

Burrishoole Parish

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Where there is a will...

I made my will last week. It was the first time I have made a will and the whole experience was very sobering indeed. The making of a will somehow makes incredibly real our own mortality.

Making a will is one of the things that the Diocese advises a priest to do as soon as he is ordained. I think the Diocese' concern is not so much that the priest will have his financial affairs in order but more that he make known any specific requirements he has around his funeral and burial arrangements. It was a piece of Diocesan advise which I successfully ignored until now.

As I waited for the solicitor to call me in, I wondered to myself why, after almost 35 years, I was finally about to do something I should have done long ago. Perhaps it's the age I'm at, maybe it's the troubled world in which we find ourselves or it might be simply because of my recent experience of my parents' deaths.

Certainly, as the executor of my parents' wills, I had experienced at first hand the value of having thought through what will happen after I die to whatever possessions I might have. There was a certain pride in me being able to fulfil my parents' requests even after they were gone. To know that I in some way was realising their final wishes meant a lot to me. But the realisation of their final wishes also meant a lot to my sisters and their families – not so much because of anything they might have been left, but because it meant my parents had 'remembered' them. It may seem like a small thing, but I think knowing that they are 'remembered' is hugely important and comforting to those who are left behind.

The making of a will urges us to consider who are the important people in our lives - who are the people we would like to 'remember'. For someone with a family the answer to that question might be obvious but for a priest, as a single person, it is not a question that I would consider too often.

Who we would like to remember is not the first question a solicitor asks when you are about to make a will. The first question the solicitor asks is what have you got to leave? In my case the answer

to that question wasn't too difficult! In terms of monetary value, I won't be leaving much behind. But I would like to be remembered.

I would like to think that when I am gone the mention of my name will bring a smile to people's faces. That people might say that he was good to be around and that you left his company feeling better that you had met him. I would like to be remembered as someone who tried his best to live a good life, who often fell short but who never stopped trying. I would like to think that I made some small difference to people's lives and that by the way in which I lived my life others become open to the grace of God in theirs. On a personal note, I hope that my nephew and nieces will feel proud of their uncle and know that he loved them dearly.

My experience of making a will was a reminder to me of my own mortality. It made me stop and think not so much about what I might leave behind but more about how I'd like to be remembered. It's a work in progress. Where there's a will...

God Bless, Fr Tod

Pastoral Council

Our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council will hold its first full meeting this Wednesday at 7.30pm. Thank you to all involved.

First Communion/Confirmation Dates

First Communion will be celebrated in Newport on Sunday April 23rd and will be celebrated in Mulranny on Sunday May 7th.

The children of 5th and 6th class of our three primary schools will be Confirmed by Archbishop Duffy on Saturday May 13th.

Our parish First Communion preparation programme will begin next month and parish preparation for Confirmation will begin after Christmas.

Good News Club

The Good News Club for children aged from 4 years old to First Class will begin again in October. The Good News Club meets during Sunday Mass and engages with children through the reading of a more child friendly version of the Gospel and through drawing and colouring. A short meeting of parents who would like to be involved will be held on Monday Sept 26th at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline

Should your family need help please call the confidential local confidential helpline 086 4181000.

Changing Banks

With Ulster Bank leaving the market we have had to switch our Parish Church Account to AIB. The process of switching will be done over a number of months and during that time both accounts will be active. The parish will contact all parishioners who contribute to the weekly collections via Direct Debit to advise them of the change. New account details: Name; Burrishoole Parish. Iban IE23AIBK93716943416098

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Tues 5-6pm and every Thurs 8 -10pm in the Oratory, Newport. Come along and spend some time in the presence of Jesus! Bring your cares and worries and leave them with Him at the foot of the cross. All are welcome.

Down Syndrome Ireland

On the weekend of September 17/18, there will be church gate collections in the parish on behalf of the Mayo Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland. They are looking for volunteers to collect outside of Tiernaur, Newport, and Mulranny churches on these dates. Please contact Paula Dunne at 086 192 8622 if you are able to help.

Mulranny ICA Meetings Resume

Mulranny ICA will resume its monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 13. The meeting will be at the usual time of 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny and all are very welcome.

Mayo Cancer Support Outreach Clinic

The next date for Mayo Cancer Support's Achill Outreach Service is Thursday, September 15. They provide free emotional support to people affected by cancer. This service is by appointment only at Achill Primary Healthcare Centre. For more information or to book an appointment call 094 903 8407 or 087 280 4164.

Information meeting about ACRES

The Rural Ireland Organisation is hosting an information meeting about the latest Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) at 8.30pm in Hiney's Bar, Crossmolina this Thursday 15. All are welcome.

Mulranny Whist Group Mass

Mass will be held in Mulranny Church on Friday, September 16 at 10am for all deceased members of the Mulranny Whist Group. Members are invited to McLoughlin's afterward for a cup of coffee.

The Light of the Parish

In a time of ever-increasing awareness of our responsibility to conserve energy and to protect the environment a new nocturnal lighting scheme for Newport Parish church has been designed. The new scheme will reduce energy levels by almost two thirds, diminish our carbon footprint and significantly lower costs. The new design can be seen in the church porch. Please pop in and have a look.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Mary Mc Tighe, Newport, whose funeral took place last week. May she rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri/Mulranny
Deceased members of the Mulranny Whist Club. Rose and Charlie Murray, Kilbride and their daughters Rita and Mary

Weekend Masses

Saturday Sept 10th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Deirdre, Katie and Thady Moran, Roskeen

Sunday Sept 11th Newport at 10am:

Paddy and Baby Chambers and deceased members of the Chambers family, Cloonfoher and Corcoran family Laherdaune. Peg O Malley, Rossclave. Martin McGuire, Knockbreaga, Mary and Patrick Mulchrone, Tawnyougaune.

Sunday Sept 11th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday Sept 17th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Catherine O Donnell, Sandhill (Months Mind). Yvonne Moran, Rosturk. Seamus O Malley, Shraloggy. Paddy Nevin, Newfield, son David and sister Mary Mc Namara, USA

Sunday Sept 18th Newport at 10am:

Peter Mc Gee, Sanymount (Months Mind). Des Fitzgerald Barrack Hill. (1st Ann) and deceased members of the Fitzgerald family. Jim Walsh, Derryloghan. Bernadette Fergus, Acres. Deceased members of the Gorman family, Doontrusk.

Sunday Sept 18th Mulranny at 11.30am:

May Kilkenny, Murrivagh (Months mind) and deceased members of the Kilkenny and Masterson families. Peter and Helen Mc Nea, Carrowsallagh. Patrick and Rose Barrett, Murrivagh.