

Burrishoole Parish

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The Challenge!

I have celebrated the Garland Friday Mass on Croagh Patrick for well over thirty years now and it is always a lovely occasion. This year when I was picking up the keys in Westport on the Thursday beforehand I had a quick cup of coffee with Fr Charlie there. The Sunday pilgrimage takes a lot of organising. Masses are said on the summit every hour from 8am, with Confessions available from 7.30am. In speaking about the ever increasing difficulty of finding priests who are available, and able, to do the climb on the Sunday Charlie added that at least, with me about, the Garland Friday Mass was sorted for the next 20 years. As I struggled up the mountain last Friday I had my doubts that Mass was sorted even for that day! At Mass on the summit on Garland Friday we acknowledged that the time will come when there will be no priest to celebrate Mass there on that day, and maybe even on Reek Sunday.

Fittingly, in his homily for Reek Sunday Archbishop Duffy likened the challenge of the pilgrim's climb with the ever increasing challenges facing our Church;

'There are no quick fix solutions or approaches... Instead we journey together on a path that will have many twists and turns and will not always be easy. All developments, innovations and continuity must serve Jesus Christ. We can be confident in this because Christ promised the Holy Spirit to be with us and we continue to pray for His guidance.

The context in which we embark on this path has many expectations but there is one certainty, and one key essential component. The one certainty is the ongoing and sustained decline both in the numbers who practice and in the numbers of those who answer the Lord's call to priesthood and religious life. Each diocese has its own story of this reality. Every parish will be effected by this in terms of the number of clergy available and the number and frequency of Masses. All trends are dramatically downwards with no turning point in sight. I suggest you look at your priest, he may be

the last in a long line of resident pastors and may not be replaced. I suggest you look at your church, you may be lucky to have a Sunday Mass or several, but for how much longer? I suggest you look at your fellow parishioners at Mass, who among your neighbours will continue to be the new leaders and carry on pastoral work in your parish, alongside a much smaller number of clergy? Who among them will lead prayer services and keep faith alive and active through catechesis and other initiatives?'

Archbishop Duffy concluded. 'Should we give up? Certainly not, nor should we let the situation drift. This is a time of decline in some respect but it is a time of great hope. Opportunities are there to be seized.

Is this a good time to be a priest, or, is this a good time to consider becoming a priest, to answer that call? It is the best of times to be a priest, challenging – yes, with risks – yes, with God on our side – yes.

Is this the time to be silent about the Good News of Jesus Christ and to relegate it to the back pages? No, definitely not. This is a time for faith, faith into action, faith into reaching out. 'I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the creator of creation'. Christ be with us, Christ is with us.'

God Bless, Fr Tod

Altar Servers

After over two years we look forward to inviting back our Mass Servers in September. In September new rotas etc will be drawn up.

In the meantime if any boy or girl, or indeed their parents, would like to serve Mass during August they are invited to pop into the sacristy before any weekend Mass. They would be more than welcome and would get a little practice in in advance of September.

Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses

Thank you to all who prepared the Parish Graveyards for last week's Masses and to all who erected Marquees, sang or participated in any Mass. The Graveyard Masses were a lovely occasion and were attended in huge numbers.

Parish Street Party

The Newport Street Party returns again this year on Sunday Aug 28th from 1-5pm. Taking place on the Viaduct, parishioners are invited to bring their own picnic or enjoy some of the BBQ foods on offer. Stalls, Music, Boxy, Pet Farm, Face painting etc.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline

Many families are experiencing great financial hardship at this time. Should your family need help please call the confidential local confidential helpline 086 4181000.

Envelope Collection.

Envelopes can still be dropped off at Mass in the baskets provided. In September we will revert to holding the basket collection during Mass. Collectors will be contacted during the coming weeks inviting them to renew their ministry.

Knock Shrine

The National Novena takes place from August 4th-15th Hear from guest speakers at 3pm and 8pm daily with something for everyone to feel enriched and inspired. Family Day takes place on Sunday 21 August from 11am to 3pm. On Thursday 18th August, we will hold a special Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine. The Ukrainian Community in Ireland and host families are especially invited on this day. Find out more at www.knockshrine.ie

Active Retirement Outings

Mulranny Active Retirement is planning an evening at Ballinrobe Races on Monday, August 22. They will also be attending the Regional Gala Dinner in the Castlecourt Hotel on Wednesday, September 6. If you would like to join them for either of these outings, please contact Mary at 086 168 3894 to register.

Pattern Sports Day

The Pattern Sports Day has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 14. Families are invited to O'Malley's Field at 3pm for fun races to suit all age groups and visitors including egg and spoon and sack races, relay events, and novelty events for the very young. There are medals to be won and the overall winner will take home the Brian Keane Memorial Shield. Entrance is free, all welcome

Weekly Walk to Wellness

Burrishoole GAA club, as part of its Healthy Club Programme, invites all in the community to take part in a Weekly Walk to Wellness starting Wednesday, Aug 10, and continuing every Wednesday for the next number of weeks. Starting at 6pm from McGovern Park to Newport Quay and back. Walkers will establish their own pace with the walking circuit being extended as fitness levels improve. The initiative will culminate with a testing 5k walk on St Stephens Day, followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration

The Annual 33 hr Eucharistic adoration takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine on Thurs/Fri August 11th and 12th. Burrishoole Parish has been invited to cover Thurs from 11-12noon

Mulranny Golf Club Fundraising Am-Am

The Am-Am will be held from Thurs 11-Sun 14 Aug. Great prizes. Teams of 4; €100. For more info please contact Patsy on 087 6198188/098 36262

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Mary Goggins, Fahy, mother of Anna Marie Kilbane, Lecarrow, who died recently. May she rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
John and Joan Gibbons, Acres and deceased members of the Gibbons and Heduvan families. Tommy Hughes, his brother Sean and parents Michael and Bridie, Newbridge St.

Weekend Masses

Friday August 5th Shramore at 7pm

The Deceased of the Parish.

Saturday August 6th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Kathleen Moran (1st Ann) and her husband Sonny, Roskeen. Tom and Ollie Barry (nee Ryan) Laytown and deceased family members. Christy and Rose Murray (nee Byrne) Minnistown and deceased family members.

Sunday August 7th Newport at 10am:

Mary and Michael Keane, Derrykell and deceased members of the O'Brien family. Patrick Conway, Fahy. John Joe and Mary O'Malley, Carramore and deceased family members. John and Kathleen Moran and son James, Quay Rd.

Sunday August 7th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Martin Hanley and deceased members of the Hanley family Mulranny.

Saturday Aug 13th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Sean Chambers, Rosseyvera.

Sunday Aug 14th Newport at 10am:

Marty and Eileen Moran, Ardagh. Margaret Murray, Shramore

Sunday Aug 14th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Yvonne Deculich, New York and Mulranny. Patricia Masterson, Murrivagh and Cellbridge.