

Burrishoole Parish

September 3rd 2023

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'The Covid' - What's Left?

I remember the evening well. I was out for a walk when at around 6pm I got a text to tell me that the Taoiseach was about to make a live address on TV about 'the Covid'. Being too far from home I popped into a house along the way and in an atmosphere of foreboding and dread we sat waiting for the Taoiseach to come down the steps of Government Buildings to address the nation.

For the previous few months we had been hearing about this new fast-spreading virus, but as is our way we assumed that the problem would remain elsewhere. It didn't, and now in an instant it seemed as if our lives were about to change for ever. As the country held its breath, we watched the Taoiseach outlining the restrictions which would be introduced in what would become the first of a series of 'Lockdowns'.

Even though it is only three short years ago it is hard to imagine a world in which schools were closed, visitors to our country faced compulsory quarantine and travel was restricted to a distance of 5km from home. Those days of Lockdown feel like a distant memory now; the days of cocooning and social distancing a thing of the past. It seems like a lifetime ago since families were unable to visit elderly loved ones, since priests celebrated Mass in empty churches and since toilet rolls became a much-prized commodity.

Those were uncertain days – even frightening days and thank God for the most part those days are well behind us.

But those days brought a goodness and a kindness out of us which are in danger of being left behind as well. Communities came together to help and support the most vulnerable in their midst. A sense of togetherness and responsibility for each other, for our community and for our world emerged as together we faced the unknown and invisible threat. At local level our community sprang into action. While neighbours kept an eye on the elderly and the vulnerable a network of support groups were set up to do shopping, offer lifts and provide contact. Frontline workers like doctors, pharmacists, home

helps and carers ensured essential services were available while local shops stayed open to provide basic necessities. Teams of volunteers offered to sanitise our churches so that they could remain open even with reduced capacity and the introduction of webcam meant that cocooners could participate at Mass.

While keeping away from each other we kept an eye on each other, while being disconnected we realised how connected we actually are, while not allowed to hug or even to touch we grew to appreciate deeply the value of ordinary everyday physical contact. Not being able to travel meant that we began to see again, as if for the first time, the beauty of where we live.

Although Covid is still with us we have moved on. Those first days of fear and anxiety are gone - life has become busy again. We have regained what we had lost, but might we be losing what we gained.

God Bless, Fr Tod

A Note to Mass Servers

We thank our 67 Mass Servers for their enthusiasm, commitment and generosity over the past year. New rotas will come into effect in late September. Because last year's sixth class have only had the opportunity to serve for one year due to Covid could I invite and encourage you to consider waiting on for another year.

Station/Neighbourhood Masses

It is hoped to resume this lovely tradition this Autumn. Families are invited to consider the possibility of having Mass celebrated in their homes during October/November. Please contact Fr Tod if you would like to arrange a date.

Newport Street Party

The fourth Newport Parish Street Party will be held this Sunday September 3, from 1pm to 5pm on Newport Viaduct. Celebrate all that is good about our parish. Why not bring a picnic or enjoy the local food on offer. Lots of stalls, music, games, face painting and much more.

Leaving Cert Students

Congratulations to all our leaving certs who received their results this week. Well done. Your family, your schools and your parish are so proud of you

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on Aug 30; new jackpot of €700, to be won in 53 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8pm sharp. All welcome.

Mulranny Irish Countrywomen's Association

Mulranny ICA will resume meetings, after the summer break, on Tuesday, September 12, at 8pm, in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. Membership is free until January, giving the perfect opportunity for new people to explore all that the ICA is about, so why not give them a try? For further information call Margaret Moran at 087 912 0135.

Mayo Mental Health

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the Mayo Mental Health collection held last Sunday in Mulranny. A total of €346.15 was raised for this worthy cause.

Cuilmore CCÉ Junior Set Dancing Classes

Cuilmore CCÉ will resume junior set dancing classes on Tuesday, September 12, in Newport NS Hall. Junior and Senior Infants classes 2-3pm; 1st and 2nd class 3-4.15pm; 3rd, 4th and 5th Class 4.15-5pm; Secondary School Classes 5-5.45pm. If your child would like to join, contact Caroline at 086 859 7550. Classes will take place on Thursday's in the hall with the Moffatt School of Irish Dancing between 4-5.15pm. Contact Sheila 087 9364504.

Cuilmore CCÉ Music Classes

Cuilmore CCÉ will resume music classes on Tuesday, September 19, with all ages from second class upwards welcome, including teens and adults. The branch caters to all levels of ability. If you or your child would like to learn traditional music then please contact Julie 086 8538495, Gráinne (accordion & tin whistle) 087 3133411 or Dave (accordion) 089 6072352.

Féile John McFadden AGM

Following the hugely successful inaugural Festival last February, Féile John McFadden will hold their AGM on Thursday, October 5, upstairs in The Grainne Uaile at 7pm. Preparations for Féile February Bank Holiday Weekend 2024 will be outlined and all are invited to attend.

Mayo Cancer Support

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer at Rock Rose House in Castlebar and (by appointment only) at outreach centres in Ballina every Tuesday and Achill on the third Thursday of the month

Ballycroy Sheep Show

Ballycroy Sheep Show is this Sunday, September 3, in Ballycroy Village starting at 2pm. All are welcome.

An bhfuil Gaeilge agat?

Mulranny Art's next Circeal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversational Circle) takes place in the Parlour of The Old Convent in Mulranny on Saturday, September 2, at 2pm. Irish speakers of all abilities and ages are very welcome to attend this open and free event. Bígí linn!

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Olive Sherlock, Mulranny, Mary O Reilly, Rossclave and Mary Gill Carrowholly. May they rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

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

Weekend Masses

Friday Sept 1st Shramore at 7pm

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Saturday Sept 2nd Tiernaur at 7pm

Brian and Hannah Cusack

Sunday Sept 3rd Newport at 10am

Sean Moran, Derrygarve (Months Mind). Mary Mc Tigue, Seaview (1st Ann). Peter and Annie Mulroy. Pat, Margaret, Molly, Joe and Lizzie Keane, Main St. Margaret Murray, Shramore. Nancy and Patsy Noone Seaview and deceased members of the Noone and Marley families.

Sunday Sept 3rd Mulranny at 10pm

Judge Patrick Moran, Mulranny

Saturday September 9th Tiernaur at 7pm

Deirdre Moran and her grandparents Katie and Thady Moran Roskeen. John Lavelle, Knocknagaoithe and Cleveland.

Sunday September 10th Newport at 10am

Mary and Patrick Mulchrone, Tawneyougaune. Paddy and Baby Chambers, and deceased members of the Chambers family, Cloonfoher and Corcoran family, Laherdaune. Sarah, Baby and Jim Duffy and Jim and Mary Smith, Doontrusk. Martin Mc Guire, Knocnageeha. Micky Kelly, Castlebar St, his son Joseph and deceased family members

Sunday Sept 10th Mulranny at 11.30am

Mary Josephine McLoughlin, Mulranny.