

Burrishoole Parish
November 13th/14th 2021
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An Emergency Service

The recent murder of British conservative MP, Sir David Amess made worldwide headlines. Universally condemned, it appears to be yet another example of wanton terrorism in which an innocent person is killed. I must admit that I had never heard of David Amess until the news of his murder brought him to international attention. By all accounts he was a good man who in 2015 received a knighthood for his outstanding contribution to public service.

David Amess was a practicing Catholic. Although an active member of his own parish, St Peters, Mr Amess held his weekly clinics in the neighbouring Belfairs Methodist Church, and it was there while holding a clinic that he was attacked and murdered.

On hearing of the attack, Fr Jeffrey Woolnough, the Parish Priest of St Peters rushed to the scene but, on the grounds of preserving the integrity of the crime scene and to allow 'emergency services' to work unimpeded he was denied access to his critically wounded parishioner.

Over my years as priest, I have sadly had the unenviable task of having to attend the scenes of a tragic death or accident. It's possibly the most difficult part of priesthood and unfortunately it happens too often. Here, in the west of Ireland at least, the call will usually come from the local Gardaí. The accident site itself will be cordoned off as detours are put in place, but the first responders will call the priest through without hesitation.

I am always heartened by the enormous respect surrounding the care of the casualty. The priest will be quietly brought to the injured person and when the first responders are ready they will step back as the priest says the prayers and anoints the injured person. Should the casualty not have survived the trauma their remains are treated with the utmost reverence and granted the dignity they deserve. In a strange way although the situation is tragic a sense of the holy and the sacred pervades.

A priest who attends the scene of an accident does so 'in persona Christi' to bless and accompany the victim. The priest is the physical reassurance of God's comforting presence. Through anointing he absolves from sin and prepares the person to meet their God should they not survive. But more than that, in being present at the scene, the priest represents the community of faith to which the injured person belongs. Knowing that they are not alone at a time of such significance is hugely important and comforting not just for the casualty but also for their family and friends. It is often a source of profound consolation for a family to know that a priest was present with their loved one for the final precious moments of their life.

For those who believe and for their faith community a priest is an 'emergency service'. In recognition of that, a group of MPs in England have now tabled an amendment, the Amess Amendment, to the latest Policing Bill, which requires that a priest, or any religious representatives, be allowed to be present to administer Last Rites to a dying person be it at a crime scene or a care home.

Although not something I seek out I am deeply grateful to have been granted the unwanted but sacred privilege of being present at the scene of a fatal accident and I thank God for the courtesy and respect shown to the casualties involved by our Gardaí and First Responders.

God Bless, Fr Tod

November Masses

Our Novena of Masses for the Dead continues this week. Families can still include the names of deceased loved ones in the envelopes provided in each of the churches. (please do not include any donation). Masses began on the Feast of All Saints (Nov 1st) and will conclude with our annual Mass of Remembrance at 10am next Sunday Nov 14th.

Mass of Remembrance

Next Sunday, November 14th at our Mass of Remembrance we will remember, by name, all parishioners who died in the past year. A candle will be lit in their memory. Should you have a family member who may have died away from home and would like them included please contact the parish office.

Weekday Masses

From Tuesday, November 2nd weekday Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be celebrated in the Oratory, Newport. Mass goers are asked to be mindful of social distancing and in order to ensure

best practice Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass with recipients leaving via the Sacristy. If you arrive early, please do not sit at the outside of the pew.

Returning to Mass

With the lifting of restrictions Churches no longer are required to limit their capacity. We are however asked to maintain all other protective practices:

- The wearing of facemasks
- Sanitising of hands
- Respecting social distance.

The ribbons have been removed. You are asked however to be aware of the need to give ample space between you and the person next to you and if possible, avoid sitting directly behind someone. A section of the Parish Church remains cordoned off for those who may choose to sit there.

Community Choir

The Community Choir continues to rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Tiernaur Church. This week they meet from 8-9pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Joanne at 087 6755543

Westdoc

From November 1st the new Westdoc phone number will be 0818 360 000. Please save the new number to your mobile phone or keep it near your landline. Please remember when phoning Westdoc to have your Eircode close to hand and your Medical Card Number if applicable.

Mulranny ICA

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 9th November at 8 pm in the Amenity Centre. Our guest presenter for the evening will be Deirdre McCarthy, our local talented floristry artist. She will demonstrate and talk about her craft. All welcome.

Christmas Craft Shop

The Gift of Hands Christmas shop will be set up on the weekend of 13th/14th November. If you have any items you have made, which you would like to sell (on a sale or return basis) we will be happy to offer them in the Christmas shop which will be open until mid-December. You can either call to shop between the hours of 11 am til 5 pm that weekend or contact Helen on 086 827 0123 for further information. The Christmas Shop will open from Monday, 16th November for business.

Cuilmore CCÉ AGM

Cuilmore CCÉ AGM will take place on the 9th of November at 7pm in Derradda Community Hall.

New members are very welcome. If your child is playing music or dancing or if you are intending to start them soon, we would invite you to come along and get involved.

Tidy Towns AGMs

The AGM of Newport Tidy Towns is on Monday, November 8, at 8pm in Newport Tourist Office. The AGM of Mulranny Tidy Towns will take place on Monday, November 29th at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. All welcome

Mayo Cancer Support.

Mayo Cancer Support Achill Outreach service will reopen, by appointment only, on Thursday 18th November, in the Health Centre, Achill Sound. Contact Jean on 087 2804164.

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport (Oratory),
Fri-Mulranny: Elizabeth (Baby) Bracken, Sandymount. Annie and John O Malley, Trienbeg, and their daughter Bea Loftus and deceased family members. Sean Chambers, Trienbeg. John Guilfoyle, Shanvalleyhue. Edward Junior Callaghan and his brothers PJ and Mickie and deceased family members.

Weekend Masses

Friday November 5th Shramore at 7pm.

Neil Chambers, his wife Maureen and deceased family members.

Saturday November 6th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Patrick and Patricia Cusack.

Sunday November 7th Newport at 10am:

Tommy Conway, Buckagh and deceased family members. Tommie Corcoran, Laherdaune and Cloonfoher and deceased members of the Corcoran and Chambers families. Brian Keane, Skirdagh, his grandparents Tom and Annie and their son James. Peter and Nancy Mc Manamon, Shramore. Thomas Walsh, Comploon

Sunday November 7th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday November 13th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Bridget McLoughlin, Sandhill. Jim and Teresa Cooney, Kilmeena

Sunday November 14th Newport at 10am:

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