

**Burrishoole Parish**

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**Our Children, Our Church**

As I entered a shop in Castlebar last week I was greeted by a distraught three or four-year-old girl who had lost her mother. The girl was in tears and was running frantically around calling out for her mum. The shop had one of those modern automatic sliding doors and just as I was entering the panic-stricken child was about to dart out into the street. Not sure what to do I shooed her back in and told her not to go outside and that I would go and find her mum. What I wanted to do, and perhaps what I should have done, was to lift up the young girl and carry her back into the shop to find her mother. But I was reluctant to do that. In this day and age such an action might be misinterpreted. So, with one eye still on the young girl I headed into the shop in search of her mother. As luck would have it, I hadn't gone very far when I met an equally panic-stricken mother desperately looking for her daughter. All's well that ends well.

While my encounter with the lost child had a happy ending the incident itself left me a little sad. Although as adults we are keenly aware of our responsibilities in the safeguarding of children, as a consequence of those responsibilities we have lost an ease and spontaneity in our dealings with them. In a way the crimes of a few have robbed both adults and children of natural and unselfconscious interaction.

It's probably not a very PC thing to admit but... I love children. The last number of weeks of First Communions and Confirmations have only underlined for me the extraordinary gift that children are, not just to our parish faith community but to me as a priest and a human being. Children have that natural gift of drawing the best out of us. Their enthusiasm, their energy, their vulnerability, their innocence evoke a care and a love from us which is so natural that it emerges without the slightest thought. It makes us think beyond ourselves, it awakens in us a care and a concern which is noble and true and it reminds us of the value of seeing the world from a child's perspective.

Over the summer I was involved – very much on the periphery – with a couple of underage teams at Burrishoole GAA. It was a wonderful experience. Although football has changed dramatically since I was last involved some 20 years ago the young lads certainly haven't. Their enthusiasm and sense of fun is infectious and their commitment and energy inspiring. They have an openness and an honesty which is commendable, and, despite everything, their sense of trust hasn't diminished. But one thing I have noticed this time round is the lads care of each other. Even the weaker lads are always included and encouraged.

Thank God for our children and our young people. They can teach us so much. Our Church needs their vitality and openness, and we need to offer them a place where they can feel welcome and safe. The challenge for us as a parish is to be relevant to the lives of our young people and to offer them an experience of Church and of God which is both life-giving and real.

As much as our church needs our children, our children need our church. As we come out of Covid restrictions I look forward to a time when our Altar Servers will be part of our weekend celebration, our First Communion children will have their 'Do This in Memory' Masses and our Good News Club will be bursting at the seams. No child should ever feel lost or alone in our church.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Pope John Paul II Awards**

Transition year students who have signed up for the Pope John Paul II awards are invited to contact Fr Tod to organise how they might be involved in parish.

As soon as restrictions are lifted (Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will organise a Pizza and Coke night to meet up and chat, to arrange new rotas and to make plans for the coming year

**Returning to Mass**

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Each Church can now accommodate 50% of its capacity. 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 receive Holy Communion once the church has emptied. Please be mindful of social distancing and that the wearing of facemasks is required. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

### **Newport Business Association AGM**

NBM will hold their AGM on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, upstairs in Walsh's Bridge Inn at 7.30pm. All members are urged to attend and may email any item for the agenda to [nbnewport@gmail.com](mailto:nbnewport@gmail.com). After a busy season it is now time to get back on track as one strong, united voice to call for the basic services and infrastructure which are currently lacking. New members very welcome.

### **Mulranny Gift of Hands AGM**

The AGM will be held on Monday, 18th October at 10.30 am in the Essence of Mulranny Studio. All members are urged to attend for reports on the last year and also plans for the new studio which has now been approved for funding. A new committee will be elected to take us forward in this; there's an exciting year ahead.

### **Mulranny Tidy Towns Meeting**

A meeting of Mulranny Tidy Towns group will take place this Monday, October 11th at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. Everyone welcome.

### **Killeen and Murrivagh Graveyard**

The Killeen and Murrivagh Graveyard Committees wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to their Annual Graveyard Collection. The amount collected for Killeen was €2,014 and for Murrivagh was €1,150. The funding will go towards the upkeep and future enhancement of both graveyards. If there are still people that would like to contribute, please feel free to do so by giving it to any member of the committees or leave it in the church basket after Mass.

### **Mulranny ICA are back!**

Mulranny ICA will resume its guild meetings on Tuesday, October 12, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. This meeting is open to all who feel they can meet the current HSE regulations for meetings. Please bring along any projects you have been working on since the guild last met, or any extra jars of jam, chutney or honey that you would like to swap. It is hoped as many members as possible will be able to attend so plans can be made for the coming months' meetings.

### **Envelope Collection**

For those attending Mass, envelopes can be left in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass. Parish 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. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Newport Set Dancing**

Newport Set Dancing club will hold their AGM on Thursday 14th October at 8pm in Hotel Newport. Everyone welcome to attend.

### **Remembering Our Dead**

We pray for the soul Brian Semple, Rosturk and Margaret Duffy, Kilmeena sister of Phylis Moran, Derrygarve who died recently. May they rest in peace.

### **Mass Schedule**

*All Masses available on Facebook and Youtube*

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

Mon-Tiernaurl, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: John and Nora Keane, Lecarrow and their daughter in law Catherine Keane

*Note. No Mass Tues morning*

#### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> Tiernaurl at 7pm:**

The People of the Parish

#### **Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Johnny Mc Govern, The Quay (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Oliver Murray, Skirdagh and his sister Dympna. Marty and Eileen Moran, Ardagh. Keith Donnellan, Shramore

#### **Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Rosie Mc Corry Williams, Mulranny and deceased family members. Kathleen and Charlie Mc Gee, Sandymount, Newport

#### **Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> Tiernaurl at 7pm:**

Dominick O Grady, Shraloggy. (Months Mind)

#### **Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Bridie Monaghan, Cuilmore and deceased members of the Monaghan and Murphy families. Willie and Maureen Mannion and deceased family members, Creevaghbawn, Barnadearg

#### **Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Nora and Michael Kilcoyne, Murrivagh, their daughter Bridgie and son in law Alberto Malseo, Chicago. Bessie and Pat Gorman and their sons James, Murrivagh and Pat, Cleveland