

Burrishoole Parish

June 05th/06th 2021

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Thank You.

The practice of collecting funds to run a parish via an envelope system goes back decades. It is a means by which a parish can be assured of a pretty stable income over a period of time and in more recent years it has allowed parishes to avail of the Charitable Donation Scheme which allows them to claim tax relief on donations over a €250 pa.

A parish can only operate thanks to the voluntary contributions of its parishioners. Those contributions pay for the annual maintenance and upkeep of parish churches as well as ongoing expenses such as parish salaries, insurance, heating and lighting, newsletters, etc. Without the envelope system and the generosity of the faithful a parish would very quickly be unable to function.

My greatest concerns at the start of the Coronavirus outbreak was how we as a parish would fare without being able to gather as a community for Mass. Mass is at the very heart of who we are as parish – it is the source and the summit of parish life. Our participation at Mass strengthens us as a community, it nourishes and sustains our faith and it forms us as the Body of Christ. In terms of faith how would we fare without Mass?

It will take a long time before we will be in a position to determine what, if any, effect the Coronavirus Pandemic has had on our parish and on the faith of our community. In some ways it may have strengthened us as a community and deepened our faith and yet in other ways it may have irreparably changed the way we practice our faith. Time will tell.

But beyond that concern about faith there was a much more practical concern; how would the parish function when its main method of generating an income – the envelope system, was no longer feasible. With churches closed and no communal worship allowed for the best part of a year how would the parish survive financially?

The Parish Finance Committee has now received the Audited Parish Accounts for 2020. A summary of the accounts is available on the notice boards in each of the Churches. The accounts show that

despite the closure of churches for Mass, the Envelope Collection (€98,000) was down just 15% over the year. In the circumstances that is truly exceptional, and a tribute to the extraordinary faith of the people of our parish and of the importance that Church and parish plays in their lives. The other main source of income for the year was some €21,000 we received from the CHY3 Tax Refund Scheme.

Our main items of expenditure continue to be Insurance (€16,000), Light and Heat (€16,000), Repairs and Maintenance (€10,000) and the Diocesan Levy (€11,000). Parish salaries came to close to €17,000 while last year we paid back over €40,000 against the parish loan.

As outlined in February thanks to careful management and some very generous donations we have paid back our parish loan in full and ahead of schedule. This means that we no longer have a second envelope. The loss of the second envelope however will result in us receiving less from the CHY3 scheme. Our hope is that those in a position to do so might give a little more in their offertory envelope which would enable us to build up a contingency fund into the future.

These last 18 months have been very tough on so many people. It is a testament to the depth of faith in our parish that despite the personal and economic difficulties faced by so many that our parish finances remain solid. Thank you, and on your behalf, I thank our Finance Committee.

Please take a look at the accounts and if you have any questions/suggestions we would be delighted to hear them.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Returning to Mass

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.

First Communion and Confirmation

The most recent advice from the HSE permits First Holy Communion/Confirmation Ceremonies to take place from July 5th onwards provided they comply strictly with Covid 19 public health and safety advice. Parishes have also been asked to stress to parents that any social gatherings following the church celebration must be *'planned in line with prevailing public health advice on household mixing and indoor and outdoor gatherings.'*

It is hoped to hold Confirmation on Sat July 17th and First Holy Communion in Mulranny on Sat July 10th and in Newport on Sat July 24th.

Burrishoole Graveyard Clean Up

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee will be at the graveyard every Monday and Tuesday evening from 7pm, for the next few weeks, to give it a general clean and tidy up. They would love a helping hand, so if you can spare some time, for an evening or two, come along and join them.

Items needed for fundraising pop-up shop

Burrishoole GAA U12 girls are holding a pop-up shop in Newport NS Hall on Sat, June 12, 5pm - 8pm, and Sun, June 13, 12pm - 3pm to raise money to go towards much needed football gear.

Items needed include; toys, board games, clothes/shoes/football boots, books, ornaments, bric a brac (genuine selling goods), jewelry, handbags, and small household furniture. Please do not send bed linen, towels or curtains.

Items can be dropped off in the lane adjacent to Walsh's Bridge Inn on Tues 8th, between 8.30pm and 9pm. If you have any inquiries call 0868673323 or 086 8918944. All donations greatly appreciated.

Mulranny Community Evening

A big thank you to everyone who supported last Tuesday's community evening. This Tuesday 8th, we meet again at the Amenity Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome, Covid guidelines will be observed and gloves supplied, no skills required.

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

Church Maintenance

The winter has taken its toll on all of our churches. Each church, despite being heated throughout the winter, has deteriorated somewhat. Our hope is to have them painted over the summer.

The main church in Newport suffered a substantial leak around the tower area resulting in some water damage. Over the coming months the flat roof on the Mulranny side will be refelted and some stonework on the tower repaired.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Intentions:

10am Mon-Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Frank Masterson, Mulranny & deceased members of the Masterson Family.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday June 5th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Nora and Frank Moran, Roskeen, their son Gerard and grandson Liam Chandler

Sunday June 6th Newport at 10am:

Nellie Ryan, Trienbeg. Deceased members of the Burke family Ardagh and the Caine family Shralogy. Deceased members of the Chambers family, Drimlong. Sarah and Christy McNulty, Newport. Mollie, Joe and Lizzie Keane, Newport. Annie and Peter Mulroy, England. Maureen Chambers, Shramore, her husband Neil and the deceased members of the Chambers and Rooney families.

Sunday June 6th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mel Moran, Mulranny and deceased family members

Saturday June 12th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Tommie Chambers (Months Mind). Lily and Denis Gallagher. Deceased members of the O Donnell Family, Sndhill

Sunday June 13th Newport at 10am:

John Geraghty, Derrygarve. Jim, Sarah & Margaret Duffy, Doontrusk. Mary & Jim Smith, Doontrusk.

Sunday June 13th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Anne Moran, (Months Mind). PJ. Barrett, Murrivaugh & Mary & Tom Kennedy, Yorkshire, England.