

Burrishoole Parish
November 20th/21st 2021
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What Do You Want For Christmas

And suddenly its Christmas. Well not quiet.... It is however, if you were to gauge by the amount of advertising on our TV screens, *Christmas present buying season!* For the last number of weeks advertisers have bombarded us with ideas on what presents we might buy for our nearest and dearest. From hand drills to perfumes, from toy cars to dancing dolls, the choice is endless. But lest we rush into any hasty decisions we might be encouraged to wait for this Friday's Late Late Toy Show which will give us the most up to date news on all the must have toys and gadgets on the market.

As mentioned here before, I am not great at buying presents – to paraphrase Eamon Dunphy, I may be a great buyer of presents but not the buyer of great presents! I found it particularly difficult to buy for my parents when they were alive. Of course, they always said not to bother and I knew that they appreciated the thought much more much more than the present they might have got. I remember, much to the amusement of my sisters that I once bought a new kettle for my mother for Christmas, which afterwards she always called Tod's kettle!.

There will be no buying of presents for mam or dad this year. This Christmas will be our second Christmas without our parents. We will miss them but we thank God for the great memories we created and shared when they were with us. The kettle is long gone but the time we spent drinking tea and coffee made from it will stay with us forever.

During this *Christmas present buying season* all the emphasis is on what we might buy our children or our adult friends and family. What might you give your elderly parents? Perhaps the best gift is not a present but your presence. In the end that's all that matters.

I recently came across this short piece on the internet. In this *Christmas present buying season* it certainly speaks to me.

'My children ask me each year the same question. After thinking about it, I decided I'd give them my real answer:

What do I want for Christmas?

I want you. I want you to keep coming around, I want you to bring your kids around, I want you to ask me questions, ask my advice, tell me your problems, ask for my opinion, ask for my help. I want you to come over and rant about your problems, rant about life, whatever. Tell me about your job, your worries, my grand babies, continue sharing your life with me. Come over and laugh with me, or laugh at me, I don't care. Hearing you laugh is music to me.

I spent the better part of my life raising you the best way I knew how, and I'm not bragging, but I did a pretty darn good job. Now, give me time to sit back and admire my work, I'm pretty proud of it.

Raid my refrigerator, help yourself, I really don't mind. In fact, I wouldn't want it any other way.

I want you to spend your money making a better life for you and your family, I have the things I need. I want to see you happy and healthy. When you ask me what I want for Christmas, I say "nothing" because you've already been giving me my gift all year. I want you.'

God Bless, Fr Tod

Shramore Church

It is hoped to undertake some refurbishment work on the church in Shramore over the coming months. Contractors/builders are invited to tender quotes. For more information, please contact Fr Tod.

November Graveyard Rosaries

Weather permitting, it is hoped to recite a public Rosary at each of the Parish Cemeteries over the next two Sundays;

Sunday 21 st	12.30pm	Burrishoole
	1pm	Kilbride
Sunday 28 th	12.30pm	Murrivagh
	1pm	Killeen

Pope John Paul II Awards

Due to the current prevalence of the Covid Virus and increasing numbers of cases in the community, next Tuesday's gathering in the Oratory is postponed. We hope to meet to decorate the churches in early December.

Community Choir

The Community Choir continues to rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Tiernaur Church. For more information contact Joanne at 087 6755543.

First Communion/ Confirmation

Due to ever rising Covid numbers it is not advisable to meet with parents at the present time. It is hoped that our Parish Sacramental preparation programmes might begin after Christmas.

Subject to the now all-too-familiar Covid caveats it is provisionally proposed to hold First Communion in Mulranny on the weekend of April 2nd/3rd and in Newport on the weekend of May 14th/15th.

The provisional date for our Parish Confirmation on Saturday March 12th.

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

This weekend is the annual Church Gate collection for St. Vincent De Paul. Our local branch continues to provide support to people within our community who find themselves in crisis, often due to an unexpected change in circumstances. They have helped families with basics such as food, utilities, fuel and education costs. St Vincent De Paul relies very much on local support. Please give what you can this weekend, all funds raised will be spent in the parish. If you would prefer, you can donate online to the following account: BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE56AIBK93708835168044.

The local helpline number 086 418 1000.

Returning to Mass

With the lifting of restrictions Churches no longer are required to limit their capacity. We are however asked to maintain all other protective practices:

- The wearing of facemasks
- Sanitising of hands
- Respecting social distance.

The ribbons have been removed. You are asked however to be aware of the need to give ample space between you and the person next to you and if possible, avoid sitting directly behind someone. Weekday Masses continue in each church.

Mulranny Active Retirement Dinner

Mulranny Active Retirement are holding a social evening with dinner in Nevins, Tiernaur which is open to all in the parish. The meal will commence at 6pm on Friday, December 3. If you would like to attend, please book your place by contacting Mary at 086 168 3894

Glenhest 25 Card Games

Glenhest Community Centre has resumed its Sunday evening 25 card games. The games will regularly take place at 6pm on a Sunday evening for the winter months. All welcome

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Michael Chambers, Shramore and Dan Hoban, Georges Street, Newport who died recently. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Mary and Tommie Keane, Furnace their daughter in law Veronica and deceased members of the Keane and King families. Peadar and Anne Kilroy. Jimmy Finucane, Barrack Hill, Newport.

Weekend Masses

Saturday November 20th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Mike Moran, Roskeen. Ettie McClintock, Newfield and deceased members of the McClintock family. Jim and Katherine O Donnell, Rosgalive

Sunday November 21st Newport at 10am:

Peter and Celine Chambers, Kilbride, their daughter Anne Duff and son in law Michael Higgins. Martin Nevin, Mulranny Rd., James Gibbons, Assbridge. Michael O Reilly, Rossclave. Robert Lally, Belmullet, Sarah Lally, Manchester and deceased family members.

Sunday November 21st Mulranny at 11.30am:

Paddy and Mary Callaghan and deceased members of the Cleary and Callaghan families

Saturday November 27th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Johnny and Mary Bridget McNulty, Cahereenbrack and deceased family members. Paddy and Mary Hanley, Knockbreaga

Sunday November 28th Newport at 10am:

Michael and Mary Keane and deceased members of the Philbin and Keane families. Kate and John Murray, Skirdagh and deceased family members. Hilda and Francis Chambers, Fauleens. Sean Mulchrone, Mulranny Road. Teresa and Michael Nevin, Mullaun and their daughter Angela Irwin.

Sunday November 28th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Michael Masterson and his parents Brian and Sabrina, Achill. John & Rose Loftus, Bunnahowna and their grandson David, Rose Kelly (née Loftus), her husband Dave Kelly and daughter Siobhain Furlong; Padraic Loftus, Mary Ginley (née Loftus) and the deceased members of the Loftus family.