

Burrishoole Parish

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No News There

Although it's not quite over yet, by any standards it hasn't been a great summer. The sun has been an infrequent visitor, the football ended early, and our television screens were filled with a self-obsessing RTE. Perhaps in an effort to take our focus away from the damp summer another news story which caught the silly season headlines was the price and scarcity of tickets for next summer's big Taylor Swift and Coldplay concerts. Apparently two of the world's biggest acts are coming to Ireland with Taylor Swift selling out the Aviva Stadium for three nights and Coldplay filling Croke Park for four nights. As our media swooned over the huge numbers who wanted to attend next year's mega events I couldn't help but think of an event of much bigger scale which was taking place this summer and which barely merited a mention.

Earlier this month more than 1.5 million young people attended the closing Mass of World Youth Day in Lisbon celebrated by Pope Francis. 1.5 million young people together – including many Irish, in one place at one time to celebrate their Catholic faith. No story there.

World Youth Day (WYD) is a festival of Catholic faith which takes place every three or four years in major cities around the world. In a younger version of myself I brought groups to Cologne, Sydney and Madrid. WYD is a fantastic experience for anyone lucky enough to attend. Pilgrims arrive on the previous weekend and staying in local parishes attend talks and presentations each day. A lovely spirit of togetherness and unity pervades as the host city is taken over by Catholic youth joyfully mingling and celebrating their faith.

This year on the Friday evening the Way of the Cross (the Stations), at which each Station focussed on a specific vulnerability of young people, was attended by 800,000 and on Saturday evening many more made their way to the site of the Papal Mass to attend a candlelight vigil. The vigil included music and dance, Eucharistic Adoration and the screening of the film *The Letter*. As has now become custom the young people slept out all

night at the site in anticipation the final Mass. 1.5 million young people sleeping out all night and not a hint of trouble.

Celebrating Mass on Sunday, August 6th, the Feast of the Transfiguration, Pope Francis encouraged the young people present 'to be radiant in your youthfulness' and he urged them 'to shine, to listen and to be unafraid... the Church, the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain.' Pope Francis went on to speak of his dream; 'Dear friends', he said, 'allow me to share my dream. It is the dream of peace, the dream of young people praying for peace, living in peace and building a peaceful future for our world'.

An old man, gathering the youth of the world around him to celebrate faith in Jesus Christ. No news there.

God Bless, Fr Tod

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. Forms will be available in the sacristies from next weekend.

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.

National Novena at Knock Shrine

Knock Novena continues this week. The Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine. Over the course of the Novena, guest speakers will speak on a variety of topics, from personal faith stories, to how we are responding to a changing world. Why not make a special effort to attend as a family?

Cuan Modh Holiday Break

The Cuan Modh Centre will be resume its Social Club next week. 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.

Tiernaur Banner Mass

A special Mass will be celebrated in Tiernaur Church on Monday, August 21, at 7pm for all those living and deceased persons who have been associated with the Tiernaur Banner before and after its creation in 1917. The banner will be on display during Mass and everyone is welcome

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

The committee thanks most sincerely all who attended the annual cemetery Mass and contributed so generously to the collection. It is much appreciated.

Furnace 10k Walk

The Furnace Walk raised a total of €6023.00 for Mayo Roscommon Hospice, between the online donations and donations on the day. A big thank you to all who took part in or supported the 2023 walk. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped organise and run the event. Donations can still be made online via GoFundMe/ Furnace 10k Loop Walk 2023. Here's looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Newport Street Party

The fourth Newport Parish Street Party will be held on Sunday September 3, from 1pm to 5pm on Newport Viaduct. If you would like to have your food or craft stall included in the line-up, or would like to volunteer to entertain, please contact Sharon at 087 2247960.

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

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul Rose Berry Lawrence, Manchester, sister of Kathleen Donnellan, Shramore. May she rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
The People of the Parish (Note: Mon Mass at 7pm)
Friday: Newport 7pm; David Walsh, Derrykell

Weekend Masses

Saturday Aug 19th Tiernaur at 7pm

Katherine O Donnell, Sandhill (1st Ann)
Una Moran, Rosgalive (1st Ann)

Sunday Aug 20th Newport at 10am

Paddy, Molly and Cyril Sweeney, Quay Rd. Mary Mc Tighe, Seaview. Pat Bracken and his parents Ann and Jackie, Bracken. Hubert Keane, Lecarrow and his parents John and Nora. Tommy Hughes, Newbridge St, parents Michael and Bridie and brother Sean. Annie and Tim Davitt, Quay Rd and daughter in law Mary Davitt.

Sunday Aug 20th Mulranny at 11.30am

Romualdas Ziska, Lithuania (1st Ann). Jack and Catherine Joyce, Mulranny. William O Malley, Murrivagh.

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.