

Burrishoole Parish

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Srebrenica – a Place of Tears.

Srebrenica is a site in Bosnia Herzegovina which will be remembered for generations to come. In July 1995, following the breakup of Yugoslavia, thousands of Muslims in an attempt to escape a Serb onslaught sought refuge in a chicken hatchery outside the town in the hope of being protected by a small UN peacekeeping force. The UN however were unable to hold off the advancing Bosnian Serbs and what followed was one of the worst acts of genocide to take place in Europe since World War 1. Almost 8000 men and boys were systematically taken from the building and executed.

I visited Srebrenica some years ago. The remains of the chicken hatchery is still standing and on the day on which I visited it was open, enabling any few visitors who happened on the place to walk through. Although now just a large empty abandoned building myself and I somehow felt the fear and horror of those fleeing civilians who had huddled there in their thousands.

Across the road from the hatchery stands the Srebrenica Memorial Centre, the site in which thousands upon thousands of graves are marked by rows of white headstones. It is a sad place, a quiet place, a holy place. As we made our way through the vast cemetery looking at the headstones we couldn't but notice that many of the headstones bore no inscription whatsoever – the work of identifying the bodies is still ongoing. We also noted that there were no crosses over the graves – these were the graves of Muslim men and boys and this atrocity was inflicted on them by so called 'Christian' forces. Our sadness was tinged with shame, and we had a sense of being intruders on this sacred ground.

On the day we visited the Memorial there seemed to be no one there bar ourselves. We spoke in reverential whispers and before leaving stopped to offer a quiet prayer. Just as we were about to leave we saw that two other men had entered and, like ourselves, were silently taking in the horror of the events which this memorial was commemorating.

Our paths crossed and we paused to greet each other. They were visiting from America and one of them happened to be an Iman – a Muslim religious leader. I identified myself as a Catholic priest and we spoke for a while.

We spoke of the sadness of that place and of a world which is divided and broken in so many ways because of religious beliefs. We spoke of the importance that places like Srebrenica have as reminders to the world of the evils of war and of religious fundamentalism. We finished by saying a prayer together for those buried in the graves around which we were standing but also for those who continue to be persecuted because of their ethnicity or faith. As we were leaving we instinctively reached out and hugged each other. We left with tears in our eyes.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Daily Mass

Please note that there will be no 10am weekday Mass in the Oratory on Tuesday this week.

First Friday

Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound will take place on Thursday in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas. Visits in the Newport area will take place on Friday.

Note; First Friday Mass in Shramore at 7pm.

A Note to Mass Servers

As we come towards the end of our Mass Servers rota I once again want to thank our 67 Mass Servers for their enthusiasm, commitment and generosity over the past year. You are a credit to your families and your parish. New rotas will come into effect in late September. Because last year's sixth class have only had the opportunity to serve for one year due to Covid could I invite and encourage you to consider waiting on for another year.

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.

Cuan Modh Returns

The Cuan Modh Centre has resumed its Social Club after its annual Summer break. All over 55's are welcome. The Social Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10am till 2pm and transport can be organised. Please leave a message with Jo 086 347 0103.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Archdiocese of Tuam, Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis; Sept 1st to 6th, 5 nights; ex Ireland West Airport. Contact 012410800 for details of availability and booking.

Shout Out for Wool

Newport Yarn Bombers are putting out a shout for wool. This mixed group of knitters and crocheters (the youngest is 10) plan to yarn bomb the Viaduct for Newport Street Party on September 3. To do this they need lots of wool and donations of wool in any colour and size would be greatly appreciated. Please see what you can spare and drop it into Newport Tourist Office.

Kilbride Cemetery

Burrishoole Graveyard and Pattern Committee would like to thank most sincerely all who attended and contributed towards the annual Pattern Mass at the Abbey.

Newport Street Party

The fourth Newport Parish Street Party will be held next Sunday September 3, from 1pm to 5pm on Newport Viaduct. Celebrate all that is good about our parish. Why not bring a picnic or enjoy the local food on offer. Lots of stalls, music, games, face painting and much more.

Mayo Cancer Support

Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer at Rock Rose House in Castlebar and (by appointment only) at outreach centres in Ballina every Tuesday and Achill on the third Thursday of the month

An bhfuil Gaeilge agat?

Mulranny Art's next Cirorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversational Circle) takes place in the Parlour of The Old Convent in Mulranny on Saturday, September 2, at 2pm. Irish speakers of all abilities and ages are very welcome to attend this open and free event. Bígí linn!

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on Aug 23; new jackpot of €675, to be won in 52 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8pm sharp. All welcome.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Elizabeth O Toole, St Dominicks, Noel Scanlon, Sandymount, Micheal Hughes, England and formerly of Georges St, Peggy Conway, Tourmakeady, mother of Pat Conway, Derrada and Lissy Finnegan-Keane, Canada, formerly of Skirdagh and aunt of Jackie Keane. May they rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Jack Geraty, Castlebar St.

(Note; No Tuesday morning Mass)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Aug 26th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mathias and May B Moran, Sandhill. Oliver and Mabel Moran, Sandhill. Mary Moran, Newport and Sandhill, her husband Jack and her daughter Christine and deceased members of the O Donnell and Moran families.

Sunday Aug 27th Newport at 10am

Julia Hanna, Sandymount and Shramore (Months Mind). Nora and Bill Chambers Clareview and deceased members of the Chambers family Drimlong. Peadar Murray, Rossclave. Sarah and Christy McNulty, Main St. Celine Murray, Derrygarve

Sunday Aug 27th Mulranny at 11.30am

Michael J and Eithne Egan, Castlebar and their daughter Meleesa.

Friday Sept 1st Shramore at 7pm

The People of the Parish

Saturday Sept 2nd Tiernaur at 7pm

Brian and Hannah Cusack

Sunday Sept 3rd Newport at 10am

Sean Moran, Derrygarve (Months Mind). Mary Mc Tigue, Seaview (1st Ann). Peter and Annie Mulroy. Pat, Margaret, Molly, Joe and Lizzie Keane, Main St. Margaret Murray, Shramore. Nancy and Patsy Noone Seaview and deceased members of the Noone and Marley families.

Sunday Sept 3rd Mulranny at 11.30am

Judge Patrick Moran, Mulranny.