

Burrishoole Parish
13th/14th March 2021

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Happy Mother's Day

I sometimes forget.

I hear that someone has died and I think to myself that I must tell her. I see something on TV that I think she might like. I taste something that reminds me of food that she used to prepare and wonder about having it again. Although my mam is dead now almost six months it's as if every now and again my unconscious-self forgets. I suppose it is understandable; up until six months ago she was ever present in my life, part of my very being. I have no memory of her not being there, and then in an instant she is gone.

This will be the first Mother's Day without my mother. It's not that it was ever that big an occasion for us. In fact, if it were not for my sisters' reminders I would inevitably forget. But that was part of the fun of it. I'd arrive home, admire the cards on the mantel piece and then with biro in hand add my name to one. She loved that, and would throw her eyes to heaven in mock disappointment. On the odd occasion that I did remember and sent her flowers she'd love to announce to everybody – 'even Tod remembered this year!'. She knew me well.

I suppose mothers know us in a way that no one else ever will. They have that knack of seeing beyond the bravado, of sensing the unspoken, of understanding us before we understand ourselves. Mothers carry their children in their wombs for nine months, but they carry them in their hearts for as long as they will live.

Mam had been unwell for almost two year before she died - sickness and age gradually stealing her away from us. In those last months we had the privilege of caring for her as best we could. Over time her talk left her and she, who was once an incessant talker, simply sat and smiled and nodded in agreement. Strangely enough she held on to a few of her expressions; 'Oh, you've landed' when we would arrive to visit, and when we were leaving, and we'd say that we would see her tomorrow she would smile and wave and say, 'I'll be here'.

She is not there anymore... but she is with us. We see her in the smiles of her grandchildren, we taste her in the food of her daughters, we smell her in the emptiness of her room, we hear her in the way we say things, we feel her in the lonely places of our hearts.

Mother's Day is a day to indulge and to spoil our mothers. It's a day to remind us of the gift which motherhood is, and of the many sacrifices mothers make for their children. It's a day to say thanks for the worry, the sleepless nights, the prayers, the silent tears, the unseen and unnoticed selflessness which motherhood entails.

But Mother's Day is also a day to remember. A day to remember all those mothers who are no longer with us in person. It is a day to celebrate all that they mean to us. It is a day to consider and appreciate the gift our mothers continue to be for us and it is a day to give thanks for their love and example.

Thanks Mam. 'Even Tod remembered this year!'

God Bless, Fr Tod

St Patrick's Day

This Wednesday is St Patrick's Day. Mass will be celebrated at 10am and will be available via Facebook and/or YouTube.

New Envelope Boxes

If you have not yet collected/received your new Envelope Box please contact the Parish Office. Due to the good news that the parish debt is now cleared there is no second envelope and parishioners are asked to contribute to the Offertory Collection alone. If you are in a position to do so you might consider giving something extra to the weekly offertory collection thus enabling us to build a contingency fund into the future. Again, thank you for your generous support of our parish. Should you wish to set up a regular direct debit you can do so using the following information: Account Name; Burrishoole Parish Account, Iban: IE27ULSB98643000778878

Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service

Local Link Mayo is offering a *collect and deliver service* in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If your need of such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094 900 5150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email mayo@locallink.ie

First Communion and Confirmation

Churches will remain closed for public worship until after Easter (April 4th). It is impossible to know with certainty when we will be able to gather again as a community. Our hope is that if the virus continues to be suppressed that there will be some easing of restrictions after Easter. The reopening of our churches for public worship will inevitably involve limited numbers allowed to attend.

In the event that limited numbers will be allowed after Easter, First Communion and Confirmation will take place on the dates chosen.

First Communion.

Mulranny Sat April 17th
Newport Sat May 15th (2 Masses)

Confirmation

Newport Sat May 22nd (2 Ceremonies)

Friday Children's Mass

For the period of Lockdown 10am Mass on Fridays will be our weekly Children's Mass. Schools, families and home schoolers are invited to join us via Facebook/YouTube for a more child friendly experience of Mass. Our next First Communion Mass will be on Friday 19th with the next Confirmation Mass on Friday 26th.

In order to make Mass accessible during school time, the Friday Children's Mass will be available on our YouTube Burrishoole Parish Page.

Mulranny Community Futures

Mulranny Community Futures invite all members of Mulranny Community to join a zoom meeting on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7pm to launch its geodesign survey, which will provide community members with a say in Mulranny's future development. For further information and details of the link to the zoom meeting, please check www.mulrannycommunityfutures.com.

A Lenten Prayer

Loving God,
During this season of Lent bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and my heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the wellbeing of my body and soul, and remind me of the grace of simplicity,
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity,
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for, and my faith in, you.

Amen

Back to School

We wish the very best to all our young people who have returned to school. We pray that the whole school community, teachers and students alike will remain safe.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of Gabriel Kelly Westport brother of Tiny Kelly, Newport and Valerie Sweeney, Roigh who died recently.
We extend sympathy to their families. 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.

Mass Schedule

Mass available only on Facebook and/or Parish Radio during current restrictions

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri: Frances Mc Nulty, Rossmore and her daughter Lorraine.
St Patrick's Day: Vincent Mc Neela, The Quay, and his daughter Carmel O Connor

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday March 13th at 7pm:

Jocie Moran, Roskeen

Sunday March 14th at 10am:

Kevin Moran, Cushlecka, Olga Horan, Doogary.
Joe and Hannah Mc Loughlin and son Michael, Carramore. Bridie Hughes, husband Michael and son Tommy, Newbridge St.

Saturday March 20th at 7pm

John and Mary A Cannon, Roskeen

Sunday March 21st at 10am

Rita O Malley (1st Anniversary) Mulranny and Galway. Patrick and Katie Kilcoyne and deceased family members, Shanvalleyhue. Mary Barrett and her husband John and deceased family members, Rosturk.