

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

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**Let the Children Come**

Since ordination I have had a variety of appointments one of which involved teaching in St Jarlath's, a secondary school in Tuam. I spent 10 years there on the staff and enjoyed it very much. In hindsight one of the things I liked most about teaching was the effect that the interaction with young people had on me – I felt it kept me young. Being in the company of younger people, whether that was in the classroom or on the football pitch or in the study hall, kept me on my toes. Somehow their energy, their enthusiasm, their innocence was infectious. They simply didn't allow you to feel old or tired.

Covid has changed us in many ways. It has changed how we interact with each other, how we socialise, how we see the world. However, it will really only be with the passing of time that we will discover the not so obvious changes which Covid has brought. As individuals it will have affected each of us differently.

As much as Covid has affected adults it has also affected our children. Teachers tell us that children are a lot less confident now than in pre covid times and that they are much less natural in their interactions.

Two and a half years is a long time in the life of a child. For many of our children coming to church is a 'new' experience. For some the church is a strange and unfamiliar place. We need to be mindful of this as we slowly welcome them back.

Although I haven't actually had Covid yet... (famous last words!) I somehow feel a lot older now than I felt before all this started. I know that I am older, but I think that the lack of interaction with young people has affected me more than I imagined. It is only as we gradually return to some kind of normality that I have come to realise how much I have missed that interaction and how much the loss of that contact has affected me.

For over two years I have missed the normal everyday interaction when visiting children in their classrooms, I've missed the innocence and sheer cuteness of the Goodnews Club, I've missed the fun and unaffectedness of our Mass servers and

I've missed the idealism and energy of the Pizza and Coke nights.

Over the past six weeks we have reintroduced Mass servers at all weekend Masses, we have seen the return of the Goodnews Club in Newport, our TY students have gathered for Pizza and Coke and I have had the opportunity to meet with the parents of our First Communion classes and begun our First Holy Communion preparation Masses. It is deeply heartening to see the magnificent response. Parents are anxious that their children be involved, children are happy to be involved.

What a joy it is to have our children and young people back involved in Church. Their presence brings a smile to our faces and life and energy to our gatherings. Of course there will be the occasional mishap – a bell rang at the wrong time, a coloured-in picture held upside down, a family 'secret' divulged to an unsuspecting congregation, maybe even a fit of the giggles – but that's part of life and of church.

Am I feeling younger? I am not so sure, but I am certainly energised by their enthusiasm and delight in their company. God bless them.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Parish First Communion**

Our next *Grow in Love* First Communion preparation Masses will be on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> at Mass in Newport at 10am and Mulranny at 11.30am

**Pizza and Coke**

What a gathering! Thanks to all who came. We meet again on Thurs Nov 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish House

**Killeen and Murrivagh Cemeteries**

The Killeen and Murrivagh Cemetery Committees wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the annual collection. The amount collected for Killeen was €2,650; Murrivagh envelopes were distributed later and the total to date is €650. The funding will go towards the future enhancement of both graveyards. Envelopes can still be passed to any member of the committees or put in the church baskets.

**Burrishooooole Boo**

Burrishoole GAA has organised a Fancy Dress Movie Night in Newport NS Hall. The event for NS-aged kids will take place on Sun, Oct 30 with drop off at 4.45pm and collection at 7pm. Tickets at €5 are available online and you do not need to be a member of the club to attend. Proceeds of the ticket sales will be donated locally after the event.

### **Remembering our Dead**

November is the month when we remember our dead in a special way. Beginning on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> a Novena of Masses will be held to pray for our deceased relatives and friends.

Envelopes and lists for the names of the dead will be available during the coming week in each the parish churches. You are invited to leave your completed list in the basket provided. All envelopes will be gathered up on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and brought to the each church where the novena of Masses will be celebrated. Please do not place any money in the envelope.

A Remembrance Mass for those who died in the past year will be held on the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> at each of the weekend Masses. If families would like to have parishioners who died outside of the parish during the past year included in the Mass they are invited to let the Parish Office know over the coming weeks.

### **Mulranny Tidy Towns**

Mulranny Tidy Towns is holding its end-of-year dinner in the Mulranny Park Hotel on Fri, Nov 4. It is always a lovely evening and the occasion is open to all who wish to attend. To reserve a seat just contact any committee member before Wednesday, October 2. A meeting of Mulranny Tidy Towns will take place at 8pm on Wednesday, October 26th in the Amenity Centre. Everyone welcome.

### **Cuilmore CCE AGM**

Cuilmore CCE will hold its AGM on Thursday, October 27 at 7.30pm in Hotel Newport. This is an opportunity to look back on the past year and establish future goals and objectives. The thriving branch is always delighted to welcome new faces and new ideas. All welcome to attend.

### **Burrishoole Ladies - County Champions**

The Burrishoole Senior ladies took home the club's first senior title last Sunday. What a magical day for our community. A big thank you to all who put out flags, travelled to the game or cheered them on from afar. They now play the Connacht semi-final on Monday, October 31; the venue has yet to be decided. Please keep an eye on social media for further information.

### **Cancer Support Annual Mass**

Mayo Cancer Support will host its annual Mass at 7pm in Rock Rose House, Castlebar on Wednesday, October 26. The Mass is for anyone affected by cancer or bereaved as a result of cancer. All are welcome.

### **Walk to Wellness**

Burrishoole GAA walk to wellness will kick off again from Tuesday 25th at the new time of 7pm from the Ned Lyon's statue. No pace to fast or slow. Delighted to welcome as many as possible to join. This will run weekly in the lead into our St Stephen's day 5k.

### **Gift of Hands AGM**

All members are invited to attend the AGM at 6.30pm on Tuesday, October 25 in the GOH studio. Hoping to see all members there.

### **Cuan Modh Card Games**

Cuan Modh 25 card games have resumed every Friday at 8pm in the Burrishoole GAA Club House Burrishoole GAA is hosting as part of their Healthy Clubs initiative. All proceeds to Cuan Modh.

### **Anam Cara Parent Evening**

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday, October 25 at 7.15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free; contact [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the soul of Michael O Malley, Main St, Newport who died recently. May he rest in peace

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Weekday Masses 10am**

*Mon-Tiernaurl, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri/Mulranny*  
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#### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday Oct 22nd Tiernaurl at 7pm:**

Sr Finian Fallon, Mulranny

#### **Sunday Oct 23rd Newport at 10am:**

Frank O Reilly, Glenhest Rd., Newport

#### **Sunday Oct 23rd Mulranny at 11.30am:**

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#### **Saturday Oct 29th Tiernaurl at 7pm.**

Deceased members of the Murphy and Sweeney families.

#### **Sunday Oct 30th Newport at 10am:**

Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd

#### **Sunday Oct 30th Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Eileen Ryan, Mulranny