

Burrishoole Parish

July 18th/19th 2020

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Are You Coming to Mass?

Can you believe that its 18 weeks since we last gathered in our churches for weekend Mass? 18 weeks! that's over four months, one third of a year! It was Thursday March 12th when the churches in our diocese closed for Mass in response to the government's guidelines around indoor gatherings. I don't think anyone anticipated at that point that it would be four months later before our churches would reopen for Mass – and even then, that they would be opening under strict health and safety protocols and procedures.

Next weekend, July 25th/26th, after a number of false starts, we will begin again as a community to celebrate weekend Mass together. In the last four months many of us have gathered each week as a 'virtual' community to pray with and for each other, but as much as we enjoyed the comfort of our homes we have missed each other and we have missed the gift of Holy Communion. A 'virtual community can never be enough.

Our Sunday Mass is what binds us as a community, it is what nourishes our faith, it is what feeds our souls. It is at the very centre of what we are as a parish and so when we gather we gather for each other as much as for ourselves; our presence is our gift to our community and when we pray our prayer is the prayer of our community.

Living with the Coronavirus has meant that we have been unable to gather for Mass for over four months. That time can be an opportunity for us to re-evaluate what Mass means for us? 'An rud is annamh is iontach'. Have we taken Mass for granted? Had it become just something we did without giving it much thought? Are we open to be challenged by what it means? Does it, do we allow it to have an effect our our lives?

As things become safer will you come to Mass not because you have to but because you want to? Will you make a decision to come to Mass or might you

invite someone else to come along? A son or a daughter, a neighbour or a friend?

We don't gather just because we always gathered, we don't gather just to keep the show on the road and to keep Fr Tod happy, we don't even gather just for ourselves. We gather to give thanks for and to celebrate God's gracious presence in our lives, we gather to be inspired by God's word and to be nourished by Him in Holy Communion, we gather so that we might become the body of Christ for our world. Are you coming to Mass?

God Bless, Fr Tod

Sacristans Needed

The Employment Scheme which allowed us a part time sacristan in both Tiernaur and Mulranny Churches has ended. The parish would like to invite interested parishioners to consider becoming a volunteer sacristan in either Tiernaur or Mulranny. Perhaps a number of people might be interested and become part of a monthly rota. The position is not very demanding – simply preparing the church in advance of the priest's arrival for weekly Mass, funerals or weddings, but it is an essential role in the life of the parish. Training will be provided. If you feel you can help out please give your name to Ft Tod

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish and of your priest. It is deeply appreciated. The Priest's Summer collection (Blue envelope) is now being accepted. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house or at Weekend Mass.

Parishioners, should they wish, can contribute directly to the Priests Summer collection by using the following bank details;

Account Name: Newport Church Revenue

IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04

BIC: AIBKIE2D

Parish Rotas

Parish Rotas for all church ministries have been suspended for the time being.

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. Even while there have been no public weekend Masses the cleaning and sanitizing of the churches continues in order to allow us to invite a congregation to our weekday Masses

Weekend Masses

Next weekend, July 25th/26th, we will gather again as a community to celebrate weekend Mass together. Mass in Tiernaur will be celebrated at 7pm on Saturday evening, with Masses on Sunday celebrated in Newport at 10am and in Mulranny at 11.30am.

Because of social distancing numbers will be limited to 50/55 in Tiernaur, 90/100 in Newport and to around 30 in Mulranny. (An exemption for religious gatherings means that where the 2 metre social distancing is possible a gathering of 100 can be divided into two pods of 50)

In the interests of safety those who because of age or due to an underlying health condition are vulnerable to Coronavirus are asked to consider not attending or perhaps attending a weekday Mass instead? Likewise, people who have care of the vulnerable should be very cautious in their return to Mass. People who feel unwell or are showing any symptoms associated with the virus are asked not to attend. The Sunday obligation continues to be rescinded.

If you do decide to attend Mass please, if possible, wait in your car until the entrance door to the church is free. Family groups are encouraged to attend together, and face masks are obligatory. On entering the church, you will be asked to sanitize your hands and to follow an usher to a free seat. In order to avoid people crossing over each other pews will be filled from the inside out. A one-way system will be in place in each church and Holy Communion will be distributed as people leave the church immediately after Mass.

Please be patient. A lot of careful planning has gone into preparing our churches. It is impossible however to predict the number of people wishing to attend Mass at this early stage. In the event that the church has reached its socially distanced capacity when you arrive, and you are unable to enter please don't be offended. You are invited to stay in your car and Holy Communion will be brought out to you after Mass.

Burishoole Gaa Lotto

Burishoole GAA are hoping to start the Burishoole lotto again on **20th July**. The Jackpot is an amazing €19,100.

They will have envelopes in all of the Mulranny and Newport businesses. You can also play on line at Burishoole GAA. In just a few simple steps you can play from the comfort of your own home.

The draw will take place in the clubhouse on Monday evening and be streamed live on facebook.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended.

The Churches of our Parish remain open. Please feel free to pop in to say a prayer.

Death Notice

We pray for the soul of Elizabeth Harton (nee Brown), Sussex England and formerly of Westport. Elizabeth taught in Newport Secondary School for a while and was a sister of Phil Chambers, Newport. We extend sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased. May she rest in peace.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Daily Mass at 10am: Mon – Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs – Newport, Fri – Mulranny.

John Gorman, Seaview and St Dominick's, Molly Mc Govern, Carrabawn, Teddy and Aggie Mulchrone, Georges St. and the deceased members of the Mulchrone and Chambers families

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday July 18th at 7pm:

Thomas Moran (Sonny) and deceased members of the Moran family, Sandhill.

Sunday July 19th at 10am:

Ann Kilroy, Carrabawn, Paddy and Julia Nolan, Buckagh, Paul Lyons, Dublin

Saturday July 25th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Jim and Tom O Boyle, Knockbreaga, John and Mary Gallagher, son Thomas, daughter Bernie, Crossmolina. John Syron, Doonaroya. Paddy and Bridie Cronin, Moygownagh and deceased members of the Gallagher and Syron Families.

Sunday July 26th Newport at 10am:

Brendan Kelly and wife Sheila, London and Newport, Gabriel Alex Diamond, Acres, Hubert Keane and parents John and Nora, Caroline and Charlie Brady, Castlebar St, Newport and deceased members of the Brady and Carter families.

Sunday July 26th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Patricia Masterson, Cellbridge and Murrivagh. John Moran, Cushlecka.