

Burrishoole Parish

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And... They are off!

I wouldn't mind but Monday had been a good day. For the first time in a long time by Monday evening I had finished my GBFT piece for the Newsletter. It was about the upcoming First Holy Communion and Confirmations which were to take place over the next three weekends. Although they would be different this year and would be celebrated without the usual gatherings of friends and family, they would be no less significant for the children involved and indeed for our parish community. And even though that community would not be present at the ceremonies themselves, this year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation were in fact a celebration of the faith of our community because it was this community of faith which gifted our children with the faith in which they gathered. Delighted with myself for having the piece finished on Monday evening I saved it for the printing of the Newsletter on Thursday night.

It was during a meeting on Tuesday afternoon that my phone began to beep. Casting a casual glance down I quickly realised that our First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies were in jeopardy – as was my piece for the Newsletter! As soon as the meeting was over, I took to the internet – apparently the Tánaiste towards the end of the Government Press Conference when asked about the Sacraments had simply announced, 'They are off'. No more and no less.

Later that evening, on looking at the updated guidance on the Government website I found no mention of First Communion or Confirmation yet all the media channels were reporting that they had been cancelled. As it turns out it was not until late afternoon on Wednesday that Government guidance was updated confirming what we already knew. Shortly afterwards an email arrived from the Diocesan Office.

In a year of disruption and frustration for everyone this is yet another bitter disappointment for the children involved and their families, for whom this was in fact the second postponement. The children had prepared so well and we as a parish, together

with their teachers, had planned and organised each ceremony with their safety and the safety of their families in mind. Our churches are safe places and this is acknowledged by the authorities. We are told that the concern is not so much around what happens in church but rather the possible consequences of social gatherings which might take place afterwards.

Although it is deeply frustrating and some might not agree with Government advice, we must accept it. It is the advice of experts who know much more about the severity of the various Covid variants than any of us. Public health and safety must be paramount.

Taken in context, our disappointment at the delay of a few weeks in celebrating the sacraments is nothing as compared to the potential suffering and death which Covid could cause should the variant take hold in our community. Neither is the inconvenience caused to families comparable to the sheer distress and upset which business owners and their workers experienced last Tuesday morning on hearing that their businesses and their livelihoods were to be put on hold once again.

Covid 19 has affected all of us but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Each day we are getting closer to that light. Together we will make to the end. As a community let us will continue to nourish and confirm our children in faith. There are brighter days ahead and ... I have a Newsletter piece saved and ready for later in the year!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Returning to Mass

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Thank you for your cooperation. 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. Always

1. Wear a mask
2. Sanitise your hands on entering and on exiting the church.
3. Be mindful in church of social distancing requirements
4. Follow directions of stewards/ushers
5. In Newport Church if seated in the front half please enter and exit via the side doors. If seated in the bottom half please enter and exit via the main door.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. You are asked to leave the church after receiving

New Rotas

We are in the process of drawing up new rotas for the various church ministries. Many of those who previously volunteered in the various church ministries are unable to continue. Might you volunteer as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Society, Cleaner? Please contact the Parish Office.

First Communion and Confirmation

Updated Government advice now reads; *'First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.'*

In order that parents can plan family holidays over the summer First Holy Communion or Confirmation will not now take place in our parish during the months of July or August

Parish Defibrillators

Defibrillators are available in Newport, Mulranny and Tiernaur Churches. All have been recently serviced and are easily accessible. A course to train/retrain volunteers in their use will be scheduled in the near future.

Mulranny Community Evening Thank You

A big thank you to all who participated in the Mulranny Community Evenings held over the month of June. Mulranny Village is in full tourist mode with both the promenade and Greenway thronged every day with families, picnickers and tourists. Tidy Towns are asking everyone to please be litter aware. Mulranny is synonymous for its beauty it is up to each of us to see it continues that way. Take your litter home for responsible disposal, enjoy the Summer and keep safe.

Furnace 10K Walk in aid of Hospice

Newport Hospice Support Group is delighted to announce they are back again with their annual Furnace 10K walk in aid of Hospice. Participants are asked to complete the walk in their own time between Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 18. Please donate via the 2021 *Furnace 10K Walk for Mayo Roscommon Hospice* <https://gofund.me/706d8112>

The loop walk starts from Derradda Community Centre where parking can be found and is clearly signposted with black marker posts; walkers should follow the blue arrows.

Hospice fundraising has been hit hard over the past two years and all support for this very worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.

Envelope Collection

The Priest's Summer Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being taken up. This is one of four collections each year from which the priest draws his monthly stipend. It is also possible to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

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. You can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul of Seán Moran (Post) Newport Wales and Mulranny. May he rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Intentions:

10am Mon-Tiernaur, Tues and Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Andrew Burns Birmingham (Months Mind) Joe Kilroy and his wife Marie.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday July 3rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Mary Cannon, Athy and Roskeen (1st Ann). Martin Moran, Castle Rd. Mary and Michael Masterson. John and Annie Moran, Roskeen and deceased family members. Matthias and May B Moran Sandhill and deceased family members.

Sunday July 4th Newport at 10am:

Martin and Annie Geraghty, Cortoon and deceased family members. Peter and Kathleen Greaney, Lisavally, Barnadearg. Peter and Annie Ryder and deceased members of the Ryder and Madden families. Paul and Maggie Dyra, Kilbride. Paddy and Bridget Gibbons Westport. Jim McNeela, Skirdagh.

Sunday July 4th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish.

Saturday July 10th Tiernaur at 7pm:

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

Sunday July 11th Newport at 10am:

Martin Hughes, Derrada. John and Mary Conway, Ballycroy (Parents of Tina, Rosmore). Bea Loftus, Complon

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