

Burrishoole Parish

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Archbishop Neary

Archbishop Neary visited the parish last weekend and celebrated the 10am Mass in Newport. It will possibly be his last 'official' visit to the parish, because having reached the age of 75 last March he was required to send his letter of resignation to Rome. He awaits the appointment of a successor.

The process of choosing a new Bishop is strange and surrounded in great mystery. Although each priest is asked to suggest three possible candidates, these names are in fact merely suggestions. Recent practice of appointing bishops from outside of the diocese to which they are appointed would seem to make the suggestions redundant.

Regardless of the process of selection the role of Bishop is not one which will prove attractive to many. Every Irish diocese today faces the same ongoing challenges – none more pressing than an ever dwindling and aging clergy. This year in Ireland there will actually be more Bishops ordained than there will be priests - one new bishop is in fact the youngest member of the clergy in his new diocese! Less priests mean that more and more parishes will find themselves without the services of a resident priest. Bishops will have very difficult decisions to make.

On a more practical level Covid 19 has highlighted the outdated financial structures of many dioceses. Dioceses traditionally depend on parish contributions to run diocesan services: Accord, Safeguarding Children, care of retired clergy, formation of seminarians, financial oversight of parishes etc... but with many parishes now struggling to support themselves a new financial structure is needed.

But perhaps the greatest challenge facing any new bishop is neither one of personnel nor finance but rather one of faith. How can we as a church inspire a whole new generation to form lifegiving relationships with Jesus Christ, how can we make the message of Jesus, the Gospel, relevant to our times, how can we present and offer faith in the Risen Jesus to our world as something essential to human flourishing? The Church of tomorrow must

have at its centre the person of Jesus Christ. It will be a prophetic church – a voice crying in the wilderness calling out injustice and inequality of every kind, standing with and for the poor and the powerless, speaking for the marginalised and the voiceless. Inspired by the Gospel the Church of tomorrow will be a church of mission rather than maintenance which will speak truth even when it is unpopular, it will offer forgiveness rather than judgement, it will be a place of welcome and refuge for the outcast and the broken. The church of tomorrow will be a dynamic Church with Jesus at its centre

It was lovely to see Archbishop Neary last weekend. After 25 years of dedicated service to the Diocese he is looking forward to his retirement. With a steady hand and unwavering faith he has presided over a time of much change and deep turmoil. He leaves our diocese in good stead. We have been blessed.

His successor will face a raft of different challenges. Inspired by the Gospel his first task will be to address the crisis of faith which faces our church today. He will need to be a man of courage and conviction who is not afraid to listen and learn and who is willing to make radical and often unpopular decisions.

Whatever the process of selection the Holy Spirit has its work cut out.

God Bless, Fr Tod

All Ireland Semi Finals

Next Saturday (Aug 14th) both our ladies and our men compete in the All-Ireland Football Semi Finals in Dublin. In order to allow people (and priest!) the opportunity to watch the football evening Mass in Tiernaur will be at 8pm.

Visits to Sick and Housebound

If you have a family member who might like a monthly Communion visit please contact Fr Tod or the Parish Office. Visits to parishioners in hospitals are still severely curtailed.

First Communion and Confirmation

Government advice has not changed; *'First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.'*

In order that parents can plan family holidays over the summer First Holy Communion or Confirmation will not now take place in our parish during the months of July or August

Killeen Cemetery

The annual collection for the upkeep of Killeen and Murrivagh Cemetery is now taking place. All homes in the area will have an envelope delivered. Envelopes can be returned to any of the committee members or through the church basket at weekend masses. Committee members Francis O'Donnell, Tom McLoughlin, Peter Moran, Neil O'Donnell, Pat Cannon, Francis McHale, Peter McManaman and Mae Holmes and in Murrivagh are Maureen Mulloy and Mary O'Boyle. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Returning to Mass

Over the past numbers of weeks the numbers attending weekend Masses has increased. Parishioners are asked to be patient and, in a situation where the church is full, they are invited to participate from their cars via radio or phone and are welcome to receive Holy Communion once the church has emptied. Please be mindful of social distancing and the wearing of masks is required. Plenty of space is still available at weekday Masses

New Rotas

New rotas for the various church ministries are now available in our Churches. Thank you to all who are able to volunteer. If your name is still on a rota and you find yourself unable to fulfil the rota please let the Office know.

Accord

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie. The closing date is Friday 27 August. For more information see www.accord.ie.

Envelope Collection

Parish envelopes can still be dropped in the letterbox of the Parish house in Newport or in the box at the rear of the church in Mulranny. If you are in a position to do so you can now also drop your envelopes in the baskets provided as you enter or leave weekend Mass.

Pattern/Cemetery Masses

Due to Covid restrictions and the high incidence of the Delta variant in the area Cemetery Masses will not be held at this time.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the soul of Simon O Sullivan, Limerick and England, father of Maria Mc Hale, Roskeen May he rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny: Seán Chambers, Rosyvera.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday August 7th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Thanksgiving for All who have walked with us through Covid.

Sunday August 8th Newport at 10am:

Marty and Eileen Moran, Ardagh. Tommy Hughes, Newbridge St and parents Michael and Bridie. Kathleen Moran, Quay Rd her husband John and son James. Paddy and Mary McCormack, Meddicott St and the deceased members of the Sweeney and McCormack families. Valerie Sweeney, Roigh.

Sunday August 8th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish

Saturday Aug 14th Tiernaur at 8pm: The People of the Parish.

Sunday August 15th Newport at 10am:

Teresa Lavelle, Rossclave, Joe Lynam, England. John and Joam Goibbons Acres and the deceased members of the Gibbons and Heduvan families. Mary and Michael Keane and deceased members of the O'Brien and Keane families. Mary and Pa Monaghan, Cuilmore and daughters Rita and Mary Jo.

Sunday August 15th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Catherine and Jack Joyce, Mulranny.