

Burrishoole Parish

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On Pilgrimage

I was fortunate to be able to spend last week in Medjugorje. It was my first time, and I travelled as chaplain to a group of 48 Irish pilgrims.

It is 42 years ago now since Our Lady first appeared on a hillside in Medjugorje to six young children from the local parish. Since that moment Our Lady has continued to appear every day to three of the visionaries and once a year to the other three. In 42 years the small Bosnian village of Medjugorje has grown into a major international Marian shrine visited by up to two million pilgrims each year.

Medjugorje is a very prayerful place. Surrounded by rocky hills and mountains covered in dense overgrowth, the first thing that strikes the pilgrim is the sense of quiet and peace which pervades the shrine. Another notable feature of the pilgrimage is the number of young families and young people in general who come to visit. They come in big numbers and are very much part of the various aspects of the pilgrimage.

Central to the message of Medjugorje is the importance of Mass for the followers of Jesus. Again and again Mary in her messages repeats that Mass must be at the centre of our lives. And so the central part of the pilgrimage is the main Mass celebrated out doors behind the parish church each evening at 7pm. Evening Mass is a beautiful experience, celebrated with pilgrims from all over the world. It is preceded at 6pm by the Rosary (10 decades!) and followed at 8pm by Adoration or Veneration of the Holy Cross. Some 3000 pilgrims gather each evening, and eventhough much of the prayer is through Croatian the experience is very sacred indeed.

Those evening gatherings are really special and are enhanced with wonderful music which is almost Taise like. Throughout the day pilgrims also have Mass celebrated in their own language: the 10am Mass being for English speakers. Every pilgrimage will also include a climb up 'Apparition Hill' to the site of the first apparition and for the more robust pilgrims a climb up 'Cross Hill', to the site of a cross erected by the local villagers in 1933, is a

must. Both climbs are tough, with underfoot conditions particular difficult but both provide an opportunity for some penance and some quiet prayer. I managed Cross Hill twice, once on my own and then leading our group in the stations of the Cross. As we climbed it was truly inspiring to see young families doing the Stations of the Cross together, with teenage children and parents taking turn in leading the prayers.

The overall expression of faith in Medjugorje is penitential with a lot of emphasis placed on sin and our need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a very black and white version of Catholicism which sometimes can be a bit severe and can get the emphasis askew - concentrating on the trivial while neglecting the joy and lifegiving gift of our faith. But my few days in Medjugorje were truly enriching, providing for me, as they did, an opportunity to switch off from parish life and to enjoy some time for prayer and renewal in such a special and sacred place. As special and as sunny as it was its always it's nice to get back.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Thanks Fr Billy

Thanks to Fr Billy Sheridan who covered Masses last weekend. He's getting used to it. For my part it was a good ploy to be missing last week for the diocesan changes!

Good News Club

Our Good News Club has finished up for the Summer. A word of sincere gratitude to our parent leaders who so generously gave of their time and energy to run the club since last September. On behalf of the boys and girls and the whole parish community; Thank you! See you in September

Newport Tidy Towns

Newport Tidy Towns are holding their annual bucket collection at various locations in the town this Saturday. Each year they do a tremendous amount of work to ensure Newport is enhanced for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. The collection proceeds will be used towards the cost of these many enhancement projects so, please show your support by giving as generously as you are able.

Congratulations to Cuilmore CCE

All five sets from Newport won medals at the Connacht Fleadh in Ballina and 3 of the sets will now advance to the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Mullingar on August 11, and 12. We wish them the very best!

First Fridays

If you or a family member would like a regular visit from the priest please let the parish office know or contact Fr Tod.

Trócaire

This year's parish Lenten campaign raised a total of €5191.58. Thank you for your ongoing support of Trócaire's work in developing countries

An Bhfuil Gaeilge agat?

Bíonn Ciorcál Comhrá Gaeilge ag Mulranny Arts ar an gcéad agus an tríú Satharn de gach mí ag a dó a chlog i bParlús an tSean Chlochair sa Mhala Raithní agus tá fáilte roimh chách. This open and free event takes place the first and third Saturday of every month at 2pm in the Parlour of The Old Convent in Mulranny (next door to Mulranny Church). Their next event is on Saturday, July 15, at 2pm. Bígí linn!

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on July 5; new jackpot of €500, to be won in 49 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp; all welcome.

Newport Queen Celebration Night

Tickets are available now for the Newport Queen Celebration Night on Saturday, July 8 in Hotel Newport when the Grainne Uaile Festival Queen will be crowned. Finger food with tea or coffee is included for this fun and entertaining evening which will finish on the dancefloor with music by Dazzle Disco. Hostesses can book a table for up to 10 people or individual purchases are welcome. Tickets at €20 must be paid for in advance as the hotel needs to know how many people it has to cater for. They can be purchased from Ashlings or by contacting Carol at 086 253 6433 or Hayley at 086 401 9315.

Stoma Support Fundraiser

A fundraiser climb of Croagh Patrick in aid of Mayo Stoma Support Group will take place on Saturday, July 15. Donation cards are in circulation and all support would be much appreciated. For more information, please contact JJ at 087 230 0580.

Rock Rose House

Thanks to all who contributed to the recent Rock Rose House church gate collection in Mulranny. A total of €192.42 was collected.

Garland Friday

Fr Tod will be climbing Croagh Patrick on Garland Friday, July 28th to celebrate Mass at 10am. Why not join him? Put the date in your diary.

Story Telling Rambling House

Mulranny Arts host a Story Telling evening on the third Monday of every month in The Old Convent in Mulranny. This free event has become a great night with a lovely crowd gathering. Both Story Tellers and Listeners are always welcome. Their next evening is on Monday, July 17, at the later time of 8pm.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Joe Kilroy and his wife Marie

Weekend Masses

Friday July 7th Shramore at 7pm

Bea Loftus and deceased members of the O Malley family.

Saturday July 8th Tiernaur at 7pm

Marty Grady, Roskeen (1st Ann). Mary Cannon, Athy and Roskeen. Matthias and May B moran, Sandhill and deceased family members.

Sunday July 9th Newport at 10am

Jim Mc Manamon, Skirdagh (Months Mind). Tom Conway, Shramore (Months Mind). Paddy and Mary Mc Cormack, Meddlicotte St and deceased members of the Mc Cormack and Sweeney families. Bea Loftus, Comploon

Sunday July 9th Mulranny at 11.30am

The People of the Parish

Saturday July 15th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mary Nevin, Roskeen (Month's Mind). Thomas Moran and deceased family members Castle Road and deceased members of the Moran Family Sandhill.

Sunday July 16th Newport at 10am

Andrew Moran, Derrygarve (Months Mind). Martin Hughes Derradda and his wife Mary.

Sunday July 17th Mulranny at 11.30am

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