

Burrishoole Parish

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Only in America?

In 2000 I was asked by the Archbishop to go to Boston for a couple of years to study at Boston College. It was an opportunity I never anticipated and one which I enjoyed.

Going back to 'school' in my 30s was a whole new experience. It was good to be able to take time to read and learn some more, but it was even better to share that experience with people from all over the world. Whereas my experience of University in Ireland was very much centred around exams, my learning experience in Boston was very different. In Boston you only took courses which were of interest to you and rather than attending lectures, class time was spent discussing and critiquing material you had already read. Instead of exams at the end of the year we had continual assessment which included being recognized for class participation. One Professor even asked us to mark our own papers – the idea being that she would then mark them and if it turned out that we had given ourselves more than we deserved then we would have to go and meet her to argue our case. I being the bashful and modest type, and not quite used to the American way of doing things, had to visit her because I had undermarked myself. I soon learned! While in Boston I worked in a parish close to the city centre. I was what was known as a 'priest in residence' which meant that other than weekend Masses, one or two weekday Masses and an occasional funeral I had very little pastoral responsibility. In fact, the parish was run by a lay man.

St Cecilia's was once a big Irish community but over time the Irish had moved out to the suburbs. The church itself was quite large and very beautiful and, very much in the American style, it had a basement chapel underneath which was used for smaller daily Masses.

I recently visited St Cecilia's for the first time in twenty years. Attending the Saturday evening vigil, Mass it was nice to be back in familiar surroundings. Although I recognised nobody, Mark, the Parish Coordinator, recognised me and

after Mass we had a good chat. The parish was doing well. Mark spoke about the challenges which they faced during Covid and how, like us, they quickly went online. They have maintained a high profile on social media ever since but are anxious that they don't become a virtual community.

One major structural change which had occurred since my time was the repurposing of the basement chapel space. The chapel has been replaced by a very modern coffee bar, replete with couches and easy chairs. As St Cecilia's is a city parish with a pretty fluid congregation it was thought that one of its main priorities should be to create community. After every weekend Mass the congregation is invited to gather downstairs for coffee and doughnuts (it is America). St Cecilia's has found that not only have parishioners appreciated the invitation, but that over time a new sense of community has developed which in turn adds greatly to the celebration of Mass. People now gather as community and that sense of community permeates all of parish life.

As our experience of church and parish continues to change in Ireland, we too will need to find new ways of creating and supporting community. Sometimes this will mean thinking outside of the box and creating new structures – lay people running the parish, parish property repurposed, but it also means that we be more intentional in how we contribute to the fostering of the community we already share.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Covid Precautions

As we experience this latest wave of Covid infection, parishioners are once again encouraged to wear face masks in church and to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving Mass. Small things count.

Stop Counselling Services

North West STOP are hosting: 'Sunrise for STOP' on Saturday 30th July at 5.15am. To join us and for further information call/text:086 777 2009 or visit: <https://www.njuko.net/sunrise-for-stop-2022> or

Choirs

Thank you to all who add so much to our weekly liturgies through sharing the gift of music. We are blessed to have four choirs in the parish; the Newport Church Choir and the Parish Folk Group in Newport, the Community Choir in Tiernaur and the Mulranny Choir in Mulranny. Each are anxious to invite new members. If you like to sing please feel welcome to join any of our choirs.

Living Well Programme

Living Well is a free online group programme delivered over six, two and a half hour workshops by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health conditions. Those who take the course will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with their health conditions and you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme.

Places are limited to 10/12 people so participants must register in advance. The next programmes commence on Monday, Sept 5 between 10.30am-1pm; Weds Sept 7 between 7pm and 9.30pm and Tues, Sept 20, between 10.30am and 1pm. Please contact Liam Gildea at 086 014 2675 or by email to lgildea@southmayo.com for more info and to book a place.

Burrishoole Graveyard Weeding

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee will be at the graveyard on Monday evenings at 7pm for the coming weeks to weed the graveyard. They would be delighted to have some help.

Furnace 10K Walk

The annual Furnace 10K walk in aid of the Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation takes place on Sunday, July 17, commencing and ending at Derradda Community Centre (F28 E292). Start any time from 11am to 2pm with refreshments served afterward. Donations accepted on the day or by GoFundMe page. If you are unable to make July 17 please walk in your own time, the week before or after July 17 and donate online. All funds raised will go to local hospice palliative care services. Please join the walk or donate online at GoFundMe/ Furnace 10k Loop Walk 2022.

Annual Bangor Trail Hike

The Nephin Begers invite you to join them for their annual Bangor Trail guided hike on Saturday, July 16. It's a 39km trail starting in Bangor Erris and ending in Newport and an opportunity to experience Ireland's most isolated landscape. It is a challenging but rewarding walk with a 24km stopping point at Letterkeen Bothy for refreshments and gear change.

Pre-registration is required and must be completed by Thursday 14th; this can be done by contacting John at 087 639 1777 or Marian at 073 313 8996. A fee of €60 will cover transport costs from Newport to Bangor Erris, gear pickup and drop-off, refreshments and a post-hike certificate of completion.

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.

Glenamino

Well done and thank you to all who completed last weekend's mammoth trek in aid of Shramore Church. Over €1000 was raised.

Priest's Summer Collection

Thank you to all who have returned their Blue Envelope. In these very difficult times your support is deeply appreciated. Envelopes can still be dropped in the baskets at weekend Mass or dropped in the letterbox of the priest's house.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
John Chambers and his son Liam, Letterlough

Weekend Masses

Saturday July 9th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Jim and Catherine Sweeney. Annie and Marcus Mc Donnell, Eileen and Jim Peters.

Sunday July 10th Newport at 10am:

Peter and Annie Ryder, Kilbride and the deceased members of the Madden and Ryder families. Bea Loftus, Comploon, Tom and Josephine Quinn, Rossow. Manford Jaretzke and his sons Norman and Olaf, Germany. Josie O Donnell, Rossinrubble

Sunday July 10th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday July 16th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Thomas Moran, Sandhill and deceased family members. Michael and Bridie Mulloy and Brendan Mulloy. Thomas and Margaret Calvey and their daughter Josephine Patten, Achill.

Sunday July 17th Newport at 10am:

Martin Hughes and deceased family members, Derradda. Margaret and John Callaghan, Shraloggy and deceased members of the Moran and Callaghan families. Teresa and Harry Jordan, Acres.

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