

Burrishoole Parish

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Burying our Dead

The death of Queen Elizabeth has dominated our media for the past week. She is to be buried on Monday after which will follow seven days of mourning. By any standards the funeral of the late British monarch is a long and ponderous affair played out live on TV.

From the outside looking in, the pageantry which surrounds a royal funeral is intricate and complex. Innumerable services have been held as the remains are brought from one location to the next. Protocols are followed in minute detail and funeral rites are conducted with military precision. In many ways the whole affair can seem more of a production than a funeral.

Queen Elizabeth was a public figure who spent her entire life subjected to the glare of public scrutiny. It's perhaps easy to forget that behind the public image she was a wife, a mother, a sister, a grannie and I'm sure a friend. Her death while mourned by a nation is grieved by her family. Grieving for a loved one is a very personal experience; her family have had to grieve in public as they perform their roles in a very public spectacle. It can't be easy.

As a priest a lot of my ministry is to grieving families who are navigating their way through the death of a loved one. Much of my role is simply to accompany. Often words are not important, one's presence always is.

We do death well in Ireland.

It is true that it takes a community to rear a child, but equally it is true that it takes a community to bury the dead. It is at the time of a funeral that community comes to the fore. In many respects the community take over so that the family can grieve. I sometimes say to grieving families that the days around the funeral are sacred. The meeting of old friends, the telling of stories, the laughter and the tears are hugely important. Gathering in the presence of death makes death real and less fearful. Shared memories bring the memory of the dead person into focus as we prepare us to let go.

For us Catholics the process of letting go is punctuated by moments of prayer. Prayers are said at the moment of death and when the remains come

home to the house. Prayers are said when the coffin is carried from the house or the funeral home and when it is brought to the church.

The prayers are said for the repose of the soul of the one who has died, but the rhythm of the ritual soothes us, comforts us and carries us along. The funeral Mass has a familiarity about it which is reassuring and heartening. We pray for the dead but also for those who mourn. And as we learnt during Covid it is not just the prayers that are important - the presence of the praying community itself offers healing and strength.

Since coming to Burrishoole I have presided at well over 200 funerals. I have had the privilege of accompanying families in moments of devastating loss and horrendous grief. It is a sacred time, a time when God is very close. God's comfort is ministered through ritual and through community. Community is the blanket through which God enfolds the grieving family in love.

As we watch the pageantry of Queen Elisabeth's funeral unfold on our TV screens, we remember those who grieve but let us be thankful too for the blessing which our community is to us in our times of loss and grief.

God Bless, Fr Tod

First Communion/Confirmation Dates

First Communion will be celebrated in Newport on Sunday April 23rd and will be celebrated in Mulranny on Sunday May 7th. Our parish First Communion preparation programme will begin next month and parish preparation for Confirmation will begin after Christmas.

The children of 5th and 6th class of our three primary schools will be Confirmed by Archbishop Duffy on Saturday May 13th.

Good News Club

The Good News Club for children aged from 4 years old to First Class will begin again in October. A short meeting of parents who would like to be involved will be held on Monday Sept 26th at 7.30pm in the Oratory, Newport and on Thursday Sept 29th at 7.30pm in Mulranny Church.

Mulranny Mass Weekend Oct 1st/2nd

On Sunday Oct 2nd at a ceremony at Tuam Cathedral Archbishop Francis Duffy will formerly be installed as Archbishop of Tuam when the Archbishop of Armagh imposes the 'Pallium' on him. As Vicar General of the Diocese Fr Tod will be in attendance. Mass in Mulranny on that weekend will be celebrated on Saturday evening Oct 1st at 8pm.

Newport Baptisms

From Oct 1st, and for the winter months, Baptisms in Newport will take place in the Oratory. While reducing heating and lighting costs this change will also provide a more intimate environment for families celebrating this important milestone.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Tues 5-6pm and every Thurs 8-10pm in the Oratory, Newport. All are welcome.

Hospice Outdoor Coffee Morning

Newport Hospice Support Group will host its annual outdoor Hospice Coffee Morning on Thursday, September 22 on Main Street, Newport, by the gates of Newport House. Coffee and cakes will be on sale between 8am and 1pm so please come along and support them while adhering to guidelines. Donations of baked goods are always welcome, so please bring your items to the stall.

Thank you from St Vincent De Paul

Our local St Vincent De Paul conference would like to acknowledge with thanks a donation of €489.60 from the Glenthomas, Bunnahowna Mast Shareholders. All funds will be utilised locally.

Mothers & Others GAA Returns

Burrishoole GAA is delighted to announce Mothers & Others GAA for All returns on Wednesday, 21. The first meet of the season will take place at 8pm on the Astro pitch at the GAP. It's a great way to get out, get active and meet new friends. Contact burrishoolepro@gmail.com

Tá Scór Sinsir ar ais

Scór is an important element of the GAA and very much alive in our Burrishoole club and county. If you are 17 or over and would like to represent your club in Figure Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Ballad Group, Novelty Act, Instrumental Music or Set Dancing please contact Caroline at 086 8597550 or email scor.mayo@gaa.ie. Entries must be submitted by Thursday, September 29.

Changing Banks

With Ulster Bank leaving the market we have had to switch our Parish Church Account to AIB. The process of switching will be done over a number of months and during that time both accounts will be active. The parish will contact all parishioners who contribute to the weekly collections via Direct Debit to advise them of the change. New account details: Name; Burrishoole Parish. Iban IE23AIBK93716943416098

Anam Cara Mayo Parent Evening

Anam Cara Mayo, is holding a Parent Evening next Tuesday, 27th Sept at 7.15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. Please contact them at info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Anne Kelly, Westport sister of Martin and Michael Loftus, Murrivagh and Breege Halligan, Castlebar mother of Jenny Moran, Castle Rd. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Thurs-Newport, Fri/Mulranny
Patrick and Mary Costello, Knocknageeha. Tim and Annie Davitt, Quay Rd, Newport.

(Please note: no Mass Tuesday)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Sept 17th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Catherine O Donnell, Sandhill (Months Mind). Yvonne Moran, Rosturk. Seamus O Malley, Shralogy. Paddy Nevin, Newfield, son David and sister Mary Mc Namara, USA

Sunday Sept 18th Newport at 10am:

Peter Mc Gee, Sandymount (Months Mind). Des Fitzgerald Barrack Hill. (1st Ann) and deceased members of the Fitzgerald family. Jim Walsh, Derryloghan. Bernadette Fergus, Acres. Deceased members of the Gorman family, Doontrusk.

Sunday Sept 18th Mulranny at 11.30am:

May Kilkenny, Murrivagh (Months mind) and deceased members of the Kilkenny and Masterson families. Peter and Helen Mc Nea, Carrowsallagh. Patrick and Rose Barrett, Murrivagh.

Saturday Sept 24th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Pat and Nora Mc Loughlin and deceased family members, Sandhill. Oliver and Mabel Moran, Sandhill.

Sunday Sept 25th Newport at 10am:

Helen Kilroy, (1st Ann) and her husband Eddie Quay Rd. Michael Reid (1st Ann), London and Newport and granddaughter Hollie Boyne. Oliver Murray Skirdagh. Paddy Tresnan, Derrada. Michael Kearns, Quay Rd and deceased members of the McLoughlin, Kearns and Connolly families.

Sunday Sept 25th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Tom Mulloy, Mulranny. Romualdas Ziska,