

Burrishoole Parish

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A Church of 'us'

As part of our Diocesan Inservice this year Maria Walsh MEP was invited to speak to us about her experience of living as an LGBT+ Catholic today. In inviting her we hoped to hear a voice from the fringe so that we might begin a conversation about how we minister to those who may feel very much on the periphery of our faith community. Maria spoke with us by Zoom from a studio in Brussels. Maria began by remarking that although she has many friends who are priests she had never been asked to speak to an official gathering of clergy. She was hesitant to do so. She pointed out that a lack of conversation and of openness breeds distrust and misunderstanding which over time has developed a 'them and us' gulf between the LGBT+ community and the Church. Whereas many gay people want nothing to do with the church because they believe they have been rejected by it, many priests are fearful of dialogue with gay people because they know that much of church teaching on the subject of sexuality is characterised as out of date and irrelevant. A 'them' and 'us' situation serves neither the Church in its ministry to those on the margins, nor gay people who may be searching for God in and through their Catholic faith.

Maria grew up immersed in her Catholic faith - it is part of who she is. She sees herself as a Catholic who happens to be gay. Although she doesn't agree with much of the church's teaching on the LGBT+ issue the Catholic church is her spiritual home. The Church is where she finds nourishment for her spirit and it is in the context of her Catholic faith that she relates to Jesus Christ.

As an LGBT+ woman Maria has never felt excluded from Church but she would equally add that she has never been welcomed. She would like to see the Church acknowledge and welcome members of the LGBT+ community, not just for what that would mean for them personally, but for the reassurance and comfort that it would offer their families and friends.

Maria believes that the church will change, in fact has changed. As in other areas of the Church's teaching on morality a change in practice has preceded a change in doctrine. Change is happening very slowly, too slowly for many of the LGBT+ community but she finds great hope and inspiration in Pope Francis' pushing out the boundaries of our understanding of who we are as Church and his opening up the possibility of the blessing of same sex unions.

Maria Walsh's input at this year's Inservice was the first time many of our priests had the opportunity to hear an LGBT+ person speak about faith and Church in a way that wasn't confrontational or aggressive. It was a moment of hope, and an example of what Pope Francis means when he speaks of a 'Synodal' Church. As a Church there is only ever 'us'. We are a pilgrim people, and together we journey towards God.

God Bless, Fr Tod

All Saints Day

Wednesday November 1st is the Feast of all Saints. Mass will be celebrated in Mulranny at 10am and in the Parish Church, Newport at 7pm.

Remembering our Dead

During November we remember and pray for our dead. Envelopes and lists for the names of the dead are available in each the parish churches. You are invited to leave your completed list in the basket provided. Please do not place any money in the envelope.

Beginning on All Saints Day (Nov 1st) and running until Sunday November 12th a Novena of Masses will be celebrated to pray for all our dead

Mass of Remembrance

Parishioners who died over the past year will be remembered at the 10am Mass in Newport on Sunday November 12th. The names of the dead will be called out and a candle lit in their memory. If families would like to have parishioners who died outside of the parish during the past year included at the Mass of Remembrance they are invited to give the names to the Parish Office.

Station/Neighbourhood Masses

Autumn Masses will take place in the following Newport homes over the coming weeks. Mass will begin at 7pm. Neighbours and friends are welcome.

Thurs Nov 2 nd Main St;	John Loftus
Fri Nov 17 th Quay Rd;	Anne Clancy
Mon Nov 20 th Acres Grove;	Shibi and Seema Emmanuel.

First Friday

This Friday is the 1st Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound on Thursday in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas. Visits in the Newport area on Friday. Mass in Shramore at 7pm Friday.

Newport Church Choir Practice

Christmas Church Choir practice will commence in the Parish Church on Thursday, Nov 2nd at 7pm. New members are always very welcome.

Good News Club

It is hoped that we will be in a position to start up the Good News Club for 4 -7 year olds in November. We will need a group of parents/adults to form a rota. Training will be provided. A short meeting of parents who might be interested in being part of this initiative in Newport Church will take place on next **Tues, Nov 7th** in the Parish House at 7pm.

Mulranny Indoor Bowls

Mulranny Active Retirement indoor bowls will commence on 6th November in the Amenity Centre. All levels welcome with beginners at 11am and all others at 11.15am. The cost is €3 per session; for further information contact Pat on 087 912 0166.

Car Boot Sale and Christmas Market

A Christmas Market will take place in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny on December 10 from 12 noon to 3pm. There will also be a car boot sale outside of the Centre at €10 per car. Anyone interested in booking a car space or a market table please contact Kathleen at 089 416 5313.

Wholesome Habits in Tiernaur Hall

A 6 week program to build healthy routines of stretching and gentle exercise for those who haven't exercised in some time, or who are recovering from injury begins on Thurs, Nov 2nd in Tiernaur Hall 10-11am. €5 per session with refreshments included. Call or message Pauline on 085 192 2245 for details / to book your place.

Natural Rhythms at Mulranny Arts Centre

A free 6 week program (supported by the Arts Council) of meditation and movement/dance begins on Wednesday, Nov 1st in the Oratory at Mulranny Arts Centre 7.30-8.30pm. Booking is essential. Call Liam on 086 394 1007 for further details.

St Brendan's Unit Thank You

St Brendan's Unit, Mulranny thanks everyone who contributed so generously to their recent Church Gate collections. A total of €546.05 was collected in Newport, €276.45 in Tiernaur and €374.95 in Mulranny. Thank You for your continued support.

Newport Bingo Jackpot Won

The jackpot was won on October 25; a new jackpot of €300, to be won in 45 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8pm sharp. All welcome.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport,
The People of the Parish (*Note; no Fri Mass*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Oct 28th Tiernaur at 7pm

For Peace

Sunday Oct 29th Newport at 10am

Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. Frank O Reilly, Comploon.

Sunday Oct 29th Mulranny at 11.30am

The People of the Parish

Feast of All Saints Wednesday Nov 1st

Mulranny at 10am and Newport at 7pm.

George and Marsie Reid, Newport and deceased family members. Gerry McMahon, England and Sandhill.

Friday Nov 5th Shramore at 7pm

Neil Chambers and his wife Maureen. Annie and John O Malley and deceased members of the O Malley Family

Saturday Nov 6th Tiernaur at 7pm

Bernie Rumley, Rosturk

Sunday Nov 7th Newport at 10am

Tommy Corcoran, Laherdaune and deceased members of the Corcoran family. Peter and Nancy Mc Manamon, Shramore. Brian Keane, Skirdagh his grandparents Tom and Annie and their son James. Teresa and Michael Nevin Mullaun and their daughter Angela Irwin. Tommy Conway, Buckagh and deceased family members. Carmel O Connor (Mc Neela) and her father Vincent.

Sunday Nov 7th Mulranny at 11.30am

Patrick and Mary Callaghan, Murrivagh.