gather together as a family since her death. It will be good to get together. We will gather not so much to remember her – her memory lives with us every day, we will gather to chat and tell stories, to laugh and to cry and in the end, we will gather to give thanks to God for our mam and for the great gift she continues to be to our family. I suppose the old adage is true; you don't truly appreciate your parents until they are gone.

God Bless, Fr Tod

First Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their First Communion or Confirmation last weekend. This weekend our attention turns towards Mulranny when eight boys and girls will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Well done to them and thanks to their parents for their patience and understanding.

Thanks too to our teachers who give so much of their time, talent and energy in preparing our children for the sacraments.

A word of apology to anyone who may have been watching the Confirmation Ceremony via Facebook. I forgot to move the camera after my few words of introduction and so all that was visible during the anointing was just the back of my head. Mea culpa!

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. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas will take place on Thursday with visits in the Newport area taking place on Friday. Mass and Anointing of the sick takes place in St Brendan's on Thursday, Mulranny at 3pm.

Weddings

The recent lifting of Covid restrictions has meant that Weddings are once again being celebrated in our churches. Couples often ask me what are the 'rules' around music during the wedding ceremony and my answer is always that as long as the music is appropriate to the setting and to the sacredness of occasion it will be fine.

A priest friend of mine told me recently that when he is asked that question he usually quotes an old Parish Priest he used to have. The old PP when asked what music would be appropriate in Church would ask in return whether Amazing Grace or Hail Queen of Heaven would be played at the wedding reception? When the couple would say no, he would ask why and they would answer that it wouldn't be appropriate!

Living Well

Living Well is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. Next programmes commence on Thurs 7th, Weds 13th, Tuesday 19th Oct and Mon 1st Nov. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087 3490393 or by email at liam.gildea@mayocil.ie

Night Classes

Autumn 2021 Night Classes Mayo College of Further Education, Westport'. Classes commence on the week of the 4th October for both Certified and Hobby courses. Detailed information and signup on www.westportcfe.ie in the night class section.'

Envelope Collection

The Priest's Autumn Collection is being taken up this weekend. This is one of four collections per year from which the priest draws his monthly stipend. 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; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

Parish envelopes can be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. If you are in a position to do so you can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

Anger Management

Is Anger Hurting You Or Your Family? Knock Counselling Service is running a five evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tue 12 October, 7pm - 9pm. To register, contact Peter Devers at 094 93 75032.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul Michael Reid, Harrow, London and formerly of Medlicott St. Newport who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

All Masses available on Facebook and Youtube

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaurl, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: The People of the Parish

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday September 25th Tiernaurl at 7pm:

Thomas and Christina Cusack. Nora and Pat McLoughlin, Sandhill

Sunday September 26th Newport at 10am:

Paddy Tresnan, Derrada. Jack Chambers, Cloonfoher and Chicago, his wife Sally and sons Bill and Tom and Tom's wife Cathy.

Sunday September 26th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Friday October 1st Shramore at 7pm

Tom Moran, Chicago.

Saturday October 2nd Tiernaurl at 7pm:

Tom Hanley, Mulranny

Sunday October 3rd Newport at 10am:

Des Fitzgerald, Barrack Hill. (Months Mind). Kathleen and Charles McGee, Sandymount. Paddy McIntyre Derrycoultrim and his brother Michael McIntyre, Mulranny Rd.

Sunday October 3rd Mulranny at 11.30am:

Maggie and Mick McLoughlin. JJ Fitzpatrick and the deceased members of the Carolan and McLoughlin families, Mulranny.