

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Aug 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 2022**

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**A New Kind of Church**

Since becoming Pope, Pope Francis has sought to open the Church to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. In the spirit of Vatican II he is eager that we as Church read the 'signs of the times' and discern where Holy Spirit is leading us. Pope Francis speaks of the Universal Church as a 'Synodal' Church. Being 'Synodal' simply means that we walk together while listening prayerfully to each other and to God in order to find where God is calling us to be.

In March 2021 the Irish Church began its own synodal journey. As individuals, as parish groups, as interest groups, as dioceses we have walked together exploring what are the challenges we face as Church, what issues need to be prioritised, what needs to be changed? Meetings were held and submissions made and last Tuesday a summary of the main themes raised was published in advance of it being sent to Rome.

Fifteen themes emerged:

Abuse as Part of the Story of the Church. Our experience of clerical sexual abuse and how it was dealt with is still an 'open wound' for our Church

Co-Responsible Leadership. The church is still reliant on old and outdated structures. There is need for greater accountability and transparency.

Clergy. While the work of clergy is deeply appreciated, a huge concern was expressed for our aging clergy. Optional celibacy, female priests and a return of those who had left the priesthood to marry were called for.

Lay Ministry. Lay people should be involved in leadership and teaching roles as part of their mission as baptised Catholics.

Sense of Belonging. Many people feel they don't really belong. The Church should intentionally be more welcoming and inclusive towards all.

The Role of Women in the Church. Women have a special place in the Church but not an equal place. Ordination to the priesthood and the permanent diaconate should be open to women.

LGBTQI+. LGBTQI+ people should be fully included in the church. Church teaching needs to reflect modern understanding of human sexuality.

Sexuality and Relationships. Church teaching is out of touch with modern experience. Church rules for divorced and remarried Catholics are draconian.

Adult Faith Formation. Adult Catholics need to be formed in their faith. Opportunities to learn the fundamentals of the faith are vital for its future.

Liturgy. While funerals and special occasions were celebrated extremely well, Church liturgies are often experienced as flat and boring.

Youth. Church teaching seems out of touch with their life experience. Poor liturgy and a lack of sense of community lead to disengagement.

Education and Catechesis. Sacramental moments are hugely important. The faith community should be the central place of catechesis for families.

Family. Families come in many forms and need support in the transmission of faith. The vocation to single life should be recognised and honoured.

Covid 19 Pandemic. Covid has impacted greatly the practice of the faith. Some felt Covid has accelerated the decline of church engagement while others acknowledged that it brought the Church out of the building and into the home.

Culture. The Catholic Church is now on the periphery of society and is often seen as irrelevant. The full report of the Irish Synodal process can be found on [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie). It is well worth reading.

Every country in the world has been invited to carry out a similar process. The Irish report will be part of an overall synthesis which will form the agenda for the next gathering of the Universal Church in Rome. What then?

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Begin Again September**

After over two years September will be our Parish Begin Again month. In September we hope to start up our Good News Club and reintroduce Rotas for our Mass Servers. September will see the Do This in Memory First Communion preparation programme return and the You Shall Be My Witnesses Confirmation programme. September will also be the month that we reintroduce basket collections and reintroduce a rota of counters. We also will look for some more Readers and Eucharistic ministers. Please give some thought as to how you might get involved as we Begin Again

**Facebook Masses**

During Covid the internet allowed us to gather and pray together as a virtual community. With the return to Mass, numbers participating via the Internet has dropped considerably. From September we will begin cutting back on the number of Masses that we broadcast over the Internet.

### **Parish Street Party**

The Newport Street Party returns again this year on next Sunday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Newport 300 – Irish Concert Orchestra**

Newport 300 will host the Irish Chamber Orchestra in St Patricks Church, Newport on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The Orchestra make a welcome return to Newport and the concert entitled 'Shostakovich, Frost and Glass' will be their only performance in Connaught. Tickets €20 on sale on Eventbrite.ie.

### **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.

### **Mayo Stoma Support Group**

The Group will meet on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. A nurse from the Dansac product company will also be in attendance. For more information and to book a place contact JJ on 087-2300580"

### **Waste Metal Skip Appeal**

The BCP committee has placed a waste metal skip at the entrance to the new Community Hall/Pitch on Glenhest Road. If you have any scrap metal you no longer need, the committee would appreciate it if you could dispose of it in their skip. Each full skip of metal provides welcome additional income to address building and development costs.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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!

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Peter McGee, Sandymount, Newport and Catherine O Donnell, Sandhill, Newport. May they rest in peace

### **Mass Schedule**

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

*Mon-Tiernaur, Tues-Newport, Fri-Mulranny and Friday 7pm Newport (Note no Thursday Mass)*  
David Walsh and his grandparents Maureen and Paddy Walsh

#### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Gus Moran, Roskeen. Oonagh Barton, Tiernaur

#### **Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Annie and Tim Davitt, Quay Rd. Teresa Lavelle, Rossclave. Joe Lynam, London. Joe and Marie Kilroy, Chicago and Newport and deceased members of the Kilroy and Spellman families.

#### **Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Willie O Malley, Mulranny, (1st Ann)

#### **Saturday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm.**

Marty Grady, Sandhill (Months Mind). Mary Moran, Mulranny Rd and Sandhill, her husband Jack and their daughter Christine and the deceased members of the O Donnell and Moran families.

#### **Sunday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Nora and Bill Chambers, Clareview and their daughter in law Clare. Paddy and Julia Nolan and deceased members of the Nolan and Flaherty families

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The People of the Parish