

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**October 31st/ November 1st, 2020**  
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### **Bringing Church Home**

As we navigate our way through Level 5 its hard to know what the future holds for us in terms of gathering again to celebrate Mass together. Pre Covid life seems like a distant memory. Even with the first lifting of restrictions and the opening up of our churches for Mass social distancing meant that congregations were severely limited and that many were unable to attend. It has been a particularly difficult time for those for whom Mass is a regular and an essential part of their daily and weekly lives, made all the more difficult because it is impossible to know if and when we will be able to gather again freely as a community.

But I have even greater concern for our children. Covid 19 has meant that we no longer have our brilliant Mass Servers, it has meant too that the Good News Club has had to be suspended and that our monthly 'Do This in Memory' First Communion Masses cannot take place. Covid 19 has meant that parents and indeed grandparents cannot bring their children to Mass. I miss what children bring to church; their enthusiasm, their vitality, their fun, their innocence, their faith but I worry more about what they are missing by not being able to gather at Mass with their faith family. In gathering as a community for Mass we are being formed, maybe even transformed into the people of God. We come together to pray and to celebrate the gift of God's presence in the Eucharist but in the coming together - in the very gathering, in the praying together and in our celebrating together we are being shaped as individuals and as a community into a people of faith. Faith is caught not taught. We are never more a community of faith than when we gather at Mass. Somehow the very gathering; the ritual, the sounds, the smells seep into us and give us our identity as members of our church. At Mass we 'catch' faith.

As a community we have a huge if not an essential role in the gifting of faith to the children of our parish. When children join us at Mass they learn that they are part of a community, they learn the importance of giving time and space to God, they

learn about reverence as they discover a sense of the Holy, they learn that God is always there for them and that the church can be for them a refuge and shelter in their times of distress and difficulty. In bringing children to Mass, in sharing with them the experience of Mass, parents do much more than fulfil pre-sacramental parish requirements. In bringing their children to Mass parents are steeping them in faith, allowing their children to catch the faith in ways which any amount of teaching will never do.

In a sense it was easier for parents when they could bring their children to Mass and could rely on the support of the parish community. In our new normal parents have to be more deliberate; by gathering their children around a computer or TV screen, by lighting a candle, by praying out loud the prayers of the Mass, by explaining to them that in joining in Mass they are joining their parish community and by helping them to understand what is going on.

It's hard to know how long it will be before we can gather again as a parish community to celebrate Mass together. In the meantime, families are the only church our children will experience. My God bless them in this task.

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **Remembering our Dead**

November is the month when we remember our dead in a special way. Beginning on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> a Novena of Masses will be held to pray for our deceased relatives and friends.

Envelopes and lists for the names of the dead are available in each the parish churches. You are invited to call in during the week and leave your completed list in the basket provided. All envelopes will be gathered up next weekend and brought to the parish church where the novena of Masses will be celebrated. Please do not place any money in the envelope.

At 10am Mass on next Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> a Remembrance Mass will be celebrated for those from our parish who have died over the past year. If families would like to have parishioners who died outside of the parish during the past year included in the Mass they are invited to drop in names over the coming week.

### **Parish Volunteer Group**

We have a Parish Volunteer Group set up which is available to assist those who are cocooning or in self-isolation with collecting messages, prescriptions etc. If you need anything please call Fr Tod on 098 41123 or Guard Ronan O Grady on 086 8333535. We are here to help

### **Parish Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. These are challenging times for many people. With Masses currently suspended Envelopes can be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. If it is more convenient to hold on to the envelopes for a number of weeks please do so. Thank you

### **Senior Line Service for Older People**

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Phone 1800 80 45 91

### **Burrishoole Graveyard Collection**

The Graveyard Committee are appealing to all households in the area whose loved ones are at rest in Burrishoole Graveyard to make a donation toward the costs of maintaining the graveyard. Please place contributions in an envelope and posted through the door of the parish office in Newport or pass to any members of the committee: - Jimmy O'Malley, Pat Hughes, Christy Horan, Billy Chambers, Kevin O'Malley, Anthony Lenighan, Helen and Jack Keane.

The committee is very grateful to those who have already come forward and made a donation and thank everyone for their continued support and generosity.

### **Killeen Cemetery Thank You**

The Killeen Cemetery Committee wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the annual collection. The amount collected was €1,985 which will go towards the future enhancement of the graveyard. If there are still people that would like to contribute feel free to do so by giving it to any member of the committee or posting through the door of the parochial house in Mulranny or Newport.

### **Murrivaugh Cemetery Collection**

The Annual Murrivaugh Cemetery Collection amounted to €1,090. This money will be spent on upgrading and maintaining the cemetery. This Summer the cemetery index map was updated and replaced at a cost of €300. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously.

### **Parish Magazine.**

It is intended to publish the 2020 parish magazine prior to Christmas. Because of the Covid pandemic, many events that would normally have happened in the parish have not taken place. Nevertheless, there are still many happenings and events that should be recorded for the benefit of parishioners both at home and abroad. Contributors are reminded that the latest date for receipt of articles is **next Friday, Nov 6th**. Please send to [burrishooleparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:burrishooleparishmagazine@gmail.com)

### **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 and on Parish Radio*

### **Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10am:  
Larry McGovern, Carrowbaun; Elizabeth (Baby) Bracken, Sandymount; Carmel McNeela O'Connor, Quay Rd. & Rathoath; Cicily & Synie Breen, Derradda.

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday October 31st at 7pm:**

The People of the Parish

#### **Sunday November 1st at 10am:**

Mamie Taylor (née O'Neill) Southampton & Lettermaghera (Months Mind); Michael & Rose McManamon, Gaffy; George Reid, Quay Rd; Tommy Conway, Buckagh; Bernie Rumley, Rosturk.

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#### **Saturday November 7th at 7pm:**

Patrick, William Cusack; Teresa McLoughlin née Cusack, her daughter Rose O'Callaghan & deceased members of the McLoughlin & Cusack families, Rosturk & Roskeen. Annie and John O Malley and daughter Bea Loftus. Seán Chambers, Trienbeg. PJ Chambers, Cleveland

#### **Sunday November 8th at 10am:**

Annual Remembrance Mass