

Burrishoole Parish
November 7th/ November 8th, 2020
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Praying on the Frontline.

I for one have to admit that I am finding this level 5 lockdown more challenging than the full lockdown we experienced earlier in the year. The novelty factor is certainly long gone and the long dark evenings combined with the wintry weather make for hard going. During the first lockdown we enjoyed a prolonged period of fine weather which allowed us to be out and about pottering about in the garden or to go for a run or a walk late into the Summer evenings.

It has now been over seven months now since we have been able to gather as a community to celebrate Mass. Seven months is a long time. We yearn for community and although never the same, we are thankful for the possibilities which technology offers us to come together as a virtual community for Mass. Parish radio and Facebook continue to be a wonderful resource for us as a parish. Up to 300 people will check in on Facebook alone to Weekday Masses with that number often reaching over 1000 for Weekend Masses! We are a community scattered across the parish and beyond. It's a beautiful thing to think that despite the restrictions that we share so that the most vulnerable might be safe, a praying community continues to gather each day to pray for our parish and for our world.

Our daily virtual gatherings have become an important part of many parishioners' lives. I imagine in some homes the breakfast things been put away and the decks been cleared in preparation for Mass. But others will watch and participate while eating breakfast, more while having a coffee in the front room, while there are some who join in in the comfort of their beds. All are welcome.

It's both comforting and heartening for people who find these days long and lonely to know that they are very much part of a group which gathers to pray each day and its lovely to see them virtually greet each other through Facebook. But there is more to it than that. By gathering each day to pray we are playing a vital role, if not an essential role for our parish community. We are that quiet powerhouse

of prayerful support for those working on the frontline, we are a comforting presence for the lonely and the isolated and we are an assurance of strength for those struggling loss of employment and financial worry.

Despite all the talk of the 'new normal', what has now become normal for us has not become easy. This lockdown is challenging for many of us in different ways. As we make our way through this second lockdown it's important that we don't forget about each other; it's important that even though we are separated and even isolated that we stand together and that we pray together as community. As a community we are only as strong as the care we give to the weakest among us. Each of us has a role to play. Each of us are on the frontline fighting against this virus. For some that frontline is working in a hospital ICU unit but for others it is simply praying while listening to a radio or in front of a computer screen. Why not join us?

God Bless, Fr Tod

Parish Volunteer Group

We have a Parish Volunteer Group set up which is available to assist those who are cocooning or in self-isolation with collecting messages, prescriptions etc. If you need anything please call Fr Tod on 098 41123 or Guard Ronan O Grady on 086 8333535. We are here to help

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. These are challenging times for many people. With Masses currently suspended envelopes can be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. If it is more convenient to hold on to the envelopes for a number of weeks please do so. Thank you

Music in our Churches

The Coronavirus has meant that for the past seven months we have not enjoyed the singing of our wonderful parish choirs during regular weekend Masses. Choirs will not be permitted to sing in church for the foreseeable future. This does not however mean that we can not have music at Mass. Music is a beautiful way to enhance our liturgies and to raise both our spirits and our souls. It is possible for small, socially distanced groups to provide music at Mass. If you, or your group would be willing to play/sing at Mass please contact Fr Tod or the parish office. In doing so you will be gifting something beautiful to your parish community.

Mulranny Envelopes

As and from this weekend parishioners in the Mulranny area are asked to drop off parish envelopes into the box provided at the rear of the church. Thank you

Visits to Sick and Housebound

During Level 5 restrictions Regular First Friday visits have been suspended. If however any parishioner would like a visit from Fr Tod please contact Fr Tod or the parish office.

Senior Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Phone 1800 80 45 91

Clew Bay Oyster Co-op online AGM

The Clew Bay Oyster Cooperative will hold their AGM online on Tuesday, November 17 at 7pm. Members wishing to attend are invited to email their name, address, and member number to ClewBayCoop@gmail.com. Login instructions will then be sent, prior to the meeting, to those wishing to attend. The board of the Co-op wishes to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and looks forward to a time when the AGM can go back to normal attendance procedures.

Burrishoole Graveyard Collection

The Graveyard Committee are appealing to all households in the area whose loved ones are at rest in Burrishoole Graveyard to make a donation toward the costs of maintaining the graveyard. A GoFundme site has been set up to help raise badly needed funds. It's an easy way to support the work of the Committee in keeping and maintaining the graveyard. To make a donation search; gofundme - Burrishoole Graveyard

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended. Our churches remain open and you are invited to drop in at any time.

Remembering the Dead

We pray for the souls of Brendan Moran, Leicestershire, England and formerly of Rosturk, Mulranny; brother of Maureen McGovern, Newport, Kevin & Bernie Moran, Rosturk & Kathleen McManamon Tonragee, Achill. And of Jo Burns, Ballyvaughan, Co Clare, sister of the late Tony Burns, Knocknageeha. We extend sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased. May their souls rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

All Masses available on Facebook and on Parish Radio

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10am:
Patrick & Mary Costello, Knocknageeha; John Guilfoyle, Shanballyhue.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday November 7th at 7pm:

Patrick, William Cusack; Teresa McLoughlin née Cusack, her daughter Rose O'Callaghan & deceased members of the McLoughlin & Cusack families, Rosturk & Roskeen. Annie and John O Malley and daughter Bea Loftus. Seán Chambers, Trienbeg. PJ Chambers, Cleveland

Sunday November 8th at 10am:

Annual Remembrance Mass

Saturday November 14th at 7pm:

Brigid McLoughlin, Sandhill & dec family members; Jim & Teresa Cooney, Kilmeena; Martin & Margaret Moran, Castle Road, Carrowbeg.

Sunday November 15th at 10am:

Johnny McGovern, Quay Road, Newport (Months Mind); Peadar Kilroy, Carrowbaun; Brian Keane, Skirdagh, grandparents Tom & Nancy Keane & their son James; Peter & Nancy McManamon, Shramore; Martin Nevin, Mulranny Road, Newport; James Gibbons, Assbridge; Robert Lally, Belmullet & Sarah Lally, Manchester. Edward (Jnr) Callaghan, Mulranny Road & brothers P.J. & Mickie.