

Burrishoole Parish
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The Lifting of the Anchor

The death of a second parent, the death of a mother brings a kind of unbelonging into a person's life. Before we were someone's son or daughter now we are on our own. Before there was a home full of warmth but, with the heart gone out of the home, now we have a house full of memories. Before there was always someone to turn to, now, at least in these days, we are lost and feeling very much alone.

And yet in this new world of unbelonging we feel their presence. They have done more than mark us with the sign of faith, they have formed us, made us who we are; the very shape of our bodies, the way we walk, the way we talk, our passions, our oddities. They are with us in the way we think, in the way we blink our eyes, in the way we move our hands. They shine through us in the way we laugh, in the way we cry, in the way we love. They are the best of us, we please God will be the best of them. They will be part of us always.

Both Mam and Dad lived to be 90 – we were blessed. I remember thinking that if mam was first to go dad wouldn't last long without her. Mam was always the stronger of the two. Perhaps in hindsight she wasn't as strong as we thought. It's only in looking back that we can see now that, although she didn't pretend, something of mam died that day dad went into care, and that, almost exactly two year ago when he died, the life and the fight was knocked out of her.

The last four years were very hard for Mam. Her failing health, her lack of independence, her loneliness were hard crosses to bear. But she bore them with great grace and dignity. As a family we have so much to be thankful for.

Mam was a frequent visitor to Burrishoole. She loved coming down and was always welcomed with great warmth. We spent two great Christmases in Newport – cherished memories. Many thanks to the people of Burrishoole for your prayers and support over these past years but particularly over the past week. It has meant so much to me and to us as a family.

Over the past number of months there has been a lot of talk about the 'new normal' in which we find ourselves. My 'new normal', life without mam will take a bit of getting used to. The loss of one's mother, even if she was blessed with great years, is the lifting of an anchor which has held the world steady for so long. May she rest in peace.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Thank You

A sincere word of thanks to my good friend and mentor, Fr Tony King who stepped into the breach last weekend and covered Masses and Baptisms. Thank you too to all who welcomed him with customary Burrishoole warmth.

First Friday

First Friday visits to the sick and housebound will take place this week. Visits to the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas take place on Thursday with visits in the Newport area taking place on Friday.

Parish Mass Schedule

Our weekly Mass schedule is running as smoothly as we might have hoped with numbers at weekend Masses usually very manageable. People who are in a position to do so continue to be encouraged to please attend a weekday Mass instead of Mass at the weekend.

Mulranny Church can accommodate around 35 people, Tiernaur Church around 45/50 and larger churches, such as Newport have been given an exemption which allows us to make two sections of no more than 50 in each provided social distancing can be maintained.

We are required to keep the two sections separated. People attending Mass in Newport and entering by the side doors are asked to sit in the front half of the church, people entering by the main door are asked to sit in the back half of the church and to leave by the main door.

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. These are challenging times for many people. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. The Priest's Autumn Collection (Blue envelope) is currently being accepted.

Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house or if you are in a position to do so you can drop your envelope in the baskets provided as you enter or leave Weekend Mass.

Heritage Group Meeting

A Heritage Group meeting will take place this Monday 5th October in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny at 8pm. All welcome.

Cancer Support Services

Mayo Cancer Support will hold their outreach service in Achill Sound Health Centre on Thursday, 22th October. For more information or to make an appointment please contact Jean on 087 2804164 or Rock Rose House on 094 9038407.

New Parish Office Opening Times

From this Tuesday the parish office will be open Tuesdays to Thursday 11am – 3pm.

Church Cleaning Rotas

A huge thank you to all the kind volunteers who have volunteered to clean and sanitize our churches each week and to those who have agreed to become ushers. Cleaning and sanitizing of the churches will need to continue indefinitely.

Over the coming weeks we are introducing a new system of sanitising our churches through the use of 'Fogging machines' The foggers will allow the churches to be thoroughly cleansed in a matter of minutes and will not need as much effort on behalf of our volunteers. We still however need more volunteers in each of our churches in order to maintain the cleaning regime which we have in place.

Newport Wild 2 Wild

Newport Wild 2 Wild is going virtual this year. Full details on the Newport Wild 2 Wild Duathlon Facebook page. Simply sign up, run/cycle 100 km between September 21 and October 25th (minimum of 30km should be completed by running/walking), log your time in the virtual hub via an app that will show you where you are virtually on a map of the race and your results will be posted online in the Challenge Leaderboard..

Western Care Association's Annual Collection

The Western Care Association's Annual Door to Door Collection has gone online for the month of September. To donate, please find them on Facebook "Western Care Association" or go to www.idonate.ie/wcador there are also links on their website www.westerncare.com.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated. You can donate by cheque, postal order or bank transfer please contact Teresa Ward for the bank transfer details at 094 90 29174 or 087 246 7857 or email

tward@westerncare.com. Thank you for your support.

Death Notice

We pray for the soul of Kathleen Hamilton, Manchester, wife of the late Tom Hamilton, Taunyougaune and Babs Nolan, Westport. 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.

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Monday – Tiernaur, Tuesday and Thursday – Newport, Friday – Mulranny.

Frank & Margaret Cowley & their son John, Georges Street; Teddy & Aggie Mulchrone, Georges Street; Tommy & Ann Mulchrone, London & Buckagh; Tommie Nolan, Westport

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday October 3rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Keith Durand & deceased members of the McDermott family.

Sunday October 4th Newport at 10am:

Johnny Maloney, Shramore (Months Mind) Michael (Mick) Calvey, Shramore (1st Anv) and his wife Katie, Kathleen & Charlie McGee, Sandymount, Patrick McIntyre, Acres.

Sunday Oct 4th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday October 10th Tiernaur at 7pm:

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Sunday October 11th Newport at 10am:

Oliver Murray, Skirdagh; Keith Donnellan, Shramore; Marty & Eileen Moran, Ardagh; Bridie Monaghan, Cuilmore.

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