

Burrishoole Parish
February 5th/6th 2022
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Confirming Faith

There was a time when children just caught faith. It was in the air! They lived in a world which acknowledged the holy and revered the sacred. Their homes were places where prayer wasn't a stranger and where holy water fonts and sacred heart lights hung comfortably on the walls. Everyone knew their local priests and the topic at Sunday dinner inevitably returned to what was said at Mass that morning. It was a time when children were sprinkled with holy water as they entered and left their homes, when they blessed themselves - like everyone else - when a funeral passed and when the Angelus bells rang they stopped to acknowledge the moment. It was a world of novenas and sodalities, of devotions and benediction, of brothers and nuns.

It wasn't a perfect world, in fact we now know that it was often a world where power was abused, where fear hid in the shadows and where dark secrets rested uneasily amid an outward appearance of perfection. Yet despite its many failings it was a world where faith was nurtured in the ordinary and everyday, where the sense of God's presence was real and where children grew up, almost unknowingly to themselves with an awareness of God's presence in their lives.

That world is long gone – the baby gone with the bathwater! Faith is no longer in the air. In fact, the opposite might well be true. Much of our modern media is deliberately and unapologetically anti faith. We now live in a world where faith and religious practice is portrayed as inhibiting and outdated.

Today parents and indeed the wider faith community need to be much more deliberate in their passing on of faith to their children. They must decide that faith is important for them and for their children. If we want our children to grow up with an awareness of God in their lives, then parents and the wider faith community have to intentionally take on the responsibility for making that happen. Each one of us has a role to play in gifting faith to the next generation. We confirm the faith of our

children by valuing our relationship with God in our own lives, by creating space for God in our homes, by living openly Christian lives characterised by a thirst for justice, truth and peace. We confirm the faith of our children by prioritising the practice of faith in our homes and with our parish community. If we are to gift faith to our children, if we are to confirm them in their faith then we must be intentional in how we do it.

In just over 6 weeks' time 27 boys and girls from our parish will make their Confirmation. At their Confirmation they will confirm a decision made for them by their parents at their baptism. They say 'yes' to and are ready to take on that faith for themselves. In making that commitment they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament doesn't give faith, it 'confirms' a faith already present.

Over the years the Archbishop visited our parish every two years to confirm our children in the faith. In doing so he was confirming the work done by the faith community in the passing on of faith. Last year and again this year confirmation will be celebrated by Fr Tod, perhaps reminding us that faith isn't confirmed from outside the community, in the end it is confirmed by the community itself.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Confirmation

Confirmation takes place this year in our parish on Saturday, March 12th. Twenty-seven children from Holy Family NS, Newport will be confirmed by Fr Tod at a ceremony in the parish church at 2pm. Due to Covid they were unable to make their Confirmation last year.

A meeting of parents and their children will take place next Thursday evening at 7pm in the Parish Church.

Envelope Boxes

Thank you to all who contribute to the parish through the use of parish envelopes. It is a tribute to your faith and generosity that despite Covid 19 the parish finances have held up. Use of the envelope system also allows the parish to claim back tax via the CHY3 tax refund scheme when the annual total in contributions exceed over €250.

Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now being prepared. If you aren't receiving a box and would like to, or alternatively if you are receiving a box and would prefer not to, or if changes need to be made to the name or the address, please let the parish office know over the coming weeks.

Newport Church Update

Work on the new powerline into the Parish Church will continue into next week. The Church will remain closed until the work is completed.

First Communion/Confirmation

Subject to the now all-too-familiar Covid caveats it is provisionally proposed to hold First Communion in Mulranny on the weekend of April 2nd/3rd and in Newport on the weekend of May 14th/15th. The provisional date for our Parish Confirmation on Saturday March 12th.

Tiernaur Community Choir

Tiernaur choir recommence practicing this Tuesday at 8pm in Tiernaur Church. All welcome, particularly new members!

Best of Luck

We wish the very best of luck to our near neighbours and friends Kilmeena GAA in this weekends All Ireland Junior Football Final. Beir Bua agus Beannacht!

Mulranny ICA Meeting

Mulranny ICA will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, 8th February at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. Members are requested to bring along their old ICA photos to create a display. The group will be doing some 'wool' unravelling and winding. All welcome.

Burrishoole GAA - Volunteers Wanted!

Going into a new year Burrishoole GAA are looking for new members & volunteers! There are roles for all... Please contact the Club if you would like to get involved...It is a super club and they would Love to have you! Please contact burrishoolepro@gmail.com for more details

Anger Management

Is Anger Hurting You Or Your Family? Knock Counselling Service is running a 5-evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tue 1st Feb , 7pm - 9pm. To register, contact Peter Devers at 087 798 9253 or log onto www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

Covid 19

You are reminded to use the hand sanitizer on entering the Church and that masks continue must be worn. In the event that Fr Tod tests positive all weekday and Sunday Masses with a congregation will cease. Mass will continue via Facebook.

Mayo Cancer Support

Mayo Cancer Support offers a range of emotional support to people with cancer and their families. Call 094 9038407 for information.

Newport St Patricks Day Parade

Newport St Patricks Day Parade Committee is delighted to announce that plans are under way for a return of the parade. There will be a short planning meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 8.30pm in Walsh's Bridge Inn (upstairs). The meeting is open to everyone so let's all get together and make it the best parade yet.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Anne Sherry, Birmingham late of Sandhill, sister of Neil O Donnell, Sandhill and Martin Gibbons, Dublin late of Rossclave brother of Tony Gibbons, Newport. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Imelda Monaghan, Dublin. Bridgie Masterson (Frank), Mulranny. (No Mass on Friday 11th - Fr Tod in Clare Island)

Weekend Masses

Friday February 4th Shramore 7pm

The People of the Parish.

Saturday February 5th Tiernaur at 7pm

Wyn and John Loftus, Bunahowna

Sunday February 6th Newport at 10am:

Mary Kilkerr, Shramore (Months Mind)

Sunday February 6th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Margaret and Patrick King, Mulranny. Maria Grealis and her husband Anthony, Duffbeg. Dan Coughlan, Bunahowna

Saturday February 12th Tiernaur at 7pm:

John and Mary Ann Cannon, Roskeen.

Sunday February 13th Newport at 10am:

James Ryder, Kilbride and parents James and Charlotte. Pauline and Michael Sheridan and daughter Susan, Castlebar St. Bernie and Charlie O Donnell, Derrylahan. Bridget and Peter Doherty, Cuilmore PO and deceased members of the Doherty and Chambers families.

Sunday February 13th Mulranny at 11.30am:

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