

Burrishoole Parish
5th / 6th December 2020
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Christmas Presence

Christmas present shopping is just not my thing. I like to think that this is not because I am mean spirited or simply a Christmas Grinch but rather because, as it turns out, it is nearly all women/girls in my family which makes my present shopping all the more challenging. In an effort to make my shopping easier and the presents more appropriate and useful I usually make a few not-so-discreet enquiries beforehand. Although the element of surprise may be lost everybody is happier with the results. The element of surprise is not that important when it comes to present giving and receiving.

Since Lockdown began, I have had occasion over the last few months to order stuff for myself over the internet. I have found the experience interesting to say the least. Although I did the ordering for myself and therefore there was no element of surprise when the package arrived, I must admit to a certain level of excitement when the knock came to the door. Not only that: having 'tracked' the package across the country and counted down the days until its scheduled arrival I was somehow turned into my 10 year old self as I impatiently tore open the packaging to reveal my new runners. The excitement! It was like giving myself a present!

Sometimes the best presents do not need the element of surprise; the birth of a newborn baby, the results of exams, the hard earned promotion, the longed-for shoes that you asked for, the return of a son or daughter for Christmas.

At Advent we don't pretend that Jesus hasn't been born. When Christmas comes there is no element of surprise. Jesus was born once and for all. Our Advent preparation for Christmas is that Jesus might find a home in our hearts and in our lives. We prepare as a community to welcome him not just in the form of the new born baby but we prepare to welcome him in ourselves and in those we love as well as in the stranger and the outcast.

The real present of Christmas is not a surprise. It is His presence amongst us – the Word made flesh. Emmanuel – God with us. At Christmas we open

our hearts, our souls our very beings and make space for his presence.

God Bless, Fr Tod

An Invitation

Christmas Mass

Parish - A Family of Families

7pm Christmas Eve

Join us on Facebook or Parish Radio

We gather in prayer as a community

We gather from our homes

We gather as One

Christmas Masses

Throughout the Christmas period numbers allowed to be physically present to participate at Mass will be severely limited. Masses will be celebrated in each of our Churches but it will not be possible for everyone to attend.

Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated in Newport Church at 7pm and in Tiernaur Church at 9pm. Mass on Christmas Day will be celebrated in Newport Church at 10am and at 11.30am in Mulranny Church

7pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be our Parish Family Mass. Families and households of the parish are invited to gather in their homes around their kitchen table and to participate in Mass through parish radio or Facebook. As a sign of solidarity and a symbol of our unity we invite every family to light a candle and place it in the porch or on a windowsill of their home for the duration of the Mass.

The Parish will prepare a pack for each household which will include among other things a candle, some straw from the crib, a prayer card, something for the children and a little Christmas memento. Packs will be distributed through the schools and made available in the Churches. At the end of Mass each family will be invited to say a family prayer together uniting the whole parish in one voice. Mass will finish with the ringing of the church bells and households are encouraged to go to their door to ring a bell, announcing to each other and to the world the birth of Jesus.

Baby Jesus Sunday

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is the day we bless the Baby Jesus' of our Parish. Since numbers which attend Mass are restricted and families are unable to come to church you are invited to bring your Baby Jesus to the Church during the week and to leave in on the Sanctuary. The baby Jesus will be blessed at Masses next weekend and can be collected afterwards.

Reconciliation/Healing Service

Individual Confessions will not be possible this Christmas. A Parish Service of Reconciliation and Healing will be held via Facebook and Parish Radio on Monday December 21st at 7pm. The Service will allow us as a community and as individuals to explore where in our lives we are in need of healing and forgiveness and to seek God's comfort and implore God's mercy.

St Vincent de Paul

Our local society always welcomes donations both big and small. This year they were unable to have a church gate collection. Should you be in a position to give please do so by contacting 0818 176 176 or at www.svp.ie/stbridgetsnewportappeal

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. If you are in a position to do so you can now drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

Newport Christmas Lights

Newport Christmas Lights Committee has started a GoFundMe campaign to help cover the expense of this year's lights. They had to abandon their usual fundraising due to Covid restrictions, and now desperately need your help. If you are enjoying the warmth and cheer the lights bring, please donate through their GoFundMe page or leave a donation at Keanes Butchers. Your help, no matter how small, is hugely appreciated.

Burrishoole Graveyard Bins

The introduction of bins to the graveyard for the disposal of dead flowers etc. has been very successful and the committee are delighted they are being used as intended. However, after the last collection the council advised the bins were filled with sods of earth and were very heavy; this has resulted in a hefty excess charge and puts the

council's willingness to collect the bins at risk. Please only use the bins for dead flowers etc. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Masses available on Facebook and/or on Parish Radio

Mon -Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs - Newport, and Fri - Mulranny:

Patrick & Mary Mulchrone, Taunyougaune; All residents and deceased members of St Brendan's Unit, Mulranny;

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday December 5th in Tiernaur at 7pm:

Hughie Cannon, Roskeen.

Sunday December 6th in Newport at 10am:

Tommie Kilcoyne, Rosturk (1st Anv); Myles Higginbotham, Galway & Newport (1st Anv); Anne O'Malley, Cushlecka, Shramore & Dublin (1st Ann); Frank Chambers, The Chalets, Newport; Martin Sweeney, Harrow, England; Katie & Peter Mulchrone, Buckagh; Ann & Pat O'Donnell, Derryhillagh, their daughter Maureen & her husband Mickey Kilroy, Furnace; Martin & Annie Walsh, Derryloughan; Noreen & Willie Moran, Derradda. Nancy and Bill Reilly.

Sunday Dec 6th in Mulranny at 11.30am:

Anne O'Malley, Cushlecka, Shramore & Dublin (1st Anv)

Saturday December 12th in Tiernaur at 7pm:

Sonny Moran, Roskeen and deceased members of the Moran and Smith Families. Michael and Nora Mc Cormack and the deceased members of the Mc Cormack families.

Sunday December 13th in Newport at 10am:

Annie Horan, Doogary; Michael & Katie Calvey, Shramore; Patrick & Julia Keane, Derryloughan & their daughter Mary Catherine.

Sunday Dec 13th in Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish