

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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**'The Way'**

My dad was a great believer in routine. During his working life the shop would always open and close at the appointed time, Wednesday was a half day and Sunday the day for the family spin out to Carrowinsky. Even in his retirement dad managed to keep regular hours and his days were ordered and full; up for 10am Mass, pick up the papers on the way home, breakfast while standing in the kitchen with his hat on ready to head out to the Point to read the papers. Lunch at 1pm followed by a walk with his friends. Snooze before the 6pm news, then dinner and off out to the Point again for a catch up on the day's sport or politics with his fogies. So regular was dad that at any time of any day, no matter where we were in the world we knew exactly where he'd be and what he'd be at.

In a way dad lived in his own world, a very certain world. There was great comfort in that for us. It gave us a sense of security and ease which was reassuring and... it made it easy to plan with certainty our visits and our phone calls home.

The world of today is in many ways a world without certainty. War, poverty, climate change, destruction of the environment leave us and our world facing a very uncertain future.

Our church too faces an uncertain future. A dearth of vocations to the Priesthood and falling attendances mean that we find ourselves preparing and planning for a future which is still unfolding. Structures and practices which we had assumed would stand the test of time crumble before our eyes. The certainties of the past are long gone - the future a mysterious place of unknowns and possibilities. Planning is at best challenging. A bit like Thomas we don't know where we are going ... so how can we know the way!

And yet isn't that the story of faith; to leave the solidity and sure footedness of dry land in order to set out into the deep and unknown. It's about having the courage to let go of the familiar while still being unsure of the new.

I was in Helsinki recently and while there happened upon the Irish governments touring exhibition

which is celebrating around the capitals of Europe Ireland's 50 years of being a member of the European Union Interestingly, and surprisingly the exhibition tells the story of St Columbanus and his follower's journey across Europe. Apparently, St Columbanus was the first scholar to reference Europe's cultural identity and through the establishment of monasteries drew the peoples of Europe together.

For centuries Irish monks, priests and religious have left the comfort, certainty and security of home as they journeyed to new and uncharted worlds. As we discern new ways of being Church we are now being called to leave behind the certainties and comfort of the tried and tested and to go to new and less familiar places.

These are challenging times, times of few certainties. We are journeying towards a new way of being church but what that new church will look like is still to be revealed.

Our journey has begun. Like Peter, like Thomas, like Columbanus we set out into the deep knowing that we don't travel alone. We journey together, we journey in confidence and we journey in faith. We know the Way.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**First Communion 2024**

First Communion will be celebrated on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Mulranny and on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Newport. First Communion Grow in Love Preparation Masses will take place on the fourth Sunday of each month, beginning next Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries**

On Sunday, October 29, at 3pm Archbishop Francis will celebrate Mass in Tuam Cathedral for the occasion of the celebration of Marriage Anniversaries. All couples who are celebrating significant Marriage anniversaries are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Jarlath's College.

**Burrishoole GAA Draw**

With only a couple of weeks left for the Burrishoole GAA 'Win a Kubota Draw' your support for the fundraiser is needed now more than ever. This draw is the first step in fundraising for a vital second pitch; with 19 teams currently playing and training in McGovern park, a second pitch is much needed if the club is to continue to grow.

The draw takes place on October 29 in Walsh's Bridge Inn. Tickets can be purchased via the club website or in local retail outlets and all support is very much appreciated.

### **Newport Bingo**

No winner of the jackpot on October 11; new jackpot of €850 to be won in 56 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport. Doors open 7.30pm; eyes down at 8pm sharp. All welcome.

### **Glenhest 25 Card Game**

Glenhest Community Centre will hold a Monster 25 Card Game this Sunday 18, at 6pm with a 1st prize of €120, 2nd €60, 3rd €40 and door & spot prizes to be won. All are welcome to join in.

### **Cuilmore CCE AGM**

The AGM of Cuilmore CCÉ will take place in The Gráinne Uaile, on Wednesday, October 25 at 7pm. The branch is thriving and it is hoped parents, and new members will attend so the branch can continue to prosper. New people bring new ideas and suggestions so, do come along and join in.

### **St. Brendan's Collections**

St. Brendan's High Support Unit, Mulranny will hold its annual Church Gate collection in Newport next Sunday, October 15. Church Gate collections will be held in Tiernaur on Saturday, October 21 and in Mulranny on Sunday 22. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### **Saturday Night Live in Mulranny**

The 'Save St Brendans' fundraising committee are bringing Saturday Night Live to the Mulranny Park Hotel on Saturday, October 21. The doors open at 7,30pm for this fun night of entertainment with an Open Mic and Game Show featuring Cheers and local talented musicians. Admission is €10 and tickets are on sale in Mulranny and Achill Post Offices. All support greatly appreciated.

The committee thank all who supported the recent Whist Drive in Ted Lavelle's. They also thank those who gave donations and raffle prizes and Joe Fadian and his staff for the use of his function room and for setting up the tables.

Top score winner of €100 was Nora Gumley and the total raised was €1,242.

### **Hospice Coffee Morning**

The Mayo Roscommon Hospice Coffee Morning in Newport was well supported raising €2,539 for the cause. The organisers send a big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously or sent a donation. A special thank you is given to the volunteers who gave their time, all those who donated the lovely baked goods and the local businesses who supported the event.

### **Mulranny Tidy Towns**

A word of Congratulations to Mulranny Tidy Towns Committee and friends on being awarded a Gold Medal in this year's competition. A fantastic achievement and very well deserved.

### **Féile Sheáin Mhic Pháidín 2024**

The program of events for the John McFadden Festival is in the final stages and full details will be released shortly. An exciting weekend of music, song, and dance, with something for all age groups is planned and will take place over the bank holiday weekend of Friday, Feb 2, to Monday, Feb 5, 2024.

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the soul of Willie McHale, Sandhill who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

### **Weekday Masses at 10am**

*Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny*  
**Tuesday 10am.** Kieran Thompson, Newport (Months Mind)

### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm**

Jack Moran, Roskeen, wife Mary and daughter Christine and the deceased members of the Moran and O Donnell families. Those buried in Killeen Graveyard who have no one to remember them.

#### **Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am**

Mary O Reilly, Rossclave (Months Mind).

#### **Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am**

Judge Patrick Moran, Mulranny.

#### **Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm**

Deceased members of the McGovern Family, Newfield. Mary and Patrick Carroll, Derradda and Dublin

#### **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Newport at 10am**

Mary Hughes, Derrada, (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) and her husband Martin. Lillian Dawe, Newport and Swinford (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Michael O Malley Newport (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) his parents Thomas and Kate and brother Tommie. Peadar and Ann Kilroy and deceased members of the Kilroy family Carrabawn and the Cox family, Kilmeena. Francis and Hilda Chambers Fauleens. Bridie Monaghan and deceased members of the Monaghan and Murphy families

#### **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am**

The People of the Parish