

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**On or Off?**

Are they on or are they off? The saga continues... and we are none the wiser as to when we will be able to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation.

Covid restrictions have affected every sector of society in different ways; cocooning of the elderly, shielding of the vulnerable, shuttering of businesses, closing of schools, limiting of travel etc. No one sector has been left untouched as Covid has managed to infiltrate and infect every aspect of our lives. The various lockdowns have taken their toll on all of us as we struggle to cope with isolation and separation. Some sectors of society have suffered greatly – none more so than the hospitality sector which has been forced to shut down for months on end - but as a society everyone has willingly sacrificed much for the sake of the good of all.

It is that sense of the common good which has held society together through these most difficult of times; a sense that the health and wellbeing of others impinges on my liberty, a willingness to forego my personal freedom for the sake of others, a readiness to accept the responsibility that my actions, my choices have an effect on others.

Now as the vaccine programme heads towards completion and society starts to open up again signs of hope are beginning to emerge. And yet even as hope begins to dawn we grow restless and weary, impatient for a sense of normality to return. Our impatience is exasperated by a feeling that some areas of life seem to be reopening at greater pace than others. Lack of clarity and confusion over ever-changing guidelines only adds to our irritation.

Last week some Bishops decided to announce that despite Government guidance to the contrary it was ok to 'fire ahead' and celebrate the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Citing examples from the opening up of the hospitality and sporting sectors they claimed that religious practice was being discriminated against. In effect

the bishops were asking parishes to act contrary to government health and safety advice.

Of course the Bishops have an argument. It is very hard to see how it can be safer for over 30,000 people to drive across the country to attend a football/hurling match, and the inevitable intermingling of peoples such an event would entail, than it is for 15 children and their families to gather in a well-ventilated church for a confirmation ceremony. Of course, there will be the inevitable family celebrations after the church ceremony but should Mayo win the All Ireland will there not be an even greater risk of uncontrolled celebration?

That being said the principle of one section of society taking it upon itself to defy public health and safety guidelines is a dangerous precedent to set. Health and safety advice is there to protect the common good of all, and no sector should claim special privilege. Although vintners and restaurateurs may have had a case for opening up when hotels were allowed to open, they accepted health and safety advice and remained closed.

In response to the Bishops' warnings the Government has reiterated its guidance that First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies should not be held at this time, and has requested the Church not to do so until September at the earliest. In an about turn the Archbishop of Dublin has accepted Government advice and has now asked his parishes to do the same.

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God Bless, Fr Tod

**Tiernaur Banner**

The historic Tiernaur banner will be on display in Tiernaur church from 12-2 pm on Sunday 15th August on the 104th anniversary of it's first ever outing. Anyone attending is asked to please adhere to public health guidelines.

**Returning to Mass**

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Parishioners are asked to be patient and, in a situation where the church is full, they are invited to participate from their cars via radio or phone and are welcome to receive Holy Communion once the church has emptied. Please be mindful of social distancing and that the wearing of masks is required. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses

### **First Communion and Confirmation**

Government advice continues to read; *'First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.'*

In order that parents can plan family holidays over the summer First Holy Communion or Confirmation will not take place in our parish during the month of August

### **All Ireland Semis**

Good luck to both Mayo teams playing on Saturday but especially to the Ladies who will be captained by our own Clodagh McManamon.

### **Killeen Cemetery**

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemetery is now taking place. All homes in the area will have an envelope delivered. Envelopes can be returned to any of the committee members or through the church basket at weekend masses. Committee members Francis O'Donnell, Tom McLoughlin, Peter Moran, Neil O'Donnell, Pat Cannon, Francis McHale, Peter McManamon and Mae Holmes and in Murrivagh are Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

### **New Rotas**

New rotas for the various church ministries are now available in our Churches. Thank you to all who are able to volunteer. If your name is still on a rota and you find yourself unable to fulfil the rota or if you'd like to be added please let the Office know. Reminders will be sent out via text but will not be placed in the newsletter

### **Accord**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). The closing date is Friday 27 August. For more information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

### **Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your continued generous support. Parish envelopes can be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. If you are in a position to do so you can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

### **Remembering Our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Kathleen Moran, Roskeen and Maggie Doyle, Enniscorthy, aunt of Matt Walsh, Knocknagaoithe. May they rest in peace.

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **10am Weekday Mass Intentions:**

Mon-Tiernaut, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Annie and Tim Davitt, Quay Rd.

#### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Tiernaut at 8pm:**

The People of the Parish.

#### **Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Teresa Lavelle, Rossclave, Joe Lynam, England. John and Joan Gibbons Acres and the deceased members of the Gibbons and Heduvan families. Mary and Michael Keane and deceased members of the O'Brien and Keane families. Mary and Pa Monaghan, Cuilmore and daughters Rita and Mary Jo. Mary McManamon, Skirdagh (Birthday rem)

#### **Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Catherine and Jack Joyce, Mulranny.

#### **Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> Tiernaut at 7pm:**

Gus Moran, Roskeen, Mary Moran, Mulranny Rd and Sandhill, her husband Jack, daughter Christine and deceased family members.

#### **Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Peadar Murray and his wife Margaret, Rossclave. Paddy and Julia Nolan and the deceased members of the Nolan and Flaherty families, Buckagh. Johnny Moloney, Shramore.

#### **Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Molly and Michael O'Boyle, Mulranny, Beady O'Malley and Carmel Foley, Mulranny and Dublin. Mary Corrigan, Doughill.