# Burrishoole Parish June 4th/5th 2022

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# Pentecost - A New Church!

Despite the unbounded joy at the Resurrection of Jesus those forty days between Easter and Pentecost were a period of undoubted turmoil for the first church. In the days before Jesus' Ascension the disciples were overjoyed whenever they recognised the Risen Jesus, but, more often than not, they failed to recognise him and most of the time they found themselves confused, despondent and full of doubt because they struggled to understand how they might survive without Jesus' constant and protective presence. Somehow, they thought that it would be the same as before, they longed for the certainty and security of the familiar, they yearned for everything to go back to the way it was.

It took time and courage for the first followers of Jesus to accept that with the death of Jesus something more had taken place. With the death of Jesus everything changes - their understanding of who they are and of how they are to live. With the death of Jesus something dies within them... but something far richer is born. Jesus is now present to them in a new way - he no longer lives with them; he lives within them. Gifted with the Holy Spirit, those first followers of Jesus, the first Church, gradually realise that Jesus lives in the love they share, in the bread they break, in the world they experience, in the joys and the tears of their daily lives. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit which allows them to walk courageously into the unknown and become the new Church.

As Church we are once again facing into an unknown. Change is afoot. Fewer people attend Mass regularly, there are less priests, faith seems irrelevant to many. The Church as we knew seems to be fading away, some might even say that the Church is dying.

Our Church is changing. Change is always difficult. Like those first followers of Jesus we too are reluctant to let go, we want to cling onto what we have known. We crave the 'certainty' of the past. We are living through a time of confusion and uncertainty as we struggle to discern how we are to

be as Church in this new reality in which we find ourselves. We might easily become disheartened. Like that first Church we are in an inbetween time – waiting for something new to be born.

Christ is alive! The Church is not dying, the Church is being reborn. A new kind of Church is emerging: a smaller Church, a humbler Church, a simpler Church, a more Christ centred Church. The Church of tomorrow will be a vibrant Church in which all the baptised will minister to each other, a Church where faith will be celebrated as an integral part of life, where the Risen Jesus is recognised in the stranger as much as the friend, in the hungry as well as the fed, in the broken as much as the healed. The Church of tomorrow will be a Church with Jesus as its centre.

This weekend seven children will make their Confirmation. It is a moment of great joy and pride not just for them and their families but for our whole community. They are part of an emerging new Church, they will need the gifts and strength of the Holy Spirit to guide them. May God bless them.

God Bless, Fr Tod

#### **Exam Mass**

A Mass for all students doing Junior or Leaving Cert this year will be held in the Oratory, Newport at 7pm on Monday June 6th. All students and their families are welcome to come along.

#### **Newport Bingo is Back**

Newport Town Hall Committee is delighted to announce their regular Wednesday bingo sessions in Hotel Newport will recommence next Wednesday 8th June. Doors open at 8pm for a prompt 8.30pm start and they are looking forward to seeing everyone once again.

#### Ode to Joy

A fundraising concert will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Newport this Thursday, June 9, at 7pm in aid of our Local Ukrainian Fund. Enjoy some great music, send a message of solidarity to the people of Ukraine and raise vital funds - all in one evening. The line-up will feature sets by the amazing Neuer Kammerchor Heidenheim, (New Chamber Choir Heidenheim), Newport Gospel Children's Choir, Westport Children and Youth Choir, and Ukrainian Soloists. Tickets, €10, can be purchased at the door.

#### **Community Games Field Sports Day**

Burrishoole Community Games is holding their Field Sports Day on Monday, June 6, in McGovern Park, Glenhest Road. Save the date and keep an eye on social media for the time.

# **Newport Grainne Uaile Festival Queen**

The Grainne Uaile Festival Queen will be crowned at the Festival Tea Party in Hotel Newport on Friday, June 24. This is the main fundraiser for the festival and all support is greatly appreciated. Reserve your seat(s) by contacting Carol at 086 253 6433 or Hayley at 086 401 9315.

# **Glenhest Sports and Family Fun Day**

Glenhest Community Sports Day and Family Fun Day will take place on Sunday, July 12, at 2pm at the Glenhest Rovers Sports Ground. The event is open to all and everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fun of this family-friendly event.

# **Burrishoole Graveyard Weeding**

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee will be at the graveyard on Monday evenings at 7pm for the coming weeks to weed the graveyard. They would be delighted to have some help.

# **Sunflower Days in Newport**

If you are free for an hour or two on Fri 10th or Sat 11th, please consider helping with the Mayo Roscommon Hospice annual Sunflower Day collection in Newport. It is to raise funds to maintain the only hospice palliative care service in the area. All support is much appreciated. Please call Helen at 087 226 3540 or Margaret at 086 833 5394 if you can help out.

## Croí Mayo Health Fair

Croi is hosting a free Heart Health Fair in The Mulranny Park Hotel on June 7th from 11am. Meet the Croí Health Team, get your blood pressure checked, have your heart health questions answered and participate in interactive sessions. All are welcome.

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# **Newport Tidy Towns**

Newport Tidy Towns aims to enhance the attractiveness of Newport by the provision of wellmaintained green areas and flower beds, the improvement of buildings and the removal of litter. This work cannot be achieved without the support of local organisations and a team of volunteers. New volunteers are needed. Please join us on Tuesday evenings 6.30/7pm at the bottom of Main St. Help make a difference.

## \*Confirmation and Change of Mass Times\*

Confirmation is this Sunday, June 5th at 11.30am Mass in the Parish Church. Please note Mass in Mulranny will be at 10am.

# Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Mary Caffrey, St Brendan's, Mulranny and Gerard Sweeney, London, nephew of Patrick Sweeney, Sandhill. May they rest in peace

# **Mass Schedule** Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny Marty Murray, Ballycroy, Deirdre Shields, Dublin and deceased friends of Burrishoole Walking Festival

#### Friday June 3rd Shramore at 7pm

Paddy & Josephine Kilkerr, their daughter Delores and daughter in law Mary Kilkerr. Maureen Chambers, Shramore and deceased members of the Rooney and Chambers families. Nellie Ryan, Treenbeg. Nora Conway, Shramore and deceased family members.

# Saturday June 4th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Julia Casey née Chambers, Knockloughra (Months mind) and deceased of the Chambers and Casey families. Fr Attie Devine and deceased members of the family.

## **Sunday June 5th Mulranny at 10am:**

Martin and Aisling Mulloy, Mulranny and deceased members of the Mulloy family. Mary Coyne née O'Boyle and her husband John, Derrycooldrim and Thomas and Norah O'Boyle, Derrycooldrim. Mel P. Moran, Glenheather, Mulranny and deceased members of the family.

#### Sunday June 5th Newport at 11.30am:

Deceased members of the Burke family, Ardagh and the Caine family Shraloggy. Una Lavelle, Shanvalleyhue, her parents Winnie and Johnny McDonnell and deceased family members.

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm: Lily and Denis Gallagher. Mick Moran, Roskeen and Marty Moran, Ardagh. Deceased members of the O Donnell family, Sandhill.

# Sunday June 12th Newport at 10am:

Deceased members of the Chambers family, Drimlong. Sarah and Christy Mc Nulty, Newport. John Gorman, Cuilmore. McGarry and Mary Fergus, Ardagh. John Mc Nulty. Bill O Malley.

# Sunday June 12th Mulranny at 11.30am:

PJ Barrett, Murrivagh. Mary and Tom Kennedy, Yorkshire. Lizzie and Josie Keane, Rosturk and deceased members of the Keane and Ginnelly families.