

Burrishoole Parish

July 30th 2023

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I have a Bike in the Shed

For anyone with an interest in sport these recent weeks have been/are special. Last week in particular was a bumper weekend for sport with the All Ireland Hurling final at its centre. What a game! The skill and the speed at which modern hurling is played is simply breath-taking. No one, not even the most ardent Kilkenny supporter could argue that Limerick weren't worthy champions. Last Sunday also saw the final rain-soaked day of the British Open golf championship – another great spectacle of skill and, in this specific edition, endurance. (For those interested, The Ashes (cricket!) also came to an end last weekend without a wicket been hit or a ball been struck – it was too wet!) And in terms of international sporting events last Sunday saw the Tour De France roll into Paris on the final leg of its 21- stage tour of France.

I am fascinated by professional cycling – the team tactics, the speed of the sprinters, the selflessness of the domestiques (team members), the sheer strength and perseverance of the main contenders, the courage and determination of the peloton. It's an amazing sport requiring enormous physical prowess and endurance as well as huge mental strength and determination.

The mountain stages are as much tests of mental strength as they are of physical ability. Its enthralling to watch as the team leaders sit in behind their domestiques who lead them up seemingly sheer Alpine passes. One by one the domestiques give of their all until finally they are totally spent, at which point they almost come to a standstill as they pull over to the side of the road. The main contenders continue on pushing themselves beyond what one might have thought humanly possible as they dig deep into their reserves of strength and stamina.

It seems that as riders go deeper and deeper into those reserves there is a point at which they have to be very careful or else they will go into what is called the 'red', and 'blow up'. It's a mental as well as a physical balance which pushes the riders to their absolute limit.

I think what fascinates me most is how professional cyclists can push themselves beyond the pain barrier and even then... go further. I am in awe of their willpower and strength of mind and body. High on my bucket list of things to do before I hit the 'red' of life and find myself peeling over to the side, is to witness a mountain stage of a Grand Tour and maybe even have a go at cycling up one of those mountains.

I have a bike in the shed. It's a good bike, in its day it was an expensive bike. Every year I take it out to get it serviced. Every year I imagine myself hitting the mountains and pushing myself to the limit. Every year the bike is returned to the shed scarcely used.

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God Bless, Fr Tod

Pattern Day/Graveyard Masses

Our Annual Pattern Day Mass will be celebrated at 1pm in Burrishoole Abbey on Monday August 7th. The Pattern Day Mass, celebrating our patron saint, St Dominick is a lovely tradition to keep and gift to the next generations. All are welcome.

Graveyard Masses will be celebrated during that week each night at 7pm; Tues 8th Murrivagh, Thurs 10th Killeen and Fri 11th Kilbride

Parishioners are invited to tend to their family graves in preparation for the annual graveyard Masses.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, Friday, Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th., 5 nights, ex Knock-Ireland West Airport. Contact 012410800 for details and booking.

First Friday Visits

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

First Friday Mass will take place in Shramore at 7pm.

Cuan Modh Holiday Break

The Cuan Modh Centre will be closed for two weeks for holidays, from 1st of August till Tuesday, 15th August. It is hoped many more over 55's will join in after the holiday break. We are open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10am till 2pm and if you need to be collected just let us know. Please leave a message with Jo 086 347 0103.

Patrick Dexter – Last Few Seats Remaining

An intimate concert with renowned local cellist Patrick Dexter will be held in The Old Convent Oratory on August 9, with a drinks reception at 7.45pm. There are only a handful of seats remaining www.mulrannyarts.com/events.

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on July 26; new jackpot of €575, to be won in 50 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp; all welcome.

Festival Time in Newport

Come to the parade on Friday, Aug 4, from 8pm and check out the festival flyer for full details of the events.

Local Cancer Support Cycle

The 2023 John Tiernan Memorial Greenway Cycle from Westport to Tiernaur will take place on Sunday, August 6 with registration and departure from Westport Leisure Park from 9am on the day. All proceeds will go to local charity Mayo Cancer Support. For more information call 094 9038407.

Mulranny Scouts Thank You

Thanks to all who supported and donated to the 12th Mayo Mulranny Scouts first fundraiser last weekend. It was a huge success and we are very grateful for your generosity. A special word of thanks is given to Doherty's No 9.

Killeen and Murrivagh Cemetery

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemeteries will take place in the coming weeks. Envelopes can be returned to any of the committee members or through the church basket at weekend Mass. Committee members in Killeen are Francis O'Donnell, Tom McLoughlin, Peter Moran, Neil O'Donnell, Pat Cannon, Francis McHale, Peter McManaman, and Mae Holmes. Committee members in Murrivagh are Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Kilbride Cemetery Mass and Collection

Kilbride Cemetery Mass will take place on August 11, at 7pm and everyone who has relatives buried in the cemetery is urged to tidy up the graves prior to the Mass so the cemetery is looking well for the occasion. The annual collection for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery will take place at the Mass. There is a routine in place for the mowing of grass etc and funds collected will ensure it continues.

Early Years Educator Vacancy

Newport Community Childcare is currently seeking to recruit an Early Years Educator for a well-established childcare facility in Newport. This is a term-time position for 22 hours per week. Minimum Level 5 in early Childhood Care and Education or equivalent. Interested applicants should send CV and cover letter to: firstfriendsplayschool@gmail.com. For further information contact Fiona McGee at 086 2124040.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Julia Hanna, Sandymount and Shramore who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
The People of the Parish

Weekend Masses

Saturday July 29th Tiernaur at 7pm

Geoffrey Moran, Rosturk

Sunday July 30th Newport at 10am

Peggy and Jimmy O'Donnell, Shanvalleyhue. Phylis and Tom Burke Rossinrubble and their son Liam, Currigaune. The deceased members of the Brady and Carter families. Mary and Paddy Clancy, Quay Rd. Sarah, Eddie, Des, Michael and Anne Fitzgerald and deceased members of the Gorman family, Doontrusk.

Sunday July 30th Mulranny at 11.30am

Seán Faughy, Dundalk. The People of the Parish

Friday Aug 4th Shramorre at 7pm

Paddy Hester, Trienlar

Saturday Aug 5th Tiernaur at 7pm

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Sunday Aug 6th Newport at 10am

John and Mary Ellen Sammon, Lecarrow, son Paddy, daughter Kathleen and daughter in law Maureen Sammon, Carramore. Mary and Pat Monaghan and children Bridget, MaryJo and Tommy. John Joe and Mary O'Malley, Carramore and deceased family members. Deceased members of the Corbett family, Newport. Kathleen and John Moran and son James, Quay Rd, Newport

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Patricia Masterson, Celbridge and Murrivagh.