

Burrishoole Parish

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A Meal Shared

I've a confession to make! It's not something I'm proud of but I feel that its important to come clean... Here goes. After three Lockdowns, and despite my best intentions I still cannot cook! Yes, I had promised myself that this was my chance, yes I had time on my side, yes I even bought myself a little electric Barbeque but no... I didn't stick at it and I opted for the quick and easy.

I wouldn't mind but I think I'd make a great cook. Afterall, I love food and I am fascinated by cookery programmes. It all seems so easy and the results always look so delicious. I've even been known to be a little adventurous when ordering food – I eat lasagne and pasta and chili! But despite my best intentions, despite the encouragement of friends and despite early signs of great promise I never quite got around to developing my culinary skills and have somehow managed to survive.

Its not like me. Usually when I take on a challenge, I am pretty keen to see it to completion. If I commit to doing Mass on the top of the Reek I'll get to the top - rain, hail or snow, if I say I'll give up minstrels for Lent then I'll see it through, if I go for a 5km run I will complete the distance even if I am barely able to move by the time I get to 4km, but somehow when it comes to cooking I seem to give up too easily. I tried. My scrambled eggs weren't bad, the barbeque worked a treat, I even managed Chili Con Carni once (burnt the pot!) - but somehow my heart just wasn't in my cooking.

I think I have figured out why. While there may be some fun in the cooking process, eating alone is not much fun. What could take an hour or more to prepare is eaten in 5 minutes. While cooking for one might feed the body, eating with family and friends feeds body and soul. In fact, the gathering together for meals is often more important than the food itself.

I became very aware of that truth over these past months. But rather than learning it in the kitchen I learnt it in the Church!

Saying Mass in an empty church is a strange experience. What kept me going over the months

was the realisation that I was never alone. I always had a strong sense of the faith community which gathered with me. We prayed together as a separated community (we still do). But over time I began to notice that much of the language of our Mass presupposes a congregation which is much more than virtually present. At the very centre of the Mass, the Consecration, the priest says; 'Take this all of you and eat it'. At communion he says 'This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world happy are those who are called to his Supper'. We are all called. For me as a priest being the only person able to receive was lonely. Somehow it felt strangely incomplete, as if I was the only one receiving at a banquet prepared for all. Mass is essentially a meal - a communal experience. We gather to break bread, and together we share Eucharist. As valuable and as comforting as our on-line gatherings are, they never can replace real community. While celebrating Mass alone or participating in Mass via the internet may nourish the spirit, it is only when we gather as a community and receive Eucharist together that we feed both body and soul.

Welcome back. I've missed you!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Returning to Mass

This weekend is the first time in over four months that we are able to physically gather for Mass – albeit with limited numbers. Social distancing requirements mean the maximum number of people permitted to attend in Tiernaur will be 45, in Mulranny will be 32 and in Newport will be 100. (2 x Pods of 50). **All** Masses will be available on Facebook and YouTube.

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

Church Rotas

At the end of the last Lockdown, we asked volunteers if they would be available to be part of a temporary Rota for the various Church Ministries. We are hoping that those who volunteered then might be happy to go again. New temporary Church Rotas will be available in the Churches this weekend.

Congratulation!!

A huge congratulations to our own Leah Sweeney, Acres, Éabha Mc Greal, Lecarrow and Maria Cannon, Roskeen who were awarded the Pope John Paul II Papal Cross Award last week. The girls were the only girls to complete the Award in their school. One up for the parish!

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.

Sanitizing of Churches

Thank you to all who helped in preparing our Churches for this weekend's reopening. All Churches will now be sanitised using 'foggers' immediately after every Mass

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. 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. If you are in a position to do so you can now drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass

Mulranny NS 'My Challenge' fundraiser

Mulranny NS is running a 'My Challenge' fundraiser. Children, parents, friends and families are challenged to walk, cycle or run their preferred distance over 30 days starting from May 10, and finishing on Tuesday, June 8. More info can be downloaded from the school website www.mulrannynationalschool.scoilnet.ie

Burrishoole GAA Lotto to Return

Burrishoole GAA are delighted to announce their club lotto is returning with the first draw taking place 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

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.*'

The problem of course is not the ceremonies themselves but rather the possible fallout from family gatherings.

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

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: Tom and Josephine Quinn, Rossow.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday May 15th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Michael Mc Cormack, Roskeen (Months Mind) and deceased family members. John and Teresa Kelly and deceased members of the Kelly and Hanley families, Roskeen,

Sunday May 16th Newport at 10am:

The People of the Parish.

Sunday May 16th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Anthony Grealis and his wife Maria, Doughbeg. Brian and Bridget Corrigan, Ballycroy

Saturday May 22nd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Brendan and Annie Kate Mc Manamon, Sandhill.

Sunday May 23rd Newport at 10am:

Vincent and Ella McGovern, Sandymount. Rene Grothner, Copenhagen. Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. Tom Walsh, Complon and England

Sunday May 23rd Mulranny at 11.30am:

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