

Burrishoole Parish

December 26th 2021

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Christmas Blessings!

Happy Christmas!

As you read this my prayer for you is that you have had and indeed are having, the opportunity to cherish and enjoy all the blessings and wonders which Christmas entails. Of all the times of the year Christmas is the time for family and friends. It's lovely to be able to simply waste time with the people we love.

Many families this year will have celebrated Christmas separated from their loved ones - sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, grandchildren unable to travel home. The marvels of Skype and Facetime can never quite make up for absent family members.

For some this Christmas marks their first Christmas without a beloved father or mother, brother or sister, son or daughter. Christmas can be a particularly difficult and lonely time for many people. Our thoughts are very much with you over these days.

As a parish we send Christmas blessings to parishioners scattered around the world. Wherever you are we miss you and look forward to a time when families can freely meet up again.

Each year the Christmas story warms our hearts. It rekindles in us memories of Christmas past, of carol singing at Midnight Mass, of Santy's visits on magical Christmas mornings, of time spent with loved ones no longer with us, of full tummies and dozy evenings. But the Christmas story is more than just a story. It is a challenge to each of us.

What parts of our lives need to be opened up to the life-giving presence of Jesus, where in our world is Jesus seeking to be born? How do I welcome Jesus in the stranger and the outcast? Does my life reflect the joy of all that Christmas means beyond Christmas day? How is my life a Christmas blessing for my family and my community?

When you look for me at Christmas
...you won't need a special star –
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of me
amid the celebrations –
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

May you have a blessed Christmas. May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

Happy Christmas, Fr Tod

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped make Christmas so special again this year. Thank you to those who prepared and decorated the churches, to the crib builders and to the cleaners. A particular word of gratitude to our choirs.

Thank you too to all the local voluntary community, sporting and social organisations who each year contribute so much to the building of community spirit in our parish.

On a personal note I would like to thank all who continue to support me with your love, friendship and kindness. It is deeply appreciated.

At a time when we are unable to gather as we might like in our churches your financial support for your parish, and for me as your priest, is nothing short of inspiring.

Weekday Masses

Please note that there will be just one weekday Mass this week. Mass will be celebrated in the Oratory, Newport at 7pm on Thursday 30th. Mass on New Year's Day will be celebrated in the Parish Church on Saturday January 1st at 12noon.

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. In these very difficult times your generosity is deeply appreciated.

The Priest's Christmas Collection (Blue Envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most

Refugee Aid

Parishioner Jennifer Morice (Acres) will be volunteering for the month of January with the refugees caught up in Calais. A list of much needed items is available on her Facebook page and if you would like to make a monetary donation you can drop it off at the Parish office or contact her on jennifer_morice@hotmail.com.

Parish Magazine 2021

The 2021 edition of the parish magazine is currently available at the usual outlets in Newport and Mulranny. Packed full of accounts of the highlights in business, sporting, social, artistic and cultural happenings during the year, there are also items of local historical interest.

The magazine is on sale in Newport Pharmacy, Keane's Butchers, Ashling's, Kelly's Butchers, Sheridan's Centra, Newport Post Office, Kelly's Garage, Doherty's Mulranny, and Mulranny Post Office. It costs €8 and makes an ideal stocking filler for friends and loved ones for Christmas.

Funerals

Just a note to remind parishioners that on the occasion of a Funeral the daily Mass on that day will be cancelled.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Martin Carey, Murrivagh and Chris Cusack, Watford both of whom died during the week. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Intentions:

7pm Thursday – The Oratory, Newport
Christopher Mc Nally, Newport.

Weekend Masses

Sunday December 26th Newport at 11am:

Patrick and Julia Keane, Derryloughan and their daughter Mary Catherine. Dickie Mairs, Carrowkennedy

Sunday December 26th Mulranny at 12.30pm:

Frank and Annie Grealis and deceased family members, Cushleca

Saturday January 1st Newport at 12noon

The People of the Parish

Saturday January 1st Tiernaur at 7pm:

Catherine and Florence O Sullivan

Sunday January 2nd Newport at 10am:

Tommy Lavelle, Furnace. John Francis Chambers, Kiltarnet

Sunday January 2nd Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mickey Moran, Mulranny. James and Mary McIntyre, Murrivagh. JJ Fitzpatrick, his parents John and Alice and the deceased members of the McLoughlin and Carolan families.