

Burrishoole Parish
27th /28th February 2021
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An Fearr an Troid ná...?

A confirmed-bachelor friend of mine who has successfully navigated life into his 70's always grows weary when some well-intentioned acquaintance asks him whether he would have preferred to have met someone along the way and gotten married. The question annoys him because it somehow implies that since he remained single his life has been 'missing something' and has been inferior in quality. The life of a single person can be just as rich and fulfilling as that of a married person. Both can experience love, joy and happiness just as both can feel the depths of sadness, despair and loneliness.

There are single people in every community. Some are single by choice, some by circumstance and some find themselves single because of bereavement and loss. Often, they are the ones who will stay on after work or who volunteer with local community groups. They are the first port of call as emergency childminder, the go-to-person when someone is in need of a lift and they are at the very heart of the workplace or of our families, reminding us of birthdays and anniversaries. Yet they can so easily be taken for granted or even forgotten. Big family occasions can be difficult for the single person - Christmas, weddings, holidays, times when they may feel a little left out or 'extra' to a social gathering.

A few weeks back we marked St Valentine's Day and celebrated the life and love of couples. As far as I know there is no equivalent day to celebrate the single life.

Lockdown has taken its toll on everyone. We have grown weary and tired. The lack of social interaction affects each of us in different ways. Over these past months many couples, and indeed families, have found themselves spending more and more time with each other which can lead to tension and anxiety.

There is an expression in Irish; 'Is fearr an troid ná an tuaigneas' – its better to fight than to be lonely. It's an expression which carries some truth. At times it is good to have someone to be able to vent

to, to have someone who listens and even to have someone to row with.

In these days of social bubbles and family pods its important that we are attentive to the needs of everyone in our community. A huge emphasis has rightly been put on the need to look out for the elderly who live alone and those who are vulnerable because of medical conditions. Because they seem strong and energetic, young, active single people might be overlooked. It is important that they are not and that they are included in family or friend bubbles.

Occasions like St Valentine's Day remind us to express and celebrate love. They prompt us to appreciate and value something we can so easily take for granted. Let's not take the single people we know for granted. During this time of Lockdown let us celebrate the contribution single people make to our lives and our community and let us be mindful that everyone is in need of our care.

God Bless, Fr Tod

A Lenten Prayer

Loving God,

During this season of Lent bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and my heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well being of my body and soul, and remind me of the grace of simplicity,

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity,

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for, and my faith in, you.

Amen

New Envelope Boxes

The new Envelope Boxes are available for collection now in the churches. In order to minimise infection this year parishioners are asked to collect their own box over the coming days.

Should you wish to set up a regular direct debit you can do so using the following information: Account Name; Burrishoole Parish Account, Iban: IE27ULSB98643000778878

Friday Children's Mass

For the period of Lockdown and while the schools are closed 10am Mass on Fridays will be our weekly Children's Mass. Families and home schoolers are invited to join us via Facebook for a more child friendly experience of Mass.

First Communion and Confirmation

Churches will remain closed for public worship until after Easter (April 4th). It is impossible to know with any certainty when we will be able to gather again as a community. My hope is that if the Virus continues to be suppressed at the current rate that there will be some easing of restrictions after Easter. I imagine if this is the case numbers allowed to attend Church will be limited.

In the event that limited numbers will be allowed to attend Church after Easter, First Communion and Confirmation will take place on the dates chosen.

First Communion.

Mulranny Sat April 17th
Newport Sat May 15th (2 Masses)

Confirmation

Newport Sat May 22nd (2 Ceremonies)

Cuilmore N.S. Enrolment

A modern, country school with a warm family feel, strong community links and all religions welcome. Small class sizes and large, spacious classrooms. Access to computers and technology for all pupils. High level of support for children with additional needs. High academic achievements in Literacy and Numeracy. Dedicated, caring staff with great experience and team spirit, striving to help each child reach their full potential. Large playground with plenty of fun equipment, school vegetable garden, mud pits and lots of outdoor play and outdoor classes. Extra-curricular activities during the school day that include: Music Lessons, swimming, gymnastics, Speech and Drama, Science Competitions, baking, Gaelic Coaching, field trips and outings.

For more information contact the Principal on 086 8850835 or leave a message on 098 41890 or email cuilmorens@gmail.com

Draft Newport Town Design Statement

Next Friday, March 5 is the closing date for submissions to be received by Mayo Co Co about the draft Newport Town design statement. A copy can be viewed at www.mayo.ie/newport-town-design-statement until Monday. Remember it is not about finance but about how future development and change should follow a policy that respects and adds to the unique attributes of Newport and its historical context. Submissions on the draft statement can be posted to Westport Civic Offices, Altamont Street, Westport marked "Submission on Newport Town Design Statement" but must be received by the council before this Friday, March 5. Alternatively, they can be sent by email to mduffy@mayococo.ie.

Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service

Local Link Mayo is offering a *collect and deliver service* in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If your need of such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094 900 5150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email mayo@locallink.ie

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul of Mary McLoughlin, London and Mulranny, sister of Anthony McLoughlin, who died recently.

We extend sympathy to the family of the deceased. May she 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:

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri: Imelda Monaghan, Dublin (Months Mind, Tues) Peter Fahy, Barrnadearg. Pat Gormally, Creevaghbawn

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday February 27th at 7pm:

Packie Hoban, Knockbreaga

Sunday February 28th at 10am:

Dolores Kilker, Shramore (1st Ann). Mary Keane, Murrivagh and the deceased members of the Keane family

Saturday March 6th at 7pm

Christy Butler and his parents Ned and Bridget Hoban and deceased family members
Tom Chambers and his wife Annie, Knockloughra.

Sunday March 7th at 10am

Marie Kilroy (nee Spellman) Months Mind, wife of the late Joe Kilroy Carrabawn and Chicago. Thomas and Anne Doherty, Mulranny. Mike and Mai Joyce and deceased family members, Cortoon. Paddy and Baby Chambers, Cloonfoher and deceased members of the Corcoran and Chambers families. David Gildea, Quay Rd.