

Burrishoole Parish

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Eating Alone.

Well I might as well come clean; after four months of lockdown my cooking still hasn't improved. It is not that I am going to starve - there is no fear of that! - I can do the basics; boil an egg, fry a sausage, defrost a curry... but beyond that I seem to be culinarily challenged! On mature reflection I've come to the conclusion that my problem is more about the amount of time, care and effort it takes to produce a nice meal than about my ability to prepare it. You see, as much as I enjoy my food it somehow seems more effort than it is worth to spend an hour preparing a meal only for it to be eaten in 5 minutes! No matter how good the meal is, eating on one's own somehow takes from the taste.

Food is for one's own personal nourishment, but the sharing of a meal feeds more than just the body. There is something about eating a meal together which satisfies much more than a physical hunger. Sharing food together with friends nourishes the soul.

Celebrating Mass over these past few months has been a strange experience. There is without doubt a great sense of belonging and indeed of community knowing that, even though we are separated and kept apart by the virus, so many people take time out from their day to be part of our virtual community. It is as if, though apart, we are soldiering through this time of separation together. Yet, ironically enough, somehow that sense of community and belonging is fractured at Holy Communion time. Just before we say the prayer for spiritual communion I in fact receive Holy Communion myself. A bit like eating a well-prepared meal on my own there is something missing when the food of the Mass, Holy Communion, is not broken and shared with others. In fact, the celebration of Mass and the sharing of Holy Communion is first and foremost a community activity. All are welcome, saints and

sinners alike, but when some are excluded for whatever reason the meal is in some way diminished.

The closing of the doors of a church while Mass is being celebrated runs against the very nature of Mass itself and it is at variance to the spirit of the Gospel and the vision of welcome we hold as a faith filled community.

Some meals are meant to be eaten together. The sharing of food on special and significant occasions with family and friends strengthens the bonds which hold us together and builds us up as a community.

The breaking and sharing of Holy Communion at Mass strengthens the bonds of faith and love which hold us together and of its nature builds us up as a community of faith and forms us into the body of Christ.

I'm sure my cooking might improve if I had the patience to try a bit harder and to give it a bit more time. But even the blandest meal tastes better when shared. When we gather for Mass we come to share in the greatest meal of all - the bread of life. We come to the table of the Lord to share in His life-giving presence. Some meals are meant not to be eaten alone.

God Bless, Fr Tod

New Mass Schedule

It was hoped that this weekend Masses would be celebrated in the presence of a congregation. However, the restriction of a maximum of 50 people permitted to attend an indoor gathering made this very difficult. Following much deliberation, we have reluctantly decided **not** to recommence public Weekend Masses this weekend.

Weekend Masses with a congregation will recommence after July 20th when the number of people allowed to gather indoors is increased to 100.

Weekday Masses are open and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Our Mass schedule:

Saturday	7pm*	Radio and Facebook
Sunday	10am*	Radio and Facebook
Monday	10am	Tiernaur
Tuesday	10am*	Newport
Thursday	10am*	Newport
Friday	10am	Mulranny

As has been the practice in our parish weekday Mass intentions will run for the week.

*All Masses from Newport will be broadcast on Parish Radio and transmitted on Facebook.

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish and of your priest. It is deeply appreciated. The Priest's Summer collection (Blue envelope) is now being accepted. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house.

Parish Rotas

Parish Rotas for all church ministries have been suspended for the time being.

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. Even while there are no public weekend Masses the cleaning and sanitizing of the churches will continue in order to allow us to invite a congregation to our weekday Masses

Some more Church Typos!

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the car park on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The parish priest would appreciate it if the ladies of the parish would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet in the parish house on Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

Sixth Class will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Time for some Gardening?

The recent weather has seen a spurt of growth in our gardens and Burrishoole Graveyard is no exception. There is always lots of weeding and tidying up to be done on a regular basis and the graveyard committee would be delighted if people with spare time would visit the graveyard and do some weeding around the flower beds and paths. The graveyard is sufficiently big enough for social distancing not to be compromised and the work can be done at any time of day and at your own pace. The Committee thanks those who have already given time and who have done such excellent work. All are encouraged to please come and help.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended.

The Churches of our Parish remain open. Please feel free to pop in to say a prayer.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Daily Mass at 10am:

Paul and Maggie Dyra, Kilbride, Paddy and Bridgie Gibbons, Westport, Mary Ellen Gibbons, America, Una Graddon, England

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday July 4th at 7pm, Tiernaur:

John and Annie Moran and deceased family members, Roskeen, Matthias and May B Moran and deceased family members, Sandhill.

Sunday July 5th at 10am, Newport:

Martin Crehan, Lecarrow, Martin and Margaret Casey, Lecarrow and deceased members of the Crehan and Casey families, Joe Kilroy, Carrabawn, Bea Loftus, Comploon, Josie O'Donnell, Rossinrubble, Nora Conway, Dublin and Shramore (Months Mind)

Saturday July 11th at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

Sunday July 12th at 10am:

Martin Hughes, and deceased members of the Hughes family, Derrada. Peter and Annie Ryder Kilbride and deceased members of the Ryder and Madden families. Jim and Mary Kay McManamon, Chicago. Deceased members of the McManamon and Heneghan families