

Burrishoole Parish

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Vocation Sunday

By any standard it's an unusual life, in today's world it may even seem like a strange life, but for me at least it is a great life. My life as a priest is often challenging but always fulfilling, it is occasionally demanding but always satisfying, it is sometimes difficult but always rewarding.

For me priesthood is a life filled with blessing and abounding in joy. It is a life where I am inspired and enriched by the people I meet, a life which is varied and busy, a life which is never mundane or ordinary. I am told that someone once asked one of my predecessors, Canon Eamon whether he was ever lonely and he answered that although he was often alone he was never lonely. The same rings true for me. Although I live alone my priesthood brings me into the lives of so many people and their families at times of huge importance for them.

No two days are ever the same. Although daily and weekend Mass provide the regular rhythm of each week, days and weeks will vary according to the time of year or indeed the unpredictability of life; a funeral, a wedding, a baptism, a family crisis, an illness, a bereavement.

This week for example began with First Holy Communion in Newport. What a joy it was to witness and experience the innocent faith of those boys and girls as they made their First Communion, what a privilege it was to get to know those children over the past months. During the week our Confirmation classes went on retreat to Ballintubber and the classes were visited in preparation for Mass at the weekend. This week there was a funeral in the parish. Over the days of a funeral the priest journeys with the bereaved. Visits to the home to offer prayers and to arrange the details of the funeral liturgy are moments of grace for both the grieving family and the local community. The funeral Mass itself is a time of healing and comfort for the family and requires some care and thought in its preparation. As it happens there was also a wedding this weekend which meant that we met for a rehearsal on one of the evenings. Then there are the regular meetings

to be attended. This week I had two School Board of Management meetings added to a number of Diocesan meetings. At any one time there are a number of people unwell in the parish and it is always lovely to be in a position to visit them. The week ended with a visit to Clare Island for an overnight stay and Mass on Saturday morning. A busy week but a fulfilling week.

It is the faith of the community which inspires and motivates me as a priest. Yes, there are moments of darkness and doubt, yes there are times when I feel helpless and inadequate but it is always the faith of the people I serve which keeps me going. I may feel helpless but I never feel hopeless. God carries me. Priesthood is a good life. This Sunday, Vocations Sunday, we are invited to pray for Vocations. Can I invite you to pray for the priests you know but also to pray that young men from our community will be inspired to answer the call to priesthood. And maybe don't just pray, encourage.

God Bless, Fr Tod

May Day Flowers

This Sunday night, April 30th, is the traditional night when flowers are placed at the front doors of homes. The flowers are a sign of welcome to Our Lady – the queen of the May. Why not keep the lovely tradition alive by placing some flowers on your doorstep?

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the 26 boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday in Newport Church. The children of Mulranny School will make their First Holy Communion next Sunday in Mulranny Church at 11.30am Mass

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday May 7th. It will begin with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm. why not go along as a family? All welcome

Confirmation

A Service of Reconciliation for all Confirmation children will be held this Tuesday evening at 7pm in Tiernaur Church at which the boys and girls will have the opportunity of going to Confession. All welcome.

Confirmation Choir

Choir Practice for Confirmation will be held in Newport Church this Tuesday, May 2nd at 8pm. People from all choirs in the parish are encouraged to come along.

First Friday

Next Friday is the Firsts Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas on Thursday and in the Newport area on Friday. Mass in Shramore at 7pm.

Blessing of Mulranny Statue

Thanks to the fantastic work and skill of Mulranny's Men Shed, the recently restored 'Convent' statue of Our Lady now stands resplendent in its new position watching over our church. The statue will be blessed on Monday May 1st at 7pm. All are welcome.

Burrishoole Community Games

Please note there is a change of time for Burrishoole Community Games Athletics Day on Monday, May 1st. It will start at 11am at Burrishoole GAA Pitch and not 12 noon as previously advertised. Please spread the word.

Newport Darkness into Light

The annual Darkness into Light fundraiser for Pieta House will take place on Saturday, May 6th when people are invited to gather at the Heath Centre, Medlicott Street at 4.15am with an unlit torch. The lights will be turned on at 4.30am, just before dawn breaks and afterward everyone will walk around the Quay to Hotel Newport for tea and coffee.

Mayo Cancer Support

MAYO Cancer Support Association is holding a church gate collection on Sunday, May 14, after 11.30am Mass in Mulranny. They are appealing for volunteers to assist with this collection; if you are able to help, please call Orla at 087 817 4546. All support would be very much appreciated. For more information visit www.mayocancersupport.ie

An Bhfuil Gaeilge agat?

Mulranny Arts are delighted to invite Irish speakers of all abilities and ages to their Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversational Circle). 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. Their next event is on Saturday, May 6 at 2pm. Bígí linn!

Newport Bingo

Newport Bingo is back up and running every Wednesday night. M. Cafferkey was the winner of the €100 full house on April 26. The jackpot of €500 is set to be won on 49 calls or less in Hotel Newport when doors open at 7.30pm this Wednesday for an 8pm start.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Rose Mary Mc Nea Carrowsallagh, who died recently. Your prayers are also asked for the repose of the soul of Norah Jennings Knock, mother of Margaret O Donnell, Rosgalive. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny
Pat and Teresa McManamon, Leccarrow. Mary Alice Reilly, Castlebar St and deceased family members. Frank Kelly, Fahy and deceased family members. Deceased members of the O Malley Family, Rossclave. Deceased of the O Malley Family Letterlough. O Grady family, Belclare.

Weds Oratory at 7pm: Patsy Walsh (Mts Mind)

Weekend Masses

Saturday April 29th Tiernaur at 7pm

Winifred and Henry Adamezyk. Sonny Moran and his wife Kathleen, Roskeen

Sunday April 30th Newport at 10am

Michael Mc Nally, son James and grandson Christopher, Derryloughan. Rose and Tony Nixon, Inisower. Sean and Annie Nixon, Mulranny. Nora Conway, Dublin and Shramore. Marsie Reid, Newport

Sunday April 30th Mulranny at 11.30am

Thomas Loftus, Bunahowna. Annie Moran and brothers Sean and Mickie Moran, Mulranny. Lissie and Josie Keane, Rosturk and deceased members of the Ginnelly family. Mary and PJ Keane and deceased members of the Keane family, Murrivagh.

Friday May 5th Shramore at 7pm.

Tommy O Malley, Oakpark and Treenbeg. (Mts Mind)

Saturday May 6th Tiernaur at 7pm

Pat and Norah McLoughlin, Sandhill.

Sunday May 7th Newport at 10am

Patrick and Maureen Geraghty, Cuilmore. Gerard and Elizabeth Braken, Sandymount. Bob and Mary Loftus, Meddlicott St. Patrick and Breege Kelly, Treenbeg and Meddlicott St, their son Jim and daughter Ann.

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