

Burrishoole Parish

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First Confession

The boys and girls of Newport NS made their First Confession this week. As always it was a lovely occasion with family and friends there to offer support and encouragement.

Children have a natural and unspoilt spirituality which is so wholesome and inspiring. They have a sense of God which is simple and pure. It was beautiful to witness them saying their prayers together as they prepared to make their confession and it was humbling to sit and listen to them acknowledge the times in their lives when 'they didn't show love' and to see their absolute sincerity and sorrow as they prayed the 'Oh my God'.

First Confession is a happy occasion nowadays where the children come and sit beside the priest. Gone are the days of the darkened confessional box and gone too are the post confessional comparison of what they got as a penance. As a penance and a sign that they were truly sorry every child was simply invited to give their parents a hug when they got back to their seats.

First Confession is a happy time for the child and can often be a time which brings a smile to the priest hearing the confession. Sometimes it's hard not to laugh.

In the era of the confessional box the child would usually stand on the kneeler and when the slide opened would peer in at the priest while making their confession, but sometimes when you would be listening to a confession on one side of the box the anxious child in the other side of the box, on entering, would begin theirs to the closed screen. On more than one occasion the child thought that the kneeler was a seat and so when the slide opened there was no sign of anyone except for the sound of a child's voice speaking to the back wall.

In more recent years I have had children begin the 'Oh my God' with 'Oh my God, I thank you for loving me and not loving others!' in place of 'Oh my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you'. And I found it hard not to smile when the young boy told me that he had broken his sister's glasses. When I asked him whether he had sat on

them by accident he told me that when he hit her she had them on! It was hard not to laugh when the young girl told me that she had 'murdered' her goldfish. When asked how that had happened she told me that when she was feeding it the whole jar of feed fell in by accident and that the goldfish died by eating too much!

Smiles and laughs aside, I think their experience of God is so real for children that their experience of forgiveness is so meaningful. Through Confession children reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behaviour and how their behaviour affects others. But most importantly Confession teaches children the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than focusing on what was done wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start.

What is true for the child can be true for all of us!

God bless, Fr Tod

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

For Lent this year we are celebrating an early morning Mass at 7.30am each Tuesday in the Oratory, Newport while on Mass on Thursday in the Oratory is at 7pm. Mass on Mondays in Tiernaur and on Fridays in Mulranny will continue at the usual time of 10am. Plenty of choice.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

Reminder: A short evening of reflection for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be held this Monday March 20th at 7pm in Tiernaur Church. All are encouraged to attend. The evening will conclude with some light refreshments in Nevins of Tiernaur.

Parish Ministries

New rotas are available now in all churches. Thank you to all who continue to serve our parish in so many ways. If you are at Mass and notice that there is someone missing from a particular ministry you are encouraged to step in and take their place.

Confirmation

The Ceremony of Light for all children making their Confirmation will take place at 7pm on Tuesday March 28th in Tiernaur Church. Parents/Guardians are asked to bring the child's Baptismal to be used at the ceremony. If you have misplaced the Baptismal Candle you can always bring the Do This in Memory First communion Candle.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday May 13th at 2pm.

First Communion

Well done to the 26 boys and girls from Newport NS. who made their First Confession during the week. Children from Mulranny NS will make their First Confession on Tues April 18th at 7pm in Mulranny Church. Our next First Holy communion 'Grow in Love' Mass takes place next Sunday March 26th.

Princess Grace Statue

Congratulations to Newport Business Association on the wonderful occasion of the visit of HRH Prince Albert of Monaco and the unveiling of the Statue of Princess Grace.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.

Families, Parish & Community Groups, are invited to join the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Francis, on Sunday, May 7th. This is a special day for people from the Archdiocese of Tuam. The Ceremonies commence with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 pm.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis, 5 nights, September 1st to 6th., ex Ireland West Airport. Details & Booking: 012410800.

Mulranny Annual Spring Clean

The Mulranny Annual Community Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, April 1, at 10am commencing from the Amenity Centre where gloves, bags and pickers will be provided. Young and old are asked to spend an hour giving a hand and be proud of our village by making an effort to keep it looking neat and tidy.

Anam Cara Mayo

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents will meet Tuesday 28th March at 7:15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel , Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

St Vincent de Paul

Our local St Vincent de Paul group continues to help families who find themselves in financial difficulties. Please use the confidential helpline if you need to contact them 0864181000

Easter Ceremonies 2023

Holy Thursday

7pm Tiernaur Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday

12pm Tiernaur. Stations of the Cross
3pm Newport. Celebration of the Passion
7pm Mulranny Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8pm Newport Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

6.30am Burrishoole Abbey Dawn Mass
10am Tiernaur Easter Mass
11.30am Mulranny Easter Mass

Why not try to experience some of the richness of our great Easter Liturgies this year?

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Ann Kelly, Newport, Meleesa Egan, Castlebar, sister of John Egan, Tiernaur and of Declan Heneghan, Kilmaine nephew of Majella Hughes Derrada. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses

Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny
Bridie and Michael Hughes, Newbridge St, and their sons Tommy and Seán.

Weekend Masses

Saturday March 18th Tiernaur at 7pm

John and Mary Fadden, Knockbreaga. David McHale, Newfield

Sunday March 19th Newport at 10am

Paddy and Baby Chambers and deceased members of the Chambers family Cloonfoher and the Corcoran family, Laherdaune.

Sunday March 19th Mulranny at 11.30am

Rita O Malley, Murrivagh. Mary Barrett and husband John, Rosturk. David Moran. Cuslecka

Saturday March 25th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Gerard Moran, Roskeen. Frank and Nora Moran, Roskeen, Vincent Murphy, Belmullet. Patrick and Kate Kilcoyne and deceased family members.

Sunday March 26th Newport at 10am:

Richard Steer and his grandson Daniel Peacock.

Sunday March 26th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Caroline Ginnelly, Rosturk. Bridgie Loftus and deceased family members.