

Burrishoole Parish

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Seven Year Itch?

They call it the seven-year itch – that popular belief that after seven years of marriage, or indeed any long-term relationship, the magic begins to wane and the humdrum of everyday life takes over. Not based on any great scientific evidence but founded more on a common experience, the seven-year itch seems to be the realisation that after the first flush of romance has bedded in, the relationship between two people will need work and renewed commitment. It is that feeling of sameness and of routine when we become used to the everyday of life. Apparently the seven-year itch effects more than interpersonal relationships - it can apparently be experienced after seven years of working in the same job or living in the same house.

This weekend marks the end of my seventh year in Burrishoole and after seven years I am happy to report no feelings of itchiness or irritation.

Although priesthood does involve routine – daily Masses, weekly sermons, annual First Communion etc., and the inevitable cycle of the liturgical seasons bring us from Advent to Christmas and from Lent to Easter, for me every day seems to present new challenges and offer new graces.

No two funerals are ever the same because no two family's stories are the same. Baptisms, although almost weekly, are always 'new' experiences because for the parents and family involved the child to be baptised is uniquely loved and cherished. Weddings are always joy filled occasions as the exuberance, love and often naivete of the newly married couple spills over onto the celebrant.

Even the challenge of trying to say something new on readings which reoccur annually is somewhat diminished because each year I read them from a different place in my life and they seem to say something fresh to me.

In many ways no two days are ever the same, with every everyday providing new joys and graces; the humbling privilege of journeying with a family as they say good bye to their loved one, the inspiration

of praying with the aging community of a care home, the infectious vitality of a national school class singing at the top of their voices, the aching anguish of a teenager coming to terms with a broken relationship, the faith and reverence of the housebound on a First Friday visit, the absolute joy of the new parent, the utter despair of someone having received a terminal diagnosis, the sustained and faithful commitment of daily Mass goer, the fun and banter with parishioners before and after Mass.

Looking back on the last seven years I know that I have been blessed. I may not have quite mastered pronouncing such place names as Meenacloghfinny and Tawnawoggaun but I know where they are! I have found welcome and warmth from Duffbeg to Carrowbeg and from Toircliu to Skirdagh. I have been with families on occasions of unbridled joy and I have shared with them their most intimate moments of loss and grief.

I have been welcomed into the very heart of the community. I have prayed with you, laughed with you, celebrated with you and cried with you. I have sung with you, danced with you, cheered with you and grumbled with you. I have lived with you and at times part of me has died with you. I have loved and been loved by you but most of all I have been inspired by your trust in me and enriched by your faith in God.

A seven-year itch? I'm itching for more!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Weekday Mass

Please note that there is no 10am Mass in Mulranny this week. There will be no Mass in Tiernaur on Monday 25th. Sorry for inconvenience.

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. Let us continue to be mindful of the most vulnerable. Small things count.

Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses

Pattern Day Mass will be celebrated at Burrishoole Abbey at 1pm on Monday August 1st.

Masses will be celebrated in each of our parish cemeteries each evening at 7pm during that week;

Tuesday Aug 2nd Mulranny

Wednesday Aug 3rd Kilbride

Thursday Aug 4th Killeen

Parishioners are invited to look after their graves in preparation for the Graveyard Masses

Active Retirement Meeting

Mulranny Active Retirement will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, July 20th at 7pm in the Amenity Centre. All welcome

Cancer Support Outreach Clinic

The next date for Mayo Cancer Support's Achill Outreach Service is Thursday, July 21st. 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.

Mayo Cancer Support APM

Mayo Cancer Support Association will host its Annual Public Meeting on Monday, July 25 in the Bridge Street Bar, Main Street, Castlebar at 8.30pm. All welcome to attend. Call 094 903 8407 for more details.

Grandparents Pilgrimage

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock takes place next Sunday, 24 July 2022. It will include the celebration of World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Anointing of the Sick will be at 2.30 p.m., followed by Mass at 3.00 p.m. Celebrant and Preacher will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

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.

Glenhest Church Painting

Tenders are been accepted for the painting of the inside of Saint Joseph's Church, Glenhest. Applicants must be insured and tax compliant. Please return all necessary documents to Rev John Reilly, Parochial House, Lahardane, Ballina, Co Mayo F26X4D8 on or before July 29th.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Annual 33 hr Eucharistic adoration takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine on Thurs/Fri August 11th and 12th. Burrishoole Parish has been invited to cover Thursday from 11am-12noon.

Church Envelopes

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.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Seamus Hughes, Westport, brother of Anne Mc Govern, Newport and Michael Gannon, Balla, brother of Pat Gannon Acres. We pray too for Martin Grady, England and Roskeen, Funeral Mass on Tuesday 19th in Tiernaur at 12noon. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-No Mass
Jim and Tom O Boyle, Knockbreaga. Nan Kilroy and husband Michael.

Weekend Masses

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.

Sunday July 17th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish.

Saturday July 23rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Jim O Boyle, Knockbreaga and his wife Muriel. Tom O Boyle. Deceased members of the Hoban, Kelly and Sweeney families.

Sunday July 24th Newport at 10am:

Mary Halloway (nee Murray), England and Kilbride (Mths Mind). Gabriel Alex Diamond Acres and his grandmother Geraldine Diamond. Phylis and Tom Burke and son Liam, Rossinrubble, and deceased members of the Burke and Leneghan families..

Sunday July 24th Mulranny at 11.30am:

John Moran, Cushleca. (15th Anniversary)