

Burrishoole Parish

May 19th 2024

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The Last Pick

As children our sporting endeavour followed the sporting year; we played tennis during Wimbledon, we played rugby during the Triple Crown, we played golf during the Irish Open and we even played show jumping (without horses) during the Dublin Horse Show. But our staple throughout the year was either gaelic football or soccer. Every evening after school it was off to a friend's back garden for a game of '5 half time – 10 the winner'. The games could go on for hours as the goal posts moved (literally) and inevitably no matter what the score was once the mummies started calling us in for tea it was always 'next goal wins'.

We took it in turns to be captains. The captains got to pick their teams – every second pick. Because I was reasonable, I never suffered the indignity of being picked last but even at that young age I was keenly aware that the last picks were always the last picks. In a way it was cruel and the cruelty was magnified when it was down to the final two boys waiting to be picked. The last boy wasn't actually picked.

Last Tuesday the Church celebrated the Feast of St Matthias. Not to be confused with St Matthew the writer of the Gospel, Matthias was chosen to replace Judas after the death and resurrection of Jesus. There were two candidates. Both had followed Jesus from the start, both had heard him preach and had witnessed his miracles, both had observed his shameful and agonising death. Both now stand before the apostles offering themselves for selection. The last pick.

What is interesting is how the last pick was made; the apostles cast lots!

Drawing lots to make such an important pick seems odd to us, but it was in fact a recognised Jewish custom: for example, the priest who was chosen to enter the Temple and burn incense there was not chosen by some rota but by the drawing of lots. Drawing lots was not a substitute for human decision – human beings had chosen Matthias as a candidate, rather it was a way of allowing God to have God's say.

God always has God's say. We can easily forget that no matter how great our achievements might seem to us, that God has inevitably played God's part in bringing us to this point in our lives. In the sight of God the last pick is just as important as the first

Strangely, we know nothing else about Matthias. Not a single other word is dedicated to him in the whole of Holy Scripture – as soon as he was chosen as an apostle he falls back into obscurity. He is never mentioned again.

God Bless,
Fr Tod

Weekday Mass

Due to Diocesan commitments over the next number of weeks Fr Tod will not be available to celebrate daily Mass on particular days. There will be no daily Mass in Newport this coming Thursday.

Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi falls on Sunday, June 2nd this year. Like last year, our parish Corpus Christi Procession will take place, weather permitting, at Burrishoole Abbey at 7pm on Sunday evening. Our First Communion children will lead the Procession from the old graveyard to the Abbey where Benediction will be offered. Children are asked to gather at 6.45pm

Station/Neighbourhood Masses

Our final Summer Neighbourhood Mass will be celebrated this weekend at 7pm. All welcome
Fri May 24th Patrick Costello. Knocknagaoithe

Exam Mass

We will celebrate our annual Exam Mass on Monday June 3rd at 7pm. All students who are preparing for Leaving Certificate or Junior Certificate exams, together with their families, are invited to attend.

May Rosary

The Rosary will be recited Monday to Thursday, during May, at 7.30pm on the Greenway opposite Burrishoole Shrine. All welcome.

Parish Rosary Sunday will take place *next* Sunday May 26th. Communities are invited to gather to say their Rosary at 7pm at their local Grotto

Newport Bingo

No winner of the jackpot on May 15; new jackpot of €475, to be won in 48 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8pm sharp. All welcome.

Darkness into Light

A big thank you to everyone who so generously participated in the Darkness into Light Walk on May 11, in Mulranny. The big turnout raised a sum of €1,300 for Pieta House. Thanks are also given to those who helped at the Amenity Centre with refreshments, they were enjoyed by all.

Cuilmore CCE

Congratulations to the Cuilmore CCÉ Set Dancing teams and their teacher Caroline O' Malley. All 5 teams who competed at the Mayo Fleadh in Westport are now through to the Connacht Finals in July.

Stoma Support Group Meeting

Mayo Stoma Support Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar and all are welcome. Please message 087 6275766 in advance with your name and the number of people attending for the benefit of the hotel.

Mayo Cancer Support

Mayo Cancer Support thanks all those who so generously supported its recent Church Gate Collection in Mulranny on May 12. Special thanks are given to the volunteers who facilitated the collection. A total of €452.85 was raised; these funds will support the ongoing provision of emotional support to local people affected by cancer.

Fundraiser For St Brendans

A fundraiser gig in aid of St. Brendan's featuring the 6 piece band - The Bible Code Sundays/ Irish Londoners will take place in McLoughlin's, Mulranny on Saturday, June 8, at 9pm. Admission is €10 and tickets can be bought from St Brendans 098 36027 and from local outlets in Mulranny. All proceeds will go directly to St Brendan's and all support is much appreciated.

Mulranny Meals on Wheels

St. Brendan's kitchen will be providing Meals on Wheels to the local Mulranny community and surrounding areas from Monday, May 6th. If you wish to avail of this service, please call 098 36011 / 098 36027.

Free Community Event Advertising

Do you have a community event or activity coming up? You can avail of FREE advertising with Mayo PPN. Email mayoppn@mayococo.ie and include a Jpeg poster. Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote it to their 1,000 plus community groups

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Helen Mc Cormack, Roskeen, Bernie Boyle, Rochfordbridge, sister of Brendan McLoughlin, Sandhill, Padraic Geraghty, Carnaclay, brother of Maureen Gannon, Newport and Aggie O Doherty-Leonard, Devlin, sister of Sheila Walsh, Newport. May they rest in peace

Weekday Mass at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues -Newport, Fri-Mulranny
The People of the Parish (No Thurs Mass)

Weekend Masses

Saturday May 18th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mike and Emily Holmes, and deceased family members, Newfield. Bridget and Sonny Mulloy, Newfield. Margaret Moran and her husband Martin, Castle Rd.

Sunday May 19th Newport at 10am

Tom and Dora Heraty and deceased members of the Heraty family, Ayle, and the Corcoran family, Laherdaune. Tom, Patrick and Loyola McHale, Newport. Sergeant Patrick Kealy, Castlebar St, and deceased family members.

Sunday May 19th Mulranny at 11.30am

Michael and Maggie McLoughlin. Martin and Aisling Mulloy, Mulranny. Brian and Bridget Corrigan, Ballycroy.

Saturday May 25th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mary and John Fadian, Knockbreaga. Deceased members of the Caine family, Shraloggy and the Burke family, Ardagh.

Sunday May 26th Newport at 10am

Jim Mc Manamon, Skirdagh (1st Ann). John Moran, Celbridge and Shraloggy (1st Ann). Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. Tom Walsh, Comploon.

Sunday May 26th Mulranny at 11.30am

Pat, Nora and Kate McLoughlin.