Burrishoole Parish April 9th/10th 2022 Fr Tod Nolan P.P. 098 42665 Parish Office 098 41123

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Touching the Holy

I don't know if I'll ever get back into the habit of shaking hands! When I do shake hands now I am very aware of it and have to consciously decide to offer my hand. The ritual of hand shaking is much more than just a greeting – it is an opening up to the other, it is an offer of acceptance of the other for who they are, it is the making of a physical connection. It is the touch which is all important. Other cultures have different ways of greeting, but touch is always part of it – Eskimos rub noses, the French touch cheeks, in New Zealand the Maori gently tap foreheads. There is something about touch which connects us to the other.

As Catholic Christians we love to be able to touch the sacred. Somehow touch brings us out of ourselves and connects us to the eternal.

There is a bronze statue in St Peter's in Rome which has lost one of its toes through century's long tradition of pilgrims touching the foot of the anonymous saint. When we visit Knock we want to touch the apparition wall, in times of sickness or distress it is the touch of the sacred relic which often brings comfort and consolation, the physical lighting of a blessed candle is far more meaningful than the turning on of a switch. We make a point of being marked with ashes, we are eager to have our throats blessed with candles. Our Christian lives begin with the sprinkle of Holy Water and our time on this earth ends with the touch of Sacred Oil.

This weekend we begin our celebration of Holy Week – an tSeachtain Mór. It is the most sacred time of the Church's year – the time of year when the slender line between the sacred and the profane is at its thinnest. As if to help ease the connection of the two the rituals of this week are full of the physical and the tactile; the washing of the feet, the kissing of the cross, the lighting of the Easter fire, the blessing of holy water. The rituals of Holy Week help us to stretch beyond ourselves as we reach for the sacred.

Holy Week begins with the procession and blessing of the Palm. Remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem the ritual reminds us that we too are called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. It is our tradition to bring the blessed palm home and to give it a place of prominence in our house - on the mantel piece, above a door or behind the picture of the Sacred Heart. It is a sign for us of God's presence in our home and of our willingness to follow his Way.

Palm Sunday is sometimes called Passion Sunday because it is the Sunday on which the Passion of Jesus is read. It is the Sunday of the long Gospel. The people who enthusiastically welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem shouting 'Hosana' are the very same people who shout 'crucify him' just days later. The palm which we bless on Palm Sunday becomes the Ashes with which we are marked on Ash Wednesday. We spend our lives someplace between both days but always reaching for the holy.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Service of Reconciliation

Where in your life are you being called to make peace with yourself and with God? A Service of Reconciliation will be held in Newport church at 7pm on Monday, April 11th. A number of priests will attend and the opportunity for individual Confession will be available.

Dawn Mass

Dawn Mass will be celebrated at Burrishoole Abbey at 5.45am on Easter Sunday morning. There is a high tide later in the morning and parishioners are asked not to park too close to the slipway! If you have a lantern which we could borrow for

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Easter Ceremonies 2022	
Monday 11 th 7pm Newport	Service of Reconciliation
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 5.45am Burrishoole Abbey Dawn Mass **10am Tiernaur** Easter Mass **11.30am Mulranny** Easter Mass

A Prayer for the People of Ukraine

For those who are fleeing... sanctuary For those who are staying... safety For those who are fighting... peace For those whose hearts are breaking... comfort For those who see no future... hope.

Bucket Collection Volunteers Needed

A bucket collection will be held in Newport on Saturday, April 30 in support of the Mayo Pink Ribbon Charity Cycle and breast cancer research. Volunteers are sought to take up a position for an hour or two between the hours of 9am to 6pm at one of five collection points. Signup sheets, for all locations, are available at Kelly's Garage so please sign up now and help support this important research.

Newport Annual Spring Clean

The Annual Newport Spring Clean will take place on Good Friday, April 15th, starting at 10am from Canon Killeen Park, Meddlicott Street. Tidy Town Volunteers will distribute bags which will be collected at 1pm for disposal. All welcome

Mulranny ICA

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th April at 8 pm in the Amenity Centre

Mulranny Men's Shed

Mulranny Men's Shed thank all who braved the inclement weather to join them on their fundraising walk in support of the climb by Charlie Bird €736 was collected. Well done everyone

Parish Basket Collection

The Priest's Easter collection will be taken up next weekend. For the time being envelopes can still be left in the baskets provided in the churches or dropped into the letterbox of the Parish house. New envelope boxes have now been distributed to all homes. If you haven't received yours please contact the Parish office.

Mulranny Annual Spring Clean

The Annual Mulranny Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, April 9, commencing at 10am from the Amenity Centre. Bags, pickers and gloves will all be provided and the event is timed so no one will be involved for more than an hour. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Vintage Car Run

Easter Sunday, in aid of Hospice at Kelly Garage 11am-1pm. More info contact John at 087 2634846

Mulranny NS Enrolment

Enrolment is now open at Mulranny National School for the 2022/2023 school year. Enrolment forms can be found on the school website or can be requested by contacting the school directly. New entrants are encouraged to enrol as soon as possible

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Gladys Weston (nee Browne) Dublin sister of Phil Chambers, Newport, Julia Casey (nee Chambers), Birmingham and formerly Knockloughra and Kevin Henrick, NY nephew of Annie Henrick, Newport. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule 10am Weekday

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues -Newport, Annie and John O Malley, Letterlough and deceased members of the O Malley and O Grady families, Belclare.

Weekend Masses

Saturday April 9th Tiernaur at 7pm:

The People of thew Parish

Sunday April 10th Newport at 10am:

Jim Kilroy and his wife Kathleen, Dominick and Rosie Kilroy. René Grothner, Denmark

Sunday April 10^{th h} Mulranny at 11.30am:

For the Gift of Peace

Holy Week

Thursday Tiernaur 7pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday Tiernaur 12 noon Stations Newport Passion 3pm

Mulranny Stations 7pm

Holy Saturday Newport 8pm Vigil

Easter Sunday

Burrishoole Abbey 5.45am Dawn Mass 10am David Nevin, Newfield and Tiernaur father Paddy. Michael Mc Cormack, Roskeen Mulranny 11.30am Carmel Foley, (nee O Boyle) and Molly and Michael O Boyle, Mulranny. Beady O Malley, Mulranny. Michael Gallagher and family NY and Tooreen. Roger Earl Wellman, NY and Murrivagh.