

Burrishoole Parish

June 26th/27th 2021

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What Now?

Monday was the longest day of the year. And a lovely day it was!

I am not quite sure whether I like the longest day of the year or not. It's great to think that we are in the heart of the summer – some infact say that the summer only begins on June 21st, but on the other hand as the year turns we are heading into shorter days and longer nights. I suppose liking June 21st or not is a bit like judging a glass to be half full or half empty – it very much depends on one's attitude and one's perspective.

A pessimistic attitude can prejudice how we see the world. If we only look for the negative, we will only see the negative, if we only search out faults in others then we will only find faults in others. The summer solstice may indeed signal the shortening of the length of days but it also reminds us that we have a whole summer before us, a summer full of opportunities, a summer where we, please God, will return to some sort of 'normality'.

The reopening of society with the gradual return to church signals both a challenge and an opportunity for us as a parish community to begin again. It is an opportunity for all of us to consider the importance of faith and of parish in our lives. How can we enhance the life of our parish community? What gifts, talents, insights have we to offer which might build a stronger and more vibrant community? What responsibility have we to ensure that this community of faith will be here for generations to come?

As parents what, in terms of faith, do we want to gift our children? What experience of parish and of church would we like them to have? How can we ensure that our children will have a positive and lifegiving encounter with Jesus at Mass? How do we pass on the 'practice' of the faith to the next generation?

As teenagers and young adults what kind of parish would we like to be part of? How can we inspire, involve, include and hear the voices of our youth? How can parish be relevant and meaningful to the lives of our young people? Can we offer practical

ways in which faith can find expression in our community and in our world?

In many ways our church has been asleep for almost 18 months. In that time we as a church have changed. As the church awakens, we can look at where we are from two different perspectives. We can bemoan what we have lost and turn our energy to restoring our church and our parish back to where it was. Or we can see this as an opportunity to begin again, to create a better church and a better parish. We can convince ourselves that these past 18 months hasn't changed us or we can seek to learn from the experience and discern where God might be calling us as a community through this time of testing.

I am not too sure whether I like June 21st or not. I am sure that through this experience of Pandemic God is calling us not to be the same as before but rather to be better than before. This is a time of great opportunity for our church and for us as a parish community.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Returning to Mass

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Last weekend two of our churches reached their restricted capacity. Thank you for your cooperation. Parishioners are asked to be patient and, in a situation where the church is full, they are invited to participate from their cars via radio or phone and are welcome to recieve Holy Communion once the church has emptied.

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

New Rotas

We are in the process of drawing up new rotas for the various church ministries. Many of those who previously volunteered in the various church ministries are unable to continue. Might you volunteer as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Society, Cleaner? Please contact the Parish Office.

First Communion and Confirmation

First Communion

Saturday July 10th Mulranny Church
12noon; Mulranny NS
Saturday July 24th Parish Church, Newport
12noon: Newport NS (Surname A-L)
2pm; Newport NS (Surname M-Z) and
Cuilmore NS

Confirmation

Saturday July 17th Parish Church, Newport
12noon: Newport NS
2pm; Cuilmore NS and Mulranny NS
In organising both First Communion and Confirmation parishes have 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.'*

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas will take place on Thursday. Visits in the Newport area will take place on Friday. Mass will be celebrated in St Brendans, Mulranny for residents only on Thursday at 3pm.

GAA Thank You

Burrishoole GAA U12 girls Team and Management thanks everyone who donated items and helped out with the preparations for their recent Pop-up Shop. They thank all who called into the shop and are delighted to report that with the added help of two local sponsors, Kevin Kilroy and Seamus Walsh they have achieved their goal of providing new football gear for the team.

Mulranny Community Evening

A Community evening will be held this Tuesday 22nd in The Amenity Centre at 7.30pm. It is hoped to continue with the programme of village enhancement and planting. There has been great participation so far, so come along, everyone welcome, no skills required.

Envelope Collection

The Priest's Summer Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being taken up. This is one of four collections each year from which the priest draws his monthly stipend. Thank you for your generous support. 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

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul of Jan Van Den Oosten, Westport, father of Ray Van Den Oosten, Newport and Teresa Dullaghan, Buncrana, aunt of Fiona Lavelle, Furnace. May he rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Intentions:

10am Mon-Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Mary Davitt and family, Doontrusk. John Chambers and son Liam, Letterlough

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday June 26th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Michael and Mary Agnes Cusack. Belinda Smith, Roskeen. Peter Mc Hale, London.

Sunday June 27th Newport at 10am:

Tom and Ciss Mulchrone and daughter Mary Kelly. Martin Crehan, Lecarrow. Martin and Margaret Casey, Lecarrow and deceased members of the Crehan and Casey families. Miriam Fadden (nee Chambers) Hollyhill and Georges St and granddaughter Jamie Mary Fadden. Jenny Kilroy, Westport. Jack and Nora McNeela Letterlough, daughter Nary and granddaughter Marie.

Sunday June 27th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mary Loftus, Bunnahowna. Michael Carolan and his parents John and Sarah, Murrivagh

Saturday July 3rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Mary Cannon, Athy and Roskeen (1st Ann). Martin Moran, Castle Rd. Mary and Michael Masterson. John and Annie Moran, Roskeen and deceased family members. Matthias and May B Moran Sandhill and deceased family members.

Sunday July 4th Newport at 10am:

Martin and Annie Geraghty, Cortoon and deceased family members. Peter and Kathleen Greaney, Lisavally, Barnadearg. Peter and Annie Ryder and deceased members of the Ryder and Madden families. Paul and Maggie Dyra, Kilbride. Paddy and Bridget Gibbons Westport. Jim McNeela, Skirdagh.

Sunday July 4th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish.