

Burrishoole Parish

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So This is (still) Christmas

There is something in us that urges us to move on. We spend weeks getting ready; we put up the lights, decorate the house, buy the presents but before the dinner has been digested, we have moved on – happy New Year!

Although the world moved on on December 26th, the Church invites us to wait in that Christmas spirit until January 6th. For the Church, Christmas is not just a day, it is a season - long before the much hyped 12 pubs at Christmas we had the 12 days of Christmas.

I love these lazy Christmas days. These empty days of leftover turkey and unpulled crackers. These are the days of marathon monopoly games and long nights spent with family in front of the television squabbling over the remote control. In pre Covid times these were days of visits to extended family, of pawning off unwanted chocolates to unsuspecting cousins and of meeting up for a quiet drink with friends at home for the holidays.

Last Sunday was the Feast of the Holy family. I have often said that I think the Church places the Feast of the Holy Family right in the middle of Christmas because it knows that by St Stephen's Day our patience with our nearest and dearest is beginning to grow thin.

Often when a loved one dies, I tell the family that those days around the funeral are really sacred and holy days. People slow down, have time, speak and listen to each other, share stories. When someone we love dies, we suddenly find that those things which we thought were important are not infact important at all, that time which we thought was in such scarce supply becomes plentiful and we see and hear each other in new ways which allow us to reconnect.

These days around Christmas are sacred days. These days are perhaps the only days in a long and full year that families find themselves with time to waste with each other. In a way these days afford us the opportunity to get to know each other again, to appreciate each other again, to realise how we love one another again. Covid has forced us to stay

at home, it has managed to make us linger in each other's company for a bit longer than we might have anticipated, it has even helped to emphasise for us how much we miss those who were unable to get home this Christmas

No family is perfect. Every family has its worries and tensions – some hidden, some visible for all to see. Black sheep are not as uncommon as we might like to think. Every family has its own history of disagreements and fall outs... But in the end family, my family, your family means everything to us because they are everything to us. We are who we are because of them - it was our family who brought us into this world and it will be our family who will surround us as we leave.

This is Christmas time. We have gifted each other with so much. As we navigate through these Covid Christmas days let us take time to celebrate the gift our – always imperfect, families are to us. Let us cherish each other more closely and let us acknowledge and even articulate our deep love for each other.

Happy Christmas (and have a happy New Year!)

God Bless, Fr Tod

Feast of the Epiphany

Next Thursday (Jan 6th) is the Feast of the Epiphany. Mass will be celebrated in Tiernaur at 10am with Mass in Newport Parish Church at 7pm.

Covid 19

Although not required by current restrictions, in order to keep people as safe as possible we will continue to close off every second pew in each of our churches. You are reminded to use the hand sanitizer on entering the Church and to maintain social distancing at all times.

There is no Sunday obligation and we will continue with the current schedule of weekday Masses for the foreseeable future.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make Christmas so special again this year. Thank you to those who prepared and decorated the churches, to the crib builders and to the cleaners. A particular word of gratitude to our choirs.

Thank you too to all the local voluntary community, sporting and social organisations who each year contribute so much to the building of community spirit in our parish.

On a personal note I would like to thank all who continue to support me with your love, friendship and kindness. It is deeply appreciated

Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. Despite limited Mass attendance both the Church and the Priest's Collections are holding up well. Envelopes can still be dropped off at the parish house in Newport or in the box provided at the back of Mulranny Church. For those in a position to attend Mass envelopes can be placed in the baskets provided.

The Priest's Christmas Collection (Blue Envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most

Refugee Aid

Parishioner Jennifer Morice (Acres) will be volunteering for the month of January with the refugees caught up in Calais. A list of much needed items is available on her Facebook page and if you would like to make a monetary donation you can drop it off at the Parish office or contact her on jennifer_morice@hotmail.com.

Parish Magazine 2021

The 2021 edition of the parish magazine is currently available at the usual outlets in Newport and Mulranny. Packed full of accounts of the highlights in business, sporting, social, artistic and cultural happenings during the year, there are also items of local historical interest.

The magazine is on sale in Newport Pharmacy, Keane's Butchers, Ashling's, Kelly's Butchers, Sheridan's Centra, Newport Post Office, Kelly's Garage, Doherty's Mulranny, and Mulranny Post Office. It costs €8 and makes an ideal stocking filler for friends and loved ones for Christmas.

Funerals

Just a note to remind parishioners that on the occasion of a Funeral the daily Mass on that day will be cancelled.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of John Lavelle, Cleveland and formerly of Knockbreaga. May he rest in peace

Mass Schedule

10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Mary O Grady, Glenhest and Chicago

Weekend Masses

Saturday January 1st Newport at 12noon

The People of the Parish. Baby Joshua Murray, Buckaagh

Saturday January 1st Tiernaur at 7pm:

Catherine and Florence O Sullivan

Sunday January 2nd Newport at 10am:

Tommy Lavelle, Furnace. John Francis Chambers, Kiltarnet

Sunday January 2nd Mulranny at 11.30am:

Mickey Moran, Mulranny. James and Mary McIntyre, Murrivagh. JJ Fitzpatrick, his parents John and Alice and the deceased members of the McLoughlin and Carolan families.

Feast of the Epiphany January 6th

10am Tiernaur

7pm Newport

Friday January 7th Shramore at 7pm

Elizabeth O Malley, Shramore. John Murray, Shramore

Saturday January 8th Tiernaur at 7pm

Jim Long, Glendahurk

Sunday January 9th Newport at 10am:

The People of the Parish

Sunday January 9th Mulranny at 12.30pm:

Fr John Horan