

**Burrishoole Parish**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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**The Idea of the Holy**

In the early 1920's Rudolf Otto wrote a book called 'The Idea of the Holy' in which he argued that the foundation of all religious belief comes from an experience of what he calls the 'Holy'. This awareness or sense of the 'wholly other' is not, he explains, based on reason or sensory perception and cannot be defined in terms of rational concept or experience. In short what Otto was saying was that our sense of the 'Holy' is not something which can be taught or gifted to another, rather it is awakened within us when we come into the presence of the sacred.

By no means an easy read, Ottos book became a foundational text in the Philosophy of Religion. Its central tenet however; that religious experience is a sense of the mysterious which is beyond understanding has stayed with me over the years.

Last Sunday evening we assembled at Burrishoole Abbey for our Corpus Christi Procession. We were blessed with a lovely mild summer's evening and a large gathering of parishioners were present. In keeping with tradition, the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year were given pride of place at the front of the procession. It was lovely to see so many of the children dressed up in their finery, strewing petals while leading the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Procession was a spectacle to behold. Led by a traditional religious banner followed by four Mass servers carrying a Cross, two candles and a thurible with the First Communion and Confirmation children being followed by the Blessed Sacrament sheltered under a golden canopy. As the Procession made its way the 300 yards to the Abbey we recited the Rosary and Benediction was offered from the flower adorned ancient altar in the Abbey.

Carrying the Blessed Sacrament from the Old Cemetery to the Abbey it struck me that most of the children, as indeed many of their parents, would never have experienced nor been part of a Corpus Christi Procession before. The age-old ritual of processing with the Blessed Sacrament and of

receiving Benediction, must have seemed strangely odd to their modern and predominantly secular sensitivities. What did they make of the whole experience? I am not sure.

My hope is that an experience such as our Corpus Christi Procession might reawaken not just in the children, but in all of us, a sense of the Holy. That, being part of such a powerful ritual might evoke from us an awareness of the transcendent, a sense that there is something greater than us, an appreciation that some things are better experienced rather than explained.

We live in a very secular world, a world which is perhaps in danger of losing its sense of the Holy. Occasions such as the annual Corpus Christi procession are an opportunity for us to reawaken in ourselves the 'Idea of the Holy', they are an occasion when we experience once again that sense of being in the presence of the sacred, of being in the presence of God.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Corpus Christi Procession**

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Corpus Christi Procession in Burrishoole Abbey last weekend. A special thank you to the boys and girls of the First Communion and Confirmation classes and to their parents. Thanks to the petal collectors and to the Pastoral Council for organising the occasion. It was a lovely experience for all.

**Exam Time**

We wish continued blessing on all our students doing exams at this time. It has been a long two weeks but you are nearly there. Our Exam Candle will continue to light for you as we continue to pray for you.

**Mass Servers**

Just a note of gratitude to our 67 faithful Mass Servers who continue to serve mass each week. Your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated. As is tradition in our parish you are encouraged to serve until September at which point new servers will be invited to join.

**Church Concert**

The Irish Chamber Orchestra return to St Patrick's Church, Newport this coming Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for a concert entitled Americans and Bohemians. The Concert will feature music by Dvorak, Montgomery and Barber and begins at 7,30pm. Tickets are €25 and are available on Eventbrite.ie or at the door.

### **Mulranny Rambling House**

Mulranny Arts Storytelling Rambling House event takes place on the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm in The Old Convent in Mulranny and has become a very popular and entertaining evening. So why join them at this free event for the cup of tea, a sprinkling of music and poetry and some guaranteed laughs. The next evening is on Monday, June 19, at 7.30pm.

### **Mulranny Whist**

Mulranny Whist has now ceased for the Summer months. Many an enjoyable evening was enjoyed in McLoughlin's over the past months while raising funds for local causes. This year the group has made contributions to St Brendan's Nursing Home and Mulranny Tidy Towns in appreciation of their good work.

### **Newport Tidy Towns Bucket Collection**

Newport Tidy Towns are holding their annual bucket collection at various locations in the town on Saturday, July 8. If you can spare an hour or two your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact 086 330 7587.

The collection funds will be used towards the cost of the many enhancement projects the Tidy Towns volunteers take on. Please support the collection and show your appreciation.

### **Seán Mhic Pháidín Rambling House.**

Monday 19th June in Brannens, Newport, an evening to revive the old Irish tradition where people came together to be entertained by songs, recitations, stories, jokes, music, and dance.

All teenagers and adults welcome on the night. A cup of tea and light refreshments will be served at half time! So come and join in for a great night of traditional Irish entertainment and craic, no pressure to perform. Admission €4.

### **Annual Trip to Clare Island**

A great time was had by Newport Set Dancers and members of Cuilmore CCÉ at the annual trip to Clare Island on June 11. Every year Margaret O'Grady the Set Dancing teacher in Clare Island invites the group out for the Junior Céilí and Session and a truly great day was had by everyone. Thanks is given to all who travelled and to the people of the Island for the welcome, kindness, and hospitality given. Proceeds from the céilí were divided between R.N.L.I., Clare Island Set Dancers, Newport Christmas Lights and Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival.

### **Kilbride Cemetery**

As there is no committee at present in Kilbride Cemetery, we are urging people with family buried there to please volunteer and form a new committee to keep up the high standard that has now been set.

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Tom Conway, Shramore and of Mary O Donnell, Ballinrobe – mother of Niamh Murray, Buckagh, both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

### **Weekday Masses at 10am**

*Mon-Tiernaurl/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny*  
Mairead Patten, St Dominicks. Charles and Rose Murray, Kilbride, their daughters Mary and Rita and daughter in law Celine. Peter Dominick Claydon, Carrowbegfergus..

### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> Tiernaurl at 7pm**

Lilly and Denis Gallagher. Rose Cusack, Ardagh.

#### **Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am**

Bobby Hanrahan, Newport (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Jack and Nora McNeela, daughter Mary and granddaughter Marie, Letterlough. Mary Kilkerr, Shramore. Mary Kelly, Castlebar St., and Tom and Josephine Quinn, Rossow. Mike and Julia O Boyle Castlebar St and Lettermaghera and deceased members of the O Boyle, O Neill and McAndrew families.

#### **Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am**

Vincent Masterson, Mulranny (Months Mind), his brother Michael and father Bernie. Mick and Annie Heraty, Drummin. Mel P Moran, Mulranny and deceased family members. Sean Moran (Post) and brother Mickey and sister Annie.

#### **Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> Tiernaurl at 7pm**

Belinda Smith, Roskeen. Michael and Mary Agnes Cusack. Deceased members of the Chambers family, Knockloughra.

#### **Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am**

John Moran, Celbridge and Shraloggy (Month's Mind). Tom and Ciss Mulchrone, Derryloughan, their daughter Mary Kelly and son in law Frank Burke. Paul and Maggie Dyra, Kilbride. Paddy and Bridgie Gibbons, Westport. Margaret Callaghan and deceased Moran and Callaghan family.

#### **Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am**

Tom Ginnelly and daughter Caroline, Rosturk. Mary Loftus, Bunnahowna.