

Burrishoole Parish

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Good News!

Happy Easter!

Our world needs good news. We need good news.

Today we have good news: Jesus is Risen!!

Jesus is Risen! In our world which has so many other concerns, so many challenges; Coronavirus, the destruction of the Planet, world hunger, poverty, homelessness etc, etc, etc, it might seem that the Resurrection of Jesus is pretty irrelevant. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Jesus is Risen means that there is always hope, we are never alone – nothing is impossible to God. Jesus is Risen means that all humanity is sacred, Jesus lives in each of us – each of us is uniquely beautiful in the eyes of God. Jesus is Risen means that we are loved into life and loved into eternity by God. That is good news.

Speaking of which. The following piece, which I came across on the internet, has been attributed to Pope Francis. I have my doubts, but it is worth a read and is good news.

‘You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you.

Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life.

Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple.

It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes".

It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry".

It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you".

It is to have the ability to say "I love you".

May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ...

That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom.

And when you make a mistake, start all over again.

For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life.

But use the tears to irrigate tolerance.

Use your losses to train patience.

Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity.

Use pain to plaster pleasure.

Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence.

Never give up Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.’

Now that's good news.

Jesus is Risen! Happy Easter!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Government Restrictions

The most recent Government restrictions mean that there will be no opening up of Churches for communal worship until early May at the earliest.

The number of people permitted to attend a Wedding remains at 6 but from April 26th onward the number of people permitted to attend a funeral will be raised from 10 to 25.

First Communion and Confirmation

Last Wednesday's Government announcement means that we will be unable to celebrate First Holy Communion in Mulranny on April 17th. My hope is that restrictions may ease in early May and that we will still be able to hold with our dates in late May for Newport First Communion and our Parish Confirmation.

As soon as we have some clarity, we will pick a new date for Mulranny.

I am sorry for all the inconvenience and lack of certainty, but I am afraid this is the world in which we live. Stay strong, we will get there!

An Easter Blessing

"On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry -- old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling -- and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realize all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning."

John O'Donohue

Trocaire

Thank you for your support of Trocaire again this year. You are asked, if possible, to change coins into notes and return to parish with weekly envelopes. Alternatively, Trocaire boxes can be left in Newport Church in the baskets provided.

New Envelope Boxes

If you have not yet collected/received your new Envelope Box please contact the Parish Office. Due to the good news that the parish debt is now cleared there is no second envelope and parishioners are asked to contribute to the Offertory Collection alone. If you are in a position to do so you might consider giving something extra to the weekly offertory collection thus enabling us to build a contingency fund into the future. Again, thank you for your generous support of our parish. Should you wish to set up a regular direct debit you can do so using the following information: Account Name; Burrishoole Parish Account, Iban: IE27 ULSB 9864 3000 7788 78

Priest's Easter Collection

The Priest's Easter Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being accepted. As always thank you for your generous support. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; Account Name; Newport Church Revenue Account IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

Weekday Mass

Please note that there are no Weekday Masses this week.

Easter Holy Water

Easter water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and bottles of Holy Water will be available in each of the churches on Easter Sunday

Newport Tidy Towns

Newport Tidy Towns will resume their weekly clean up sessions from Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm starting from the bottom of Main Street. They would be very grateful if you would join them. All welcome.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of all our dead, especially those who died in this past year. May they rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended. Our churches remain open and you are invited to drop in at any time.

Mass Schedule

Mass available only on Facebook and/or Parish Radio during current restrictions

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

No Weekday Masses this week.

Holy Week Ceremonies

Good Friday 3pm: Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 7pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 10am: Family Easter Mass

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday April 10th at 7pm:

Valerie Sweeney, Roigh, Newport. (Month's Mind)

Sunday April 11th at 10am:

Larry and Molly Mc Govern, Carrabawn. Margaret and John O Malley, Rosgalive. Carmel Foley (nee O Boyle) Dublin and Mulranny. James Nolan, Cloondahamper, Tuam (Month's Mind) and his wife Phil.