

Burrishoole Parish

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Book Masses, Baptisms & Marriages; get certs & Mass cards. Items for Newsletter by Thurs, 3pm.

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The Cyclers

Since the first lifting of Covid restrictions the steady stream of cyclists making their way along the Greenway has on occasion threatened to become a deluge. This year's increased numbers of staycationers added to the prospect of an outdoor activity has meant that, at least for the untutored eye, there are huge numbers of cyclists making their way along our unique and truly beautiful amenity.

Being a bit of a people watcher, I am fascinated by the assorted varieties and types of cyclists that pass our way. There are the families, often with daddy out front leading the way followed by quickly tiring children and mammy wondering whatever possessed her to agree to this. There are the young couples who decide it might be a romantic way to spend a day together but who, after struggling for three hours against a strong headwind and horizontal sheets of rain find that romance isn't as easily found as they had hoped. Then there are the 40 somethings who toggled out in all the gear look the part but who struggle at the first hint of a hill. There are others who thinking they are going out into the wilderness seem to pack everything, including the kitchen sink, into oversized backpacks, and teenagers (look no hands!) who can't wait to get going and take off like the clappers only to be horrified after a few kms when they discover that there is no Wi-Fi or 4G along the not so 'great' Western Greenway. There are athletes who set off in pursuit of a PB (personal best), and enthusiastic weight watchers who take on too much and find themselves walking home, or worse, having to call for a lift back. Finally, there are the 'electric' cyclers who zoom past without a care in the world all the while wondering what all the fuss was about.

So many different types and varieties of people do the Greenway and yet its amazing how many seem to make the same mistake. They choose a starting point and a destination and then they proceed to expend all their focus and all their energy in getting there. So busy are they in the effort, so determined

are they to get to where they are going, that they forget to enjoy the journey and to simply look around and savour the beauty through which they are travelling. Strange as it may seem getting to the destination is only a very small part of the Greenway. Experiencing the journey together, enjoying the company and appreciating the rugged terrain and exceptional scenery is what the Greenway is all about.

The same might be said about life. How often do we get so mesmerized by the destination that we fail to enjoy and relish the journey? We are besotted by the new house, the new car, the new job and forget to appreciate everything we do have. We are fixated on getting the college place, on making the team, on making that new friend that we forget to have fun now.

If the Pandemic has taught us anything surely it has taught us to slow down and appreciate the journey. This life is not a rehearsal – we pass this wonderful way but once. Look around and enjoy the journey.

God Bless, Fr Tod

First Holy Communion

Congratulations and well done to the 30 boys and girls who celebrated their First Communion this weekend in Newport Parish Church. Your parents, your family, your teachers and your parish are so proud of you. Although it was a different First Communion Day from our usual experience it was none the less very significant and incredibly special. A special thank you to your teachers and to Angela Duffy who helped to make the day so memorable.

First Holy Communion Day is always a proud day for our parish. We rejoice that a new generation of our faith community can now share in our most treasured gift – the Mass. But First Communion is just a beginning. For faith to deepen and mature it needs nourishment. Coming to Mass regularly ensures not only that we ourselves grow closer to Jesus but our very presence nurtures and sustains the faith of the community.

First Communion will take place next Saturday in Mulranny. As they prepare for their special day we remember in our prayers Rachel, Brian, Dorothy and Liam.

Parish Mass Schedule

Our new weekly Mass schedule is running as smoothly as we might have hoped with numbers at weekend Masses very manageable. People who are in a position to do so are still encouraged to please attend a weekday Mass instead of Mass at the weekend.

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Pope Francis

Parish Rotas

As we begin to return to some semblance of normality a new rota will be drawn up for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist in each of the three churches which have Mass at weekends.

A huge thank you to all the kind volunteers who have volunteered to clean and sanitize our churches each week and to those who have agreed to become ushers. Cleaning and sanitizing of the churches will need to continue indefinitely. We need more volunteers in each of our churches in order to maintain the cleaning regime which we have in place.

If you are available to read or to act as a Eucharistic Minister or if you are willing to become a member of a cleaning team or an usher you are asked to please contact the Fr Tod or the Parish Office.

Mulranny Old Photograph Exhibition

Congratulations to Seán Doherty who has put together a unique and extraordinary collection of old photographs and artifacts connected with Mulranny as part of Heritage Week. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to visit the exhibition it continues in Mulranny Community Center this Saturday and Sunday (August 22nd/23rd) from 10am-12am and 5pm -7pm. For more information Call Sean on 0871000286.

Killeen/Murrivagh Cemeteries Collection

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemeteries is due to take place. All homes in the area will receive an envelope, in the coming weeks for the collection. Due to Covid-19 householders are requested to return their envelopes direct to any committee member.

Killeen envelopes can be returned to Peter Moran, Pat Cannon, Michael Holmes, Francis O'Donnell, Peter McManamon, Mai Holmes, Neil O'Donnell, Francis McHale and Tom McLoughlin. Murrivagh envelopes can be returned to Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle.

Death Notice

We pray for the soul of Tommy Holmes, Boyle brother of Joe Holmes, Ardagh and for the soul of Martin (Morney) O Malley, Dublin and formerly of Burrishoole. We extend sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. 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.

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Monday – Tiernaur, Tuesday and Thursday – Newport, Friday – Mulranny.

Mary Moran, Mulranny Rd and St. Brendans (1st Anniversary), her husband Jack and daughter Christine and deceased members of the Moran and O'Donnell families.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Aug 22nd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Gus Moran, Roskeen

Sunday Aug 23rd Newport at 10am:

Peadar Murray, Rossclave

Sunday Aug 23rd Mulranny at 11.30am:

John and Rose Loftus and grandson David, Bunahowna. Pdraig Loftus, Crowborough and Bunahowna. Rose Kelly (nee Loftus) London and her husband Dave and daughter Siobhan Furlough. Mary Ginnelly (nee Loftus) Cleveland and the deceased members of the Loftus and Kilroy families.

Saturday Aug 29th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Oliver and Mary Moran and Matthias and May b Moran, Sandhill

Sunday Aug 30th Newport at 10am:

David Walsh, Derrykell and his grandparents Maureen and Paddy Walsh, Aughagower. Nora Chambers, Clareview and Main St. Mickie Kelly, Castlebar St and his son Joseph. Michael and Margaret Kelly and the deceased members of the Kelly family

Sunday Aug 30th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish