

Burrishoole Parish

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A Vatican Observer

A few weeks back we were joined at Sunday Mass in Newport by possibly the most senior Vatican figure ever to have attended St Patrick's. You probably didn't notice the bearded man wearing a roman collar sitting towards the front of the church but I certainly did. Bro Guy Consolmago, the Chief Vatican astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory was visiting for the Mayo Dark Skies Festival and was now quietly attending Mass.

Before Mass as I busied myself running through a quick practice with the Mass servers I managed to slip down to welcome him. He smiled and whispered jokingly 'I am a Vatican observer you know'.

Although Bro Guy was joking, I was keenly aware of his presence throughout the Mass. For some reason, perhaps pride, I wanted him to get a good impression of our Sunday liturgy. I hoped that he felt welcomed and that he might be moved by our music, inspired by our community and perhaps even uplifted by my few words. As luck would have it there seemed to be a bigger than normal attendance at Mass that Sunday, the Mass servers excelled themselves and despite the added pressure of having a 'Vatican observer' in the vicinity I think we did quite well. I imagine Bro Guy returning to Rome with a good report of Sunday Mass in Newport. When the Pope asks him 'How did you get on in Newport?' he will answer 'Oh it was a beautiful Mass and Fr Tod runs a great show!' To which the Pope will reply 'I'd expect nothing less from Fr Tod'.

It's good to dream!

Looking back on Bro Guy's visit I couldn't help but reflect on two things.

Firstly, it really shouldn't matter who is attending any of our community Masses, whether they be a 'Vatican observer' or some anonymous visitor, our ambition must be that everyone feels welcomed and part of our community and that the liturgy speaks to them. If someone comes to visit our home, we are very quick to make them feel welcome by a simple smile or the shaking of hands yet when a visitor comes to *our* church to attend

our weekly liturgy we are inclined to keep our distance and slow to offer even a word of welcome. Are we a welcoming community?

I wonder do our visitors find our Liturgies life-giving and meaningful? It is very easy for us to get used to how we celebrate Mass. We can become comfortable with the routine and simply not notice that our celebration of Mass may be tired and lacking in energy. Can we improve how we as a community celebrate Mass?

The second thing that I was moved to reflect on following Bro Guy's visit was the significance of an internationally renowned scientist being at the same time a professed religious. Guy Consolmago had been awarded a PhD by MIT and had taught at Harvard before joining the Jesuits. He is a world authority on meteorites and yet he chooses to believe in a personal God. Bro Guy argues that science and religion can complement each other by working side by side. If the question of how science and religion interact interests you, you might like to watch Bro Guy's *Ted Talk* entitled 'From MIT to the Vatican' which is very accessible.

Next time you are at Mass why not take the opportunity to welcome a stranger or to speak to someone you do not know. Chances are they are not a Vatican observer, but... you never know!

God Bless, Fr Tod

St Vincent de Paul

The annual St Vincent de Paul church door collection takes place at all Masses this weekend. All monies collected is used confidentially to support local families. Thank you for your support

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met last week. A review of the parish was undertaken which looked at the challenges and opportunities which face us as a faith community. We considered how we might develop more as a community of faith rather than a collection of individuals/families and how we might reach out to those who may have lost contact with their faith and their parish..

Ladies Senior Football

The thrilling journey which our ladies senior team brought us on came to an end last Sunday when they went down to a very accomplished Killkerrin Clonberne team. To have won a Senior County title is of itself a huge achievement, to have advanced to a Connaught Final was icing on the cake.

Thank you to all involved – the team, the management and the huge army of volunteers and supporters. What a journey. Thank you.

Handel's Messiah

Newport 300 is proud to present Handel's Messiah next Saturday, November 26 at 7pm in St Patrick's Church Newport. This 90 minute production is by Choral Symphony West. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, and locally from Kelly's Kitchen, Newport and Eye World Opticians, Westport.

First Communion

Our 'Grow in Love' First Communion preparation Masses continues next Sunday Nov 27th at 10am Mass in Newport and 11.30am Mass in Mulranny.

Calling all Stall Holders

A Christmas Market will take place in The Amenity Centre, Mulranny on Sunday, December 11 from 11am to 3pm. If you would like to set up a stall at €10, please contact Kathleen at 089 416 5313.

Cancer Bereavement Support

Mayo Cancer Support is hosting a Bereavement Support Evening at its headquarters, Rock Rose House at 32 St Patrick's Avenue, Castlebar (opposite Mayo University Hospital) on Thursday, November 24 from 7pm. This group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one as a result of a cancer diagnosis.

25 Partners Card Drive in Ballycroy

Ballycroy Community Centre is hosting a 25 Card Drive (partners) in aid of the Naíonra on Friday, November 25 at 8.30pm. Refreshments will be served; all support is greatly appreciated.

Burrishoole GAA AGM

Burrishoole GAA is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tue, Nov 29 in the Burrishoole GAA Club House. Please contact secretary.burrishoole.mayo@gaa.ie for nomination and motion forms.

Active Retirement Christmas Dinner

Mulranny Active Retirement is holding its Christmas dinner in Nevins Newfield Inn on December 14 at 6pm. The event is open to the Parish. For more info: Mary at 086 168 3894.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara Mayo is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, November 22 at 7.15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more info contact info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888

Thank you from Doherty's Mulranny

Rhona and the team at Doherty's wish to thank most sincerely all who donated so generously to their recent sleep out which raised €3,000 for the homeless charity Focus Ireland.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Noreen Folan, (nee Mc Manamon) USA and Graffy – funeral arrangements later, and Kathleen Kelly (nee Kilcoyne) England and Rosturk - Funeral Mass, Tiernaur, Sat 26th at 11am. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Michael and Rose Mc Manamon, Graffy. Mickie Kelly his son Joseph and family members.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Nov 19th Tiernaur at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

Sunday Nov 20th Newport at 10am:

Michael O Malley, Newport (Months Mind). Tommy Conway, Buckagh and deceased family members. Edward (Junior) Callaghan, his brothers PJ and Mickie and deceased family members. Martin Nevin, Mulranny Rd. James Gibbons, Assbridge. Robert and Sarah Lally, Belmullet

Sunday Nov 20th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Kathleen Ensko, Murrivagh and Carrowbeg. Ellen and Tom Mulgrew and deceased members of the Mulgrew and Mc Neela Families.

Saturday Nov 26th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Mike Moran, Roskeen North. Hughie Cannon, Roskeen. Johnny and Mary B Mc Nulty, Cahereenbrack and deceased family members. Paddy and Mary Hanley, Knockbrega.

Sunday Nov 27th Newport at 10am:

Mary Hughes, Derrada (Months Mind). Lillian Dawe, Swinford (Months Mind). Michael and Mary Keane, Derrykell and deceased members of the Keane and Philbin families. Peter and Celine Chambers, Kilbride, their daughter Ann Duff and son in law Michael Higgins. Sam and Nora Moore and grandson Michael. Michael O Reilly, Rossclave and deceased family members.

Sunday Nov 27th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Michael Masterson, Achill and his parents Brian and Fabina.