

Burrishoole Parish
20th/21st February 2021

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Money Matters – Some Good News!

The new set of Parish Envelope boxes are now available for collection in each church. In order to minimise movement and the possible spread of infection families/households are invited to collect their own envelope box over the next week or two from their local church.

You will find just one envelope box per household. The second box, known as the *Renovation Fund*, was used over the years to pay back the Parish Loan which at one stage stood at over €350,000. The Parish loan has been a huge drain on parish resources for some time. In recent years, the Parish Finance Committee has made it their priority to pay back that loan as quickly as possible. Through your ongoing generosity, the use of our Parish CHY3 tax refund (which last year came to almost €20,000), some very generous donations from parishioners and careful management of the parish finances the Parish loan will, please God, be cleared at the end of March. That this was possible some three years in advance of when it was due has meant that the parish has saved €1000s in interest alone.

The clearing of such a debt is testament to the faith and commitment of our parish community and should be a source of huge pride for all who gave so generously. While in need of constant maintenance our churches are in overall good repair and the parish house is the envy of many a parish.

The Finance Committee has identified a number of projects which will be undertaken in the coming years. These include the painting of Tiernaur Church and the Oratory, ongoing work to address dampness in Newport and Mulranny Churches, refurbishment of Shramore Church and the provision of toilets at the Parish Church. The restoration of the Parish Organ is a long-term project which will necessitate much work and planning.

Our hope is that with your support we can, and we will continue to maintain and improve each of our churches.

We ask that in place of the second envelope you might consider giving something extra to the weekly offertory collection thus enabling the Parish to build a contingency fund into the future. Our churches have been more or less closed for communal celebration for almost a year now. Despite that break, weekly donations are at about 70-80% of what they were last year. Thank you. Your support through the use of the parish envelope system is a mark of the strength of faith in our community. When the Parish Accounts for 2020 are completed we will have a clearer picture of how coronavirus has impacted on our finances.

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee and on my own behalf I thank you for your continued financial support of the parish.

The new envelope boxes are now available in each of the churches for collection. Boxes have been marked by area. Please take home your box and maybe even consider dropping off your neighbours' box as well? After two weeks the remaining boxes will be distributed in the usual way through our team of distributors. If you haven't been receiving an Envelope Box and would like to please contact the parish office.

Thank you and may you continue to keep safe.

God Bless, Fr Tod

A Lenten Diet

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and trust in God
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
Faster from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent—so you can listen.

Friday Children's Mass

For the period of Lockdown and while the schools are closed 10am Mass on Fridays will be our weekly Children's Mass. Families and home schoolers are invited to join us via Facebook for a more child friendly experience of Mass.

First Communion Preparation

Mass on this coming Friday will have a particular focus on First Holy Communion. Children might like to look at the 'Baptism' newsletter in advance of our Mass.

Draft Newport Town Design Statement

The draft Newport Town design statement is on public display until Monday, March 1. It can be viewed at

www.mayo.ie/newport-town-design-statement

and the sketch drawings are displayed in the window of Chamber's Newsagents at the top of Main Street. This is a really important milestone for Newport and will guide Newport's development into the future. Everyone in the town is invited and encouraged to look at the statement and the proposals put forward. Submissions on the draft statement can be made to Westport Civic Offices, Altamont Street, Westport marked "Submission on Newport Town Design statement" or by email to mduffy@mayococo.ie. Submissions should be made before Friday, March 5, 2021.

Mulranny NS Enrolment

Mulranny National School enrolment 2021 will take place from the 22nd of February to the 5th of March. Enrolment forms are available online on www.mulrannynationalschool.scoilnet.ie or from the school. The School email address is mulrannys@gmail.com

Parish Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. In these very difficult times, your generosity is deeply appreciated. Although public Masses are again suspended 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. Should you prefer to set up a regular direct debit you can do so using the following information: Account Name; Burrishoole Parish Account, Iban: IE27ULSB98643000778878

New Envelope Boxes

The new Envelope Boxes are available for collection now in the churches. In order to minimise infection this year parishioners are asked to collect their own box over the coming days.

Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service

Helping people to stay at home is the new role of Local Link Mayo rural transport services. Local Link Mayo is offering a *collect and deliver service* in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If your need of such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094 900 5150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email mayo@locallink.ie

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. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Please call 0818 222 024.

Internet Dropping

Last week the Internet dropped a number of times during Mass. We have contacted our provider and they are endeavouring to resolve the issue. Apologies for the frustration this can cause.

Remembering Our Dead

We pray for the souls of Jackie Mullarkey, Glenhest and Ann Regan, Killala (sister-in-law of Mary Chambers, Shramore) who died last week. We extend sympathy to the families of the deceased. May they rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended. Our churches remain open and you are invited to drop in at any time.

Mass Schedule

Mass available only on Facebook and/or Parish Radio during current restrictions

Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri: Those who have died of Coronavirus

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday February 20th at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

Sunday February 21st at 10am:

Martin and Bridget Murray Abbeyville and deceased members of the Murray and Doherty families. Michael Masterson (Frank) Mulranny. John Joe Chambers, Upper Skirdagh.

Saturday February 27th at 7pm:

Packie Hoban, Knockbreaga

Sunday February 28th at 10am:

Dolores Kilker, Shramore (1st Ann). Mary Keane, Murrivagh and the deceased members of the Keane family