

**Burrishoole Parish**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

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**A Letter to our Teenagers**

Dear Teenager,

I know it seems like a strange thing to do, but over these past months I have thought about you a lot and wanted to put some of my thoughts down on paper. I decided to write you a letter!

Your teenage years were supposed to have been full of fun and new experiences, a time when you develop new and lasting friendships, an opportunity for you to tentatively begin to spread your wings and stretch your boundaries. These years were never going to be easy – rows at home, annoying siblings, broken hearts, school and exams never mind the confusion and stress which comes from trying to grow into, and love, the person you are becoming - but to have had to deal with all of that while living through Coronavirus and all its restrictions seems so unfair.

As a society we have rightly protected and shielded the elderly and the vulnerable, we have applauded and acclaimed the selfless devotion and care offered by our frontline workers, we have tried to safeguard jobs and protect businesses, all the while taking your sacrifices for granted.

You have been incredible. You have stayed at home, you have foregone visits to grannies and grandads, you have had put up with on/off exams. At a time when you should be out with your pals having fun you have been asked not to mix, at a time when you might have expected to go on school tours and see the world you have been curtailed to the back garden, at a time when you are bursting with energy and yearning to be with your friends playing sport, going to the cinema or simply wasting time together you have been stuck in front of a computer screen and ‘meeting up’ on Zoom.

You have been incredible. Thank you. On behalf of our community thank you for your kindness to and care of elderly neighbours, thank you for being friends to each other and for supporting each other when times got tough, thank you for being so responsible in your behaviour and thus protecting people you didn’t even know from falling ill.

It hasn’t been easy. For some of you it has been a very lonely and frustrating time. Some have missed their friends more than they imagined. I know too that many of you felt deeply the loss of Patrick and David. It would have been nice to have had the opportunity to gather for Pizza and Coke and to spend time in each other’s presence to chat, to laugh and maybe even to cry. It’s good to talk.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. Hope dawns. The Summer is here, school is almost over, and sport is back. Your future is all before you.

For my part could I encourage you to keep a place for God in that future. Coronavirus has thought us the value of our relationships and how we must work to maintain and develop them. Without effort friendships die. Keep a place for God in your heart as God keeps a place for you in God’s heart. Know that God is always there for you and know too that although it mightn’t be cool, you are always welcome to pop into the church at any time to say a prayer, to light a candle or simply to waste time with God. With a place for God in your heart you will never lose hope.

*‘I know the plans I have in mind for you it is the Lord who speaks, plans for peace not disaster, reserving a future full of hope for you’.* (Jer 29:11)  
Good luck to those who are doing exams.

Thanks again.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Returning to Mass**

Last weekend was our first weekend back at Mass. All went well and numbers were very manageable. After four months it takes a bit of getting used to. In order to gather safely you are reminded to please

1. Wear a mask
2. Sanitise your hands on entering and on exiting the church.
3. Be mindful in church of social distancing requirements
4. Follow directions of stewards/ushers
5. In Newport Church if seated in the front half please enter and exit via the side doors. If seated in the bottom half please enter and exit via the main door.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. You are asked to leave the church after receiving

Note: 50 mourners are now allowed to attend a funeral and 50 guests are permitted to attend a church wedding These limited numbers will remain until the end of June. Currently only 6 family members may attend a Baptism

**All** Masses continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube.

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support. Your generosity reflects your pride in your parish. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. You can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass

### **First Communion and Confirmation**

The HSE/Government have updated their advice to state '*First Communion and Confirmation should not take place in May or June. Further advice will follow on the resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.*'

Once further advice is given as to when ceremonies will be allowed, we will choose new dates.

### **Children's Mass**

We welcome children from our parish who are preparing for First Communion/Confirmation to our weekday Masses. Our Children's Mass continues each Friday at 10am and is available on Facebook and YouTube.

### **St Brendan's Lotto**

St. Brendan's, Mulranny are delighted to announce their weekly lotto is returning on Thursday 27th of May. The lotto draw takes place every Thursday at 2pm live. The jackpot is €13,500. Play online or in your local stores. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Darkness into Light**

Newport Darkness into Light would like to thank all who contributed towards making this year's event such a huge success – the volunteers, local businesses and the local community. A special thank you to Frank Chambers. A total of €2604 was collected for this very worthy cause.

### **Newport Wild2Wild is Back for 2021**

The Wild 2 Wild Duathlon is back for September 2021 so now is the time to get training, lose those lockdown kilos and get ready for the challenge on Saturday, September 25. All proceeds go towards the development of our new Community Centre, please support.

### **Burrishoole GAA Lotto Returns**

Burrishoole GAA Lotto returns on Monday 24th of May. The new license allows up to €30,000 to be won. The jackpot currently sits at €20,100. Play online or in local stores. Your support greatly benefits our club

### **Burrishoole GAA Mothers & Others**

It's fun, it's craic, it's the social occasion of the week. Come join us. Whether a mother or an other we guarantee you will enjoy this. Monday evening, McGovern Park at 8.30pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended. Our churches remain open and you are invited to drop in at any time.

### **Mass Schedule**

All Masses available on Facebook/YouTube and/or Parish Radio

### **Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:**

**Mon – Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs - Newport, Fri - Mulranny:** The People of the Parish

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Brendan and Annie Kate Mc Manamon, Sandhill. Margaret Moran, Castle Road.

#### **Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Vincent and Ella McGovern, Sandymount. Rene Grothner, Copenhagen. Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. Tom Walsh, Comploon and England. Winne Lavelle Shanvalleyhue and her parents Winne and Johnny McDonnell.

#### **Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Martin Mulloy, Mulranny and daughter Aishling. Kate and Pat Mulloy, Mulranny. William and Molly Loftus and Martin and Ann Ginnelly, Murrivagh and the deceased members of the Loftus and Ginnelly families.

#### **Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Fr Attie Devine and deceased family members. Patrick Chambers, Derrycoultrim

#### **Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Pauline Mullins (nee Chambers) England and Upper Skirdagh. Nora Conway, Shramore and Dublin. Sergeant Patrick Kealy and his wife Margaret, Castlebar Rd, Newport. Vincent Leneghan, Kiltarnet. Mary Agnes Collins, Kiltarnet. Mary Coyne (nee O Boyle) and her husband John, Doontrusk

#### **Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Maria and Anthony Grealis Doughbeg.