

**Burrishoole Parish**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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**Standing, Sitting, Kneeling or What?**

Since coming to Burrishoole just five years ago I must have driven up and down the Westport road thousands of times. I am constantly intrigued by the ongoing roadworks. Over time the shape, camber and course of that road has changed dramatically. Corners have been straightened, hills have been flattened and bridges have been moved. And although progress has at times seemed to be interminably slow, it fascinates me that once the correction is made and the new section of road is opened, how quickly I forget where the old road used to wander. Somehow the new landscape seems so natural and fitting that the old road rapidly fades from memory.

With so much planning and preparation for the reopening of our churches for weekend Masses (this weekend!) it could have almost gone unnoticed that we have in fact been celebrating weekday Masses in our churches for the past three weeks. Numbers have been understandably small, but we have slowly but surely gotten back into the routine. It is amazing how quickly we have become used to new practices like sanitising our hands on entering the church, of being aware of the requirements of social distancing and of respiratory etiquette, of not shaking hands at the sign of peace and of receiving Holy Communion at the end of Mass as we leave. On the other hand however, one element of returning to Mass after a break of some 16 weeks which has surprised me is how quickly we have grown unsure, and even forgotten when to stand, or to sit, or to kneel. Even for experienced Mass goers, as daily Mass goers inevitably are, somehow in the space of a few short weeks we have lost something which was once automatic. I am amused to look down at seasoned Mass goers casting a quick eye around them as the wonder whether they should be standing or sitting.

As we slowly and carefully return to community Mass our experience of Mass will be different. People will be wearing masks, only one in every three pews will be in use, ushers will escort us and signage will give directions, 'our' usual seat may

no longer be ours, there will be no basket collection and Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass at which point people will leave the church immediately. Yet despite the changes to the landscape the journey we are taking is very much the same; we will gather as a community of family and friends to celebrate and give thanks for God's presence in our lives.

Whether we stand or sit or kneel at a particular time is not hugely important. What is important is that we gather and how that experience nourishes our lives. That has not changed. The course the road takes may be different, the destination is always the same.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Parish Mass Schedule**

For the foreseeable future Weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated at 10am. Mass on Monday will be in Tiernaur, Mass on Tuesday and Thursday will be in Newport Parish Church with Mass on Friday in Mulranny Church.

People who are in a position to do so are encouraged to attend a weekend Mass instead of Mass at the weekend.

Ushers will be in place at weekends to help us become familiar with the new socially distanced seating arrangements and with entry and exit from the church. This is new for all of us and the new arrangements will take a while to get used to. You are asked to please be as patient as possible.

Weekday Masses from both Newport and Mulranny will continue to be broadcast through Facebook as will the Sunday Mass at 10am.

**First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Newport Church on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and in Mulranny Church on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have two ceremonies in Newport, the first at 11am with a second at 1pm. First Holy Communion in Mulranny will take place at 12 noon.

A short meeting of the parents of children who will make their First Holy Communion in Newport will take place in Newport Church at 7pm on this Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped to use this time to chat through how we as a parish can make this year's First Holy Communion as meaningful and as special as possible for the children involved.

**Cemetery Masses Cancelled**

Continued restrictions on communal gatherings mean that unfortunately we will be unable to celebrate Mass in our local cemeteries this year. Families are however encouraged to keep the age old tradition of tidying their graves at this time.

### **Sacristans Needed**

The Employment Scheme which allowed us a part time sacristan in both Tiernaur and Mulranny Churches has ended. The parish would like to invite interested parishioners to consider becoming a volunteer sacristan in either Tiernaur or Mulranny. Perhaps a number of people might be interested and become part of a monthly rota. The position is not very demanding – simply preparing the church in advance of the priest's arrival for weekly Mass, funerals or weddings, but it is an essential role in the life of the parish. Training will be provided. If you feel you can help out please give your name to Fr Tod

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish and of your priest. It is deeply appreciated. The Priest's Summer collection (Blue envelope) is now being accepted. 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.

Parishioners, should they wish, can contribute directly to the Priests Summer collection by using the following bank details;

Account Name: Newport Church Revenue  
IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04  
BIC: AIBKIE2D

### **Parish Rotas**

Parish Rotas for all church ministries have been suspended for the time being.

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. Even while there have been no public weekend Masses the cleaning and sanitizing of the churches continues in order to allow us to invite a congregation to our weekday Masses.

This weekend we welcome and thank too a number of volunteers who will act as ushers over the coming weeks. Thank you for your commitment.

### **Burishoole Gaa Lotto**

Burishoole GAA are happy to announce that the GAA Lotto has recommenced

Envelopes are available in all of the Mulranny and Newport businesses. You can also play online at Burishoole GAA. In just a few simple steps you can play from the comfort of your own home.

The draw will take place live on Facebook

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended.  
The Churches of our Parish remain open. Please feel free to pop in to say a prayer.

### **Death Notice**

We pray for the soul of Ruth Herd, St Brendan's Mulranny and formerly of The Cottage, Mulranny  
We extend sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased. May she rest in peace.

### **Weekday Mass Intentions**

Daily Mass at 10am: Mon – Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs – Newport, Fri – Mulranny.

Phyllis and Tom Burke and their son Liam, Courragan, Billy Browne (Snr) Corrnamonga

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday July 25th Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Jim and Tom O Boyle, Knockbreaga, John and Mary Gallagher, son Thomas, daughter Bernie, Crosmolina. John Syron, Doonaroya. Paddy and Bridie Cronin, Moygownagh and deceased members of the Gallagher and Syron Families.

#### **Sunday July 26th Newport at 10am:**

Brendan Kelly and wife Sheila, London and Newport, Gabriel Alex Diamond, Acres, Hubert Keane and parents John and Nora, Caroline and Charlie Brady, Castlebar St, Newport and deceased members of the Brady and Carter families.

#### **Sunday July 26th Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Patricia Masterson, Cellbridge and Murrivagh. John Moran, Cushleeka.

#### **Saturday Aug 1st Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Mary Cannon, Athy and Roskeen, (Months Mind). Michael, Bridie and Tommy Kilcoyne, Rossturk, Bernie Corrigan, Dublin, Anthony and Bridie McHale and son Tony, Newport

#### **Sunday Aug 2nd Newport at 10am:**

John Joe and Mary O Malley, and deceased family members Carramore, Kathleen Moran and her husband John and son James, Quay Rd.,

#### **Sunday Aug 2nd Mulranny at 11.30am:**

John Barrett and wife Mary, Rossturk