

Burrishoole Parish

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Der

At a time when every teacher had a nickname – some only marginally kinder than others, we simply called him ‘Der’. That was his first name; Dermot, and he taught me maths for my Leaving Cert.

My memory of Der back then is of a slightly dishevelled character; a man who moved slowly but purposely through the corridors of St. Jarlaths. Obviously highly intelligent but blessed with a very friendly nature, Der had all the qualities of a bumbling professor, and the fact that he taught honours maths to the Leaving Cert only added to his aura and mystique. As a boy I was in awe of him.

When the time came for me to choose my subjects for my Leaving Cert I wondered about giving honours maths a go but wasn't overly confident in my own ability. After much soul-searching I plucked up the courage to go and ask Der what I should do. I will always remember that short but hugely significant encounter. Without a moment's hesitation Der looked me straight in the eye and told me that of course I should do honours maths – I would be well able for it. Coming from him, those words instilled a confidence and belief in myself and in my ability which in many ways changed my life.

Der was a brilliant teacher, patient and affirming. He could make the most complicated of concepts accessible to our young minds but, more importantly, he had that wonderful ability to bring the very best out of his students by helping them to believe in themselves, (that same ability was evident in his coaching of football and swimming teams). There were no teaching aids in those days - I can still see him leaning back on the teacher's chair while solving problems on the board behind him or getting us to see imaginary parabolas which he'd trace with his hands and plot in reverse so that they could be read from our side.

Some ten years after completing my Leaving Cert I returned to St Jarlath's as a teacher and Der, by that time Principal of the school, welcomed me as

an equal, becoming my mentor and my friend. He was marvellous company, had a sharp wit and could talk engagingly about any and every topic from sport to politics.

In later years we worked together at a diocesan level in development and planning. Although by nature he was a cautious man, Der continued to have great faith in the God-given potential of lay and ordained alike and was convinced that together, and with the grace of God no challenge facing our church was insurmountable.

Just over a year ago Der was diagnosed with cancer. He bore his sickness with great dignity and with typical good humour. Der died last week.

Although I will miss his insight and advice, I hope that I can in some way along the line gift others with some of the self-belief with which Der gifted me. Fr Dermot Maloney 1938-2023 RIP

God Bless, Fr Tod

Daily Mass

There will no Daily Mass this week. First Friday Mass will be celebrated in Shramore at 7pm on Friday.

First Communion 2024

First Communion will be celebrated on April 14th in Mulranny and on April 21st in Newport. First Communion *Grow in Love* Preparation Masses will take place on the fourth Sunday of each month

Station/Neighbourhood Masses

It is hoped to resume this lovely tradition this Autumn. Families are invited to consider the possibility of having Mass celebrated in their homes during October/November. Please contact Fr Tod if you would like to arrange a date.

Priest's Autumn Collection

The Priest's Autumn Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being taken up. Thank you for your continued generous support, particular during a time when many homes are struggling with the cost of living.

'What do we know about Jesus?'

Beginning Tuesday 3rd October and running for 8 consecutive weeks this short series of presentations with Fr Eugene Duffy will explore some fundamental aspects of our knowledge about Jesus of Nazareth. The series will provide a basic foundation for those who want to deepen their own faith and be in a position to share it with others. It would be an ideal foundational course for those engaged in parish ministries or parish pastoral councils. Location: St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine, 8pm – 9.30pm

Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 29, at 3pm Archbishop Francis will celebrate Mass in Tuam Cathedral for the occasion of the celebration of Marriage Anniversaries. All couples who are celebrating significant Marriage anniversaries are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Jarlath's College.

Community Choir

The Community Choir are back up and singing! Practice this Tuesday Oct 3rd at 8pm in Tiernaur Church. New members are always welcome so why not come along and join the wonderful group.

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on Sep 27th; new jackpot of €800, to be won in 55 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8pm sharp. All welcome.

Mulranny Environmental Group AGM

Mulranny Environmental Group will hold its AGM on Thursday, October 5, at 7.30pm in the Mulranny Arts Centre. The Group promotes the annual Mulranny Stone Wall Festival, the Mulranny Loop Walk, a Fáilte Ireland-approved national walking trail and conduct regular coastal clean-ups. They have also developed a Biodiversity Action Plan for Mulranny which is to be launched soon. This committed group would welcome the enthusiasm and contribution of new members to help develop these and other projects further so, please do come along next Thursday.

Active Retirement Meeting

Mulranny Active Retirement will hold their next meeting in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny on Wednesday, October 11, at 7pm. All are welcome including new members.

Mulranny Tidy Towns Meeting

Mulranny Tidy towns will hold their first meeting of the new season on Wednesday, October 11th at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. As usual they are hoping new members will join them and become involved in keeping the village at the high standard we have come to expect and enjoy.

Crochet Knitting and Machine Sewing Classes

Every Wednesday at 2pm in the Mulranny Amenity Centre. Tuition funded by ETB. One off payment of €10 for ICA members and €15 for non-members. All levels welcome, come join in.

Halloween St Patricks Day Parade Fundraiser

The St Patrick's Day Committee are holding a Halloween Disco and Costume Party in Hotel Newport on Sunday, October 29, with dancing until late. All funds raised go towards the cost of running the parade. Fancy dress is optional but fun so get planning; all support greatly appreciated.

Glenhest 25 Card Games

Glenhest Community Centre resumes its popular 25 card games next Sunday, October 8, at 6pm in the centre. The Hall Committee are looking forward to meeting up with everyone once again and to welcoming new players. Proceeds from the games go towards the Community Centre's running costs. All welcome

Monster Whist Drive

A Monster Whist Drive in aid of St Brendan's Nursing Home will take place this Oct 1st in Ted Lavelle's Achill with a raffle on the night and top score prize of €100. Doors open from 7.30pm, play begins 8.30pm sharp; all support much appreciated.

Weekday Masses at 10am

No Daily Mass this week

Weekend Masses

Saturday Sept 30th Tiernaur at 7pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday Oct 1st Newport at 10am

Elizabeth O Toole, St Dominick's and Cortoon (Month's Mind)

Sunday Oct 1st Mulranny at 11.30am

Olive Sherlock, Murrivagh and Dublin (Month's Mind)

Friday Oct 6th Shramore at 7pm

Keith Donnellan, Shramore. Elisabeth O Malley, Treinbeg.

Saturday October 7th Tiernaur at 7pm

Tom Hanley, Mulranny and deceased family members. Brendan O Reilly, Dublin.

Sunday October 8th Newport at 10am

Oliver Murray, Skirdagh. Francis Cowley, Georges St. Marty and Eileen Moran, Ardagh. Eileen Merritt, Oak Park and deceased members of the Merritt and Griffin families.

Sunday October 8th Mulranny at 11.30am

Rosie Mc Corrie Williams, Mulranny.