

Burrishoole Parish

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When I Was Your Age

The Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams have started. Over the next couple of weeks we hold in prayer our young boys and girls who are going through this test of endurance as much as of knowledge.

Many of those students gathered last Monday evening for our annual exam Mass in the Oratory. It was lovely to see them take some time out from study to gather and say a prayer together and to enjoy each other's company at the barbeque which followed. They are a lovely group of young people, full of life and energy and their friendship and care of each other was clear to see.

As I prepared my few words for the evening I was very much aware of the temptation, which undoubtedly comes with age, to compare my experience of doing state exams with theirs, and of offering advice based on that experience. 'When I was your age....' But it struck me that in a way I was never their age.

I didn't grow up in a world which lives in the shadow of war and international tension, nor did the world in which I grew up have to cope with the aftermath of two years of lockdowns. The world of my youth had very little, if any, awareness of the fragility and vulnerability of our planet nor of how closely interconnected all of life is. It was a world which granted unquestioned authority to Church and which championed sameness over difference. It was a world which was sometimes indifferent, and often blind to the dangers which lurked in its midst, a world which looked inward rather than outward, a world of answers rather than of questions.

In a time when travel was only for the few, the world in which I grew up seemed like a very big place, and in a time before the internet and Google it was a world where difference and diversity seemed strange and foreign. It was a indeed different world.

Our young people today grow up in a much more complex world than I did. Their's is a world which offers choice and variety, they flourish in a time

which celebrates difference and which welcomes individuality. Yes, there are hazards to be negotiated and temptations to be avoided, yes there are challenges to be faced and obstacles to be overcome but I think it is fair to say that our young people today are more confident and self-assured than we were and that they have a greater respect for and sense of responsibility for our world. Despite the uncertainty of our times they believe in themselves and in the future and they want to create a better world for everyone.

As we gathered for our Exam Mass last week I realised that while I may have come from a different age and from a different world than the young people sitting in front of me they are no less full of hopes and dreams, full of fears and anxieties than I was.

Let our prayer for them be that God bless them and keep them. That the Lord may make his face shine upon them, and that He may be gracious to them.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Corpus Christi Procession

Corpus Christi is celebrated this weekend. Our parish Procession will take place this year, weather permitting, on Sunday at Burrishoole Abbey at 7pm.

The Procession will start from the Cross in the big cemetery on the left. It will be led by our altar servers followed by the First Communion and Confirmation children. The Blessed Sacrament will follow the children. As the Procession leaves the cemetery parishioners are invited to follow the Blessed Sacrament to the Abbey.

Benediction will take place from the altar in the central nave of the Abbey itself. Those who prefer might like to make their way ahead of the Procession to the Abbey in order to wait for the procession to arrive (c7.10pm).

In the event of inclement weather Benediction will be held in the Parish Church at 7pm.

Exam Time

We wish continued blessing on all our students doing exams at this time. Our Exam Candle will continue to light for you as we continue to pray for you.

Mass Servers

Just a note of gratitude to our 67 faithful Mass Servers who continue to serve mass each week. Your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated. As is tradition in our parish you are encouraged to serve until September at which point new servers will be invited to join.

West Mayo Old IRA Brigade AGM

The West Mayo Old IRA Brigade AGM will be held this Sunday 11th June in The Bridge Inn, Newport at 2pm. All members are requested to attend. New members welcome.

Kilbride Cemetery

It's that time of year again when our cemeteries require a lot of upkeep and maintenance and as there is no committee at present in Kilbride Cemetery, we are urging people with family buried there to please volunteer and form a new committee to keep up the high standard that has now been set.

Annual Clare Island Charity Walk

Western Care Association is holding their Annual Clare Island Walk on Saturday, July 8 to raise vital funds for the people they support with disabilities. There are 5km, 8km and 12km routes to suit different abilities and lunch will be provided. Complimentary buses are available for transfers to and from Roonagh Pier. The entry fee is €60 per adult or €100 per couple and €5 per child. Contact Helen Gibbons on hgibbons@westerncare.com or 094 9029174

An Bhfuil Gaeilge agat?

Mulranny Arts is delighted to invite Irish speakers of all abilities and ages to their Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversational Circle). This open and free event takes place the first and third Saturday of every month at 2pm in the Parlour of The Old Convent in Mulranny. The next event is on Saturday, June 17, at 2pm. Bígí linn!

VAKS Programme

Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! For further information please contact Knock Youth Ministry at youthministry@knockshrine.ie or on 094 9375321

Mulranny Guild Of The ICA

On Tuesday, 13th June, Paul Stafford from ALONE, the national organisation which enables older people to age at home, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will commence at 8 pm in Mulranny/Tiernaur Amenity Centre in Mulranny and all are welcome to attend. This will be our last meeting before the summer break and we look forward to seeing all our members.

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on June 7; new jackpot of €400, in 47 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Eyes down at 8pm sharp; all welcome.

Hospice Sunflower Day

Mayo Roscommon Hospice will hold its annual Sunflower event on Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10. If you are free for an hour or two on either of these days and would like to help this worthy cause please call Helen at 087 226 3540 or Margaret at 086 833 5394. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny
Paddy Kilroy and wife Katie and daughter Maureen.

Weekend Masses

Saturday June 10th Tiernaur at 7pm

Nora Chambers, Derrycoultrim (1st Ann)

Sunday June 11th Newport at 10am

Pat Bracken, Derrintaggart (Months mind). Tommy Monaghan, Glenhest (Months Mind). John Geraghty, Derrygarve and his son Aidan.

Sunday June 11th Mulranny at 11.30am

Frank Masterson, Mulranny. PJ Barrett, Murrivagh and Mary and Tom Kennedy, Yorkshire.

Saturday June 17th Tiernaur at 7pm

Lilly and Denis Gallagher. Rose Cusack, Ardagh.

Sunday June 18th Newport at 10am

Bobby Hanrahan, Newport (1st Ann). Jack and Nora McNeela, daughter Mary and granddaughter Marie, Letterlough. Mary Kilkerr, Shramore. Mary Kelly, Castlebar St., and Tom and Josephine Quinn, Rossow. Mike and Julia O Boyle Letterlough and deceased members of the O Boyle, O Neill and McAndrew families.

Sunday June 18th Mulranny at 11.30am

Vincent Masterson, Mulranny (Months Mind), his brother Michael and father Bernie. Mick and Annie Heraty, Drummin. Mel P Moran, Mulranny and deceased family members. Sean Moran (Post) and brother Mickey and sister Annie.