

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**October 10th/11th 2020**  
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**Open, Tue - Thu 11am-3pm,**  
**Book Masses, Baptisms & Marriages; get certs &**  
**Mass cards. Items for Newsletter by Thurs, 3pm.**  
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### **Level 3**

Covid Level 3 has meant that once again we cannot gather for Mass in our Churches. For the next number of weeks all Masses will be celebrated without a congregation and will be available through Facebook Live and on Parish Radio.

Level 3 limits the numbers who can attend a funeral or wedding to 25. Only 8 people may attend a baptism

### **Ar Scath a Chéile**

A number of weeks back we read as our Sunday Gospel Jesus' parable of the Jealous Workers: a vineyard owner hired a group of workers early in the day and offered them a certain wage. The wage was fair and the workers accepted the offer. As the day went on however the vineyard owner hired more workers and each time he offered them the same pay as those who had started work earlier. By the end of the day the workers who have worked the full day feel extremely hard done by and jealous of the latecomers.

It is easy to sympathize with those workers who worked all day and who ended up with the same pay as those who arrived for the last hour. It seems to be a natural inclination to compare and contrast when we feel undervalued. But the parable is not a lesson about the need for wage equality, it is a parable about the reckless generosity of God.

I thought of that Gospel passage last Monday evening as the country moved from Covid Level 2 to Covid Level 3. It seemed strange that Mayo which had such a low infection rate should be placed at the same level as Dublin which has a much higher rate. But as understandable as it might be to compare and contrast, it is clear that infection rates are rising right across the country and that all of us need to recommit ourselves to the suppressing of the virus.

We have become so familiar over these past months to Coronavirus advice that we may no longer hear

it. Washing of hands, coughing etiquette, social distancing and mask wearing are even more important now than in the first weeks and months of the pandemic. We do all of those things not just to protect ourselves but in order that others, including the most vulnerable amongst us, might be safe.

Level 3 has meant too that once again our Churches are not in a position to welcome the faithful to Mass. As a faith community this is a huge blow. Since reopening at the end of July an enormous amount of work had been done in keeping our churches open, sanitized and safe, as confidence grew parishioners had delighted in the opportunity to return to Mass and as a community we had gradually become familiar with our 'new normal'. All of that is now put on hold as we do our very best to reverse the trends of recent weeks.

The parable of the jealous vineyard workers is not about the vineyard workers at all. It is about extravagance of God. In our time of crisis God continues to be with us.

The Coronavirus has stolen much from us. It will not defeat us. Together and with the grace of God, we can and we will overcome this virus. We can do this together, let's do it for each other.

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

For the next number of weeks Masses each weekday will be at 10am. Weekend Masses will be at 7pm on Saturday and 10am Sunday. All Masses will be available on Parish Radio (104.2) and through live streaming on the Burrishoole Parish Facebook page.

Families wishing to have their loved ones remembered at Mass can still do so. Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated for intentions booked for Shramore and Tiernaur churches and Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated for intentions booked for Newport and Mulranny churches.

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. These are challenging times for many people. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Should you have overlooked returning your envelope the Priest's Autumn Collection (Blue envelope) is still being accepted.

With Masses currently suspended Envelopes can be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house. Thank you

### **Cancer Support Services**

Mayo Cancer Support will hold their outreach service in Achill Sound Health Centre on Thursday, 22<sup>th</sup> October. For more information or to make an appointment please contact Jean on 087 2804164 or Rock Rose House on 094 9038407.

### **New Parish Office Opening Times**

From this Tuesday the parish office will be open Tuesdays to Thursday 11am – 3pm. Due to Covid restrictions you are requested to phone or email Mass intentions and certificate requests. Please phone ahead if you require Mass Cards and not to enter the office; cards and certs will be brought to the door.

### **Church Cleaning Rotas**

Thank you to all who have ensured that our churches are cleaned and sanitized over the past months.

The suspension of Masses means that our cleaning rotas are now put on hold for the next number of weeks.

When the churches reopen the new Fogging System of sanitizing will be in place which will mean that churches can be cleaned quicker and by smaller teams.

### **Newport Wild 2 Wild**

It is not too late to join in on the Newport Wild 2 Wild challenge. It has gone virtual this year and you have until October 25<sup>th</sup> to complete it and qualify for an incredibly special Newport 300 medal. Full details are on the Newport Wild 2 Wild Duathlon Facebook page.

### **Prayer of St Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the soul of P.J. Donnelly, Tawnyougaun whose funeral took place last week and Mamie Taylor née O'Neill, Southampton & Lettermaghera.  
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:**

#### **All Masses available on Facebook and on Parish Radio**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10am:  
For those who are affected in any way by the Coronavirus

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **All Masses available on Facebook and on Parish Radio**

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:**  
William Chambers, Knockloughra.

**Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am:**  
Oliver Murray, Skirdagh; Keith Donnellan, Shramore; Marty & Eileen Moran, Ardagh; Bridie Monaghan, Cuilmore; Rosie McCorry-Williams, Mulranny & deceased members of the McCorry & Williams Families.

**Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:**  
The People of the Parish

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am:**  
Peg O'Malley, Rosclave (Months Mind); Anne Cattigan, Mulranny (1<sup>st</sup> Anv); Jack Moran, Mulranny Rd, daughter Christine Roycroft & sister in law Elizabeth Cahill; Ann Kilroy, Carrabaun.