

Burrishoole Parish
20th/21st March 2021

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Enda

Sometimes the teachers who influence our lives most do so, not because of what they taught us, but rather because of how they made us feel about ourselves. The teachers who have motivated and encouraged me most have been those who helped me believe in myself and inspired me with a passion for their subject.

Fr Enda Mc Donagh, who passed away recently, was one such teacher. 'Enda' as he was affectionately known by staff and students alike, was Professor of Moral Theology in St Patrick's College, Maynooth for almost forty years. In that time he taught hundreds if not thousands of men preparing for the priesthood not to mention innumerable lay people, male and female, studying theology.

Born in Began, he was a Mayo man through and through and was, up until his death, arguably, the most renowned and distinguished Irish Theologian of our times. An intellectual colossus, he wore his learning lightly and was always approachable by struggling student and challenging academic alike. A free and deep thinker he was never afraid to challenge injustice of any kind, even within the Church and he frequently found himself at odds with Church authority on matters of social justice and sexual ethics.

Enda Mc Donagh was a passionate believer in the separation of Church and State and in the mid-eighties was heavily involved in the New Ireland Forum. He was instrumental in shaping the social agenda of former Taoiseach, Dr Garret Fitzgerald and was the official chaplain to Mary Robinson during her time as President of Ireland. His work for Ecumenism earned him the title of Honorary Canon in the Church of Ireland.

The author of a myriad of books, Enda was a master of words who lectured all over the world. He believed that no time, no culture and no church had a monopoly on truth but that as humankind continued to evolve and develop in its self-understanding and in its understanding of who God is, that its understanding of what is true and right

and just grew clearer. He invited his students not just to think for themselves but to develop a way of thinking which was Christ-centred and focused on the other.

I completed my post graduate studies under Enda. While always challenging, he was kind and tolerant. He pushed me out of my comfort zone and encouraged me to read and to think beyond the tried and tested and the safe. He demanded excellence and drew the very best out of his students. But most of all he helped me to believe in myself and in the value and worth of my own thinking. He believed in me.

On finishing my studies, I had to 'defend' my written work before a panel of academics. It was always a nerve-racking experience as you could be pulled up on the smallest thing, even spelling or an inaccurate footnote. Enda was on my panel. He simply asked me how what I had learnt from my studies would impact on how I would be as a priest. For Enda theology was much more than just an academic pursuit, it formed you as a follower of Jesus Christ.

An indication of the esteem in which Enda was held was demonstrated when within hours of his death President Michael D Higgins issued a generous tribute. It was 24 hours later before the official church did the same. Respected and admired far and wide as a brilliant and forward-thinking theologian Enda was repeatedly overlooked when it came to 'promotion' within the Irish church. Our loss.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Parishioners are invited where possible to gather some Palm for their own homes. Palm will be blessed at weekend Masses. Family and neighbours might like to leave some Palm at the homes of those who may be unable to get some for themselves.

Holy Week

The Ceremonies of Holy Week are central to who we are as Church. The various rituals are rich with meaning and significance; the washing of the feet, the kissing of the cross, the lighting of the Easter Candle are communal of their very nature. Again, this year all ceremonies will be held on line. Please join our virtual community as we celebrate Easter.

Monday 29 th	7pm	Service of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday	7pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday	3pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	7pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	10am	Mass of the Resurrection

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

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 this 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 23rd 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.

The Two Graces

Newport Business Association have announced plans for the erection of statues of Grace Kelly and Gráinne Uaile. The project which it is hoped will become an iconic part of the Newport tourist offering is well underway and fundraising will begin shortly.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of Michael Duggan, Clogher, father of Clair Mulroy Acres and Emmanuelle Ibrahim, India, father of Sibi Emmanuelle, Acres Grove. 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: Sean Kelly, Fahy, and deceased family members. Immanuel Ibrahim, Kerula, India (Months Mind Thursday)

Weekend Mass Intentions

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. Roy Kelly, London and Westport (1st Ann)

Saturday March 27th at 7pm:

Gerard Moran, Roskeen North. Jim and Teresa Cooney, Kilmeena

Sunday March 28th at 10am:

Breege Mc Manamon, Meddlcott St (Months Mind). Sylvie and Angela Healy, Mulranny Rd. Bob and Mary Loftus, Meddlcott St. Pdraig Doherty, Mulranny. Caroline Ginnelly Rosturk. Bridgie Loftus, Bunnahowna and deceased family members.