

Burrishoole Parish

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‘Somebody Should do Something’

The priests’ dining room was a busy place. People coming and going to class, boys looking for somebody and in the evening times coming to get a ball to play football before study. The balls were kept inside the door and often would stray from the bag in which they were kept meaning that an odd stray ball would have to be negotiated as you entered or exited the room. After school was the busiest. As I tried to get a quick cup of tea before going out to the pitches one of my colleagues, who would spend the evening doing the crossword said, ‘someone should do something about those footballs’.

It was early in March when, in the middle of the night, the first family of Ukrainian refugees arrived to our parish. Within hours of their arrival members of our community came together informally to organise support. Since that first arrival, over 200 others have sought shelter in our community and that first group of concerned locals has become a strong local support group which has ensured that every new arrival has been afforded a warm welcome.

Over these past eight months donations of clothes, toiletries and basic provisions mean that people who fled their war-torn homeland with little more than the clothes on their backs have the essentials they need when they arrive. Volunteers help with the inevitable form filling, local doctors ensure that medical care is available to all, and our schools welcome and provide uniforms for the children. Weekly English classes are organised for the adults while local sporting organisations encourage and embrace the young. Trips to discount clothing shops are organised so that teenagers can buy and choose their own clothes with donated monies and when government assistance is slow to materialize that same locally donated money is used to carry them through. During the summer months sports, arts and crafts and music camps were provided for the children as were various outings and trips to the beach. Social gatherings are organised so that our newest arrivals can meet each other, and locals can meet with them.

In the midst of much recent talk and blame about the lack of adequate shelter, new refugees continue to arrive in our parish where they are welcomed and supported by our support group and the local community. Not prepared to wait for ‘someone to do something’ our local group does what it can.

Reminds me of a little story sometime dropped into me some time back;

‘One winter’s day a man came upon a small boy sitting and begging on a windswept bridge. The boy was shivering from the cold and obviously needed a warm meal. On seeing him the man got very angry and prayed to God and said

‘Lord, why don’t you do something about this boy?’

To his astonishment the man heard the voice of God speaking to him and replying,

‘I have already done something about him.’

This surprised the man so he said,

‘I hope you don’t mind me saying this but whatever you did does not seem to be working.’

‘I agree with you’ replied God.

‘Well what did you do?’ demanded the man.

‘I made you.’ came the reply.

As a community we can be proud of the welcome we have offered our new arrivals. The next ‘meet and greet’ party takes place in *Cuan Modh this Tues at 5pm*. All welcome. You can do something!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Remembering our Dead

November is the month when we remember our dead in a special way. Beginning on Nov 1st a Novena of Masses will be held to pray for our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes and lists for the names of the dead are available in each the parish churches. You are invited to leave your completed list in the basket provided. Envelopes will be gathered on Nov 1st and brought to the each Novena Mass. Please do not place any money in the envelope.

A Remembrance Mass for those who died in the past year will be held on the weekend of November 12th/13th at each of the weekend Masses. If families would like to have parishioners who died outside of the parish during the past year included in the Mass they are invited to let the Parish Office know over the coming week.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday, Visits to the sick and housebound will take place in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas on Thurs with visits in the Newport area taking place on Friday.

First Friday Mass takes place in Shramore at 7pm

All Saints Day

Tues, Nov 1st is the Feast of All Saints. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Mulranny and at 7pm in Newport Parish Church. Note: There will be **no** Friday Mass in Mulranny

Senior Ladies Connacht Semi Final

Burrishoole ladies play the biggest game in the clubs' history this Monday as they take on Glencar Manorhamilton in the Senior Ladies Connacht semi-final in McGovern Park. Throw-in is at 1pm and tickets must be purchased in advance online. There will be no payment facilities on the gate; children are free of charge. See social media for ticket links. Please come out and support our girls.

Bake Sale After Mass in Newport

Burrishoole GAA U16 Girls are holding a bake sale this Sunday from 11am to 12pm in the Burrishoole Club House. All funds raised will go to The Emma Langan Fund. Emma has recently been diagnosed with leukemia, our girls have played with Emma and would like to contribute. Donations will be accepted on the day.

Mulranny Tidy Towns

Mulranny Tidy Towns is holding its end-of-year dinner in the Mulranny Park Hotel on Fri, Nov 4. It is always a lovely evening and the occasion is open to all who wish to attend. To reserve a seat just contact any committee member before Wednesday, November 2.

Suicide Intervention/Prevention Training

The HSE provides free suicide intervention/prevention training in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon as part of Irelands National Strategy called Connecting for more info: see www.bookwhen.com/srotraininggmr or www.nosp.ie/training to find the training options available.

Bingo

Ballycroy Community Centre is hosting a Bingo session this Friday, November 4. The doors open at 8pm and its eyes down at 8.30pm Refreshments served and all are welcome.

Newport Heritage Centre.

Friends of Newport Heritage Centre is a newly formed group who passionately believes Newport should have a Heritage Centre. They are looking to recruit more members and this is an appeal for like-minded people to come forward and join the committee. please contact the committee via email to newportmayohc@outlook.com or via Facebook

Gift Of Hands Open Day

The members would like to invite the community to see the new workplace and items on display in the craft shop while enjoying some refreshments on Friday, 4th November from 3.30pm to 5pm

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We pray for the soul of Mary (Granny) Hughes, Derradda, who died recently. May she rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport,
George Reid, Quay Rd

Weekend Masses

Saturday Oct 29th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Deceased members of the Murphy and Sweeney families.

Sunday Oct 30th Newport at 10am:

Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd

Sunday Oct 30th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Eileen Ryan, Mulranny

Tuesday Nov 1st Feast of All Saints

Mulranny: 10am Mass

Newport: 7pm Mass

Friday Nov 4th Shramore at 7pm

Neil Chambers and his wife Maureen and deceased members of the Chambers and Rooney families

Saturday Nov 5th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Bridget Mc Loughlin and deceased members of the Mcloughlin and Hanley families. Patrick and Patricia Cusack. Mathias and May B Moran, Sandhill.

Sunday Nov 6th Newport at 10am:

Dan Hoban, Georges St (1st Ann) and deceased family members. Tommy Corcoran and deceased members of the Corcoran family Laherdaune. Brian Keane, his grandparents Tom and Annie Keane and their son James, Skirdagh and Peter and Nancy Mc Manamon, Shramore. Teresa Nevin, her husband Michael and daughter Angela Irwin, sons David and Christopher and grandson James and the deceased members of the Nevin and Corduff families.

Sunday Nov 6th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Rita and Willie O Malley, Murrivagh.