

Burrishoole Parish

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And on this Rock

First Holy Communion was very different this year. We held three separate Masses, two in Newport and one in Mulranny. Because of social distancing, numbers were restricted and so the 34 boys and girls made their First Holy Communion not as part of a community celebration but surrounded only by a limited number of close family members. In keeping with health and safety guidelines the boys and girls had to remain in their places throughout the Mass which meant that they were not able to participate in the ceremony through the traditional ways of doing readings or prayers or by bringing to the altar gifts and symbols.

Although circumstances ensured that this year's First Holy Communion was different it was none the less a beautiful and a particularly meaningful moment for the children and for their families. Although it would have been lovely to have had the children more involved in the various parts of the ceremony there was something special about the simplicity of the Mass which, I feel, allowed them to participate at a more prayerful level. Without the anxiety of having to do their particular 'job' they were free to listen and to pray which they did very well indeed.

One lovely aspect of the First Communion Mass in Mulranny was the use of stones. A stone was placed at the altar for each of the children. The stone was adorned with their name, the date and a little First Communion symbol and was more than just a memento of the day. The stones represented the strong foundations of faith which each child received from their parents, grandparents and indeed from their community down through the ages. It is because of such deep faith foundations that they now take their next step in their own, ever developing relationship with God. But more than that. The stones are a reminder to their families and indeed to us as their community of our ongoing role in gifting our children with strong and deep foundations of faith. First Holy Communion is just one, albeit very important step along the way.

In gifting faith to our children we are laying foundations which we hope and we pray will stand firm long after the big days of First Communion and Confirmation are over. In gifting our children with faith we are preparing them for life. We are introducing them to a community of faith which will support and nourish them on good days and bad, we are giving them a sense of their unique beauty and that they are beloved of God, we are gifting them with a set of values which will guide them through life, we are assuring them that whatever setbacks befall them in life or whatever burdens they may have to carry that they are never alone. In bringing to make their First Holy Communion we are laying a foundation stone which will last forever.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Parish Mass Schedule

Our new weekly Mass schedule is running as smoothly as we might have hoped with numbers at weekend Masses usually very manageable. People who are in a position to do so are still encouraged to please attend a weekday Mass instead of Mass at the weekend.

Mulranny Church can accommodate around 35 people, Tiernaur Church around 45/50 and larger churches, such as Newport have been given an exemption which allows us to make two sections of no more than 50 in each provided social distancing can be maintained.

We are required to keep the two sections separated. People attending Mass in Newport and entering by the side doors are asked to sit in the front half of the church, people entering by the main door are asked to sit in the back half of the church and to leave by the main door.

We thank you for your patience as we get used to this new version of 'normal'.

Facebook Mass

For the next number of weeks only Sunday Mass from Newport will be available on Facebook. Weekday Masses from Newport will still be available on parish radio.

Leaving Cert Results

Best wishes to all our students who will receive their leaving Cert results this coming week. It has been a long and stressful Summer for many of our students and we, at this time especially, hold them close in our prayers. All will be well.

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. It is deeply appreciated. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house or if you are in a position to do so you can drop your envelope in the baskets provided as you enter or leave Weekend Mass.

Parish Office

Please note that for the moment the parish office will only be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am – 3pm. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Church Cleaning Rotas

A huge thank you to all the kind volunteers who have volunteered to clean and sanitize our churches each week and to those who have agreed to become ushers. Cleaning and sanitizing of the churches will need to continue indefinitely.

Over the coming weeks we hope to introduce a new system of sanitising our churches through the use of ‘Fogging machines’ The foggers will allow the churches to be thoroughly cleansed in a matter of minutes but will not need as much effort on behalf of our volunteers. We still however need more volunteers in each of our churches in order to maintain the cleaning regime which we have in place

Newport Wild 2 Wild

Newport Wild 2 Wild is going virtual this year. It has teamed up with Pop Up Races and entry is taking place now. Full details can be found on the Newport Wild 2 Wild Duathlon Facebook page. Simply sign up, run/cycle 100 km between September 21st and October 25th. A minimum of 30km should be completed by running/walking, log your time in the virtual hub via an app that will show you where you are virtually on a map of the race and your results will be posted online in the Challenge Leaderboard. Entrants will receive a unique one-off medal celebrating the 300 birthday of Newport and a matching Technical t-shirt.

Killeen/Murrivagh Cemeteries Collection

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemeteries is due to take place. All homes in the area will receive an envelope, in the coming weeks for the collection. Due to Covid-19 householders are requested to return their envelopes direct to any committee member.

Killeen envelopes can be returned to Peter Moran, Pat Cannon, Michael Holmes, Francis O'Donnell, Peter McManamon, Mai Holmes, Neil O'Donnell, Francis McHale and Tom McLoughlin.

Murrivagh envelopes can be returned to Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle.

Death Notice

We pray for the souls of John Regan, Killala, brother of Mary Chambers Shramore, and of PJ Chambers, Cleveland, grandson of Mike Chambers, Roskeen and Cleveland who died recently. We extend sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

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:

Monday – Tiernaur, Tuesday and Thursday – Newport, Friday – Mulranny.

Deirdre Moran, Kate Moran and Thady Moran
Roskeen

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Sept 5th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Brian and Hannah Cusack.

Sunday Sept 6th Newport at 10am:

Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. John Brennan, England and Newport

Sunday Sept 6th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mick and Maggie McLoughlin. Ned and the deceased members of the Carolan Family. JJ Fitzpatrick, Mulranny and Tim Nealon.

Saturday Sept 12th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Paddy Nevin and son David, Newfield

Sunday Sept 13th Newport at 10am:

Paddy and Baby Chambers and deceased members of the chambers and Corcoran families, Cloonfoher and Laherdaune, Mary and Patrick Mulchrone, Taunyougaune, Martin Mc Guire, Knocknageeha, (1st Ann)

Sunday Sept 13th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Paddy and Mary Callaghan, Murrivagh