

**Burrishoole Parish**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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**Spring Cleaning**

It's that time of year when in the welcome sunshine of Spring the dust and the grime of another winter begins to appear on surfaces all over our homes. I sometimes think that the low-lying sun of March is nature's way of reminding us that it's time for a good annual clean up. Sometimes it takes a bit longer to make a beginning.

Grief they tell us comes in stages and those stages come in no particular order. We each have our own way of coping with the loss of loved ones, and we have to allow each other time before we are ready to move on.

After almost eighteen months our family has finally begun clearing out my parents' house. Although most of the clothes were given away early on it is only now that we are beginning to go through presses and drawers and cubby holes.

Each room contains its own memories. The kitchen brimming with memories of ordinary days spent chatting and eating together, or of quick visits while standing with my back to the kitchen sink or of smells of favourite dinners greeting us as we raced home from school. Memories of a seldom used and always cold dining room where we gathered at Christmas and Easter or when visitors came, memories of the sitting room where we sat together watching telly – always switching back for the 9pm news, or where we sat on Christmas mornings opening our presents from Santy or where in later years we sat as a family to discuss the deteriorating health of our parents.

The house is full of memories. Each room full of drawers and presses which when opened overflow with more and more memories; a purse my mother used to use, an old post card sent home from a summer in the Gaeltacht, a present brought home from a school visit to Knock. A cubby hole reveals my old secondary school entrance exam results, a bill for a child's bicycle from 1970 and an old, faded photograph of an under 10 team of innocent faced boys. The more one looks the more memories pour forward each stopping us in our tracks as we pause to recall the occasion.

A job which we thought would take hours is now taking days and the more memories we come across the harder it becomes to let go.

As we reminisce over our 'finds' we are struck by the importance which our parents placed on such trivial mementos, and yet each in their turn brought us back to a particular time and place and filled us with warm and happy thoughts. Often it is only as we look back on our lives and on our experiences that we are in a position to truly value what, at the time, seemed like insignificant events. In fact, it is often the seemingly insignificant and ordinary events of our lives which form us into the people we become.

It's no coincidence that Lent and Spring fall at the same time. Lent is an opportunity for us to look back on our lives - not simply to 'turn away from sin', but also to appreciate again where in our lives we have found God and perhaps more importantly where God has found it.

Could it be that it was in the seemingly insignificant, unimportant and most ordinary times in our lives that God was closest?

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Lent - Early Morning Mass**

Are you doing something for Lent? Fancy a challenge? Why not come to early morning Mass. Each Thursday at 7.30am Mass will be celebrated in the Oratory in Newport. Why not join us before work or school?

**Pastoral Council**

Our Pastoral Council met for its last meeting on Thursday. On behalf of our community we thank them for their generous and selfless service to the parish. Motivated by a desire to build up the Kingdom of God in the local community the Pastoral Council works to ensure that the spiritual and pastoral needs of the faith community are attended to. Working in collaboration with the local priest it seeks to create a parish which has at its centre the person of Jesus Christ and which is a place where the gospel values of truth, justice and love are to the fore.

Is faith important to you? Have you thoughts/ideas as to how we might be a better faith community. Over the coming weeks we will set about forming a new Parish Council. Maybe you have something to offer?

**Pizza and Coke**

All Transition Year students and students participating in the Pope John Paul II Awards are invited to meet in the Parish House on Monday week 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring a friend!

### Mulranny Tidy Towns

A belated celebratory dinner will be held in the Mulranny Park Hotel on Friday, March 25th to celebrate Mulranny Tidy Towns' achievements in the 2021 National Tidy Towns competition. A bronze medal was secured putting us in second place in the county next to Westport. As a community this is for us all to share; places can be booked by contacting Mary O Boyle 087 988 5842.

### Church Ministries

New parish rotas for the various Church ministries are now being drawn up. During Covid some people understandably withdrew from their chosen ministry. Over the next number of weeks all involved in the various church ministries will receive a text inviting them to opt in/out. Thank you to all who give of their gifts for the good of our parish community.

### Kilbride Cemetery

A meeting was held on Wednesday night in the Amenity centre Cuilmore School but unfortunately due to lack of interest no committee was formed. Hopefully some people from the area will get involved as otherwise the cemetery will go into disrepair and this would be a shame given that the graveyard has been maintained to such a high standard over the years. The present committee of Mary Mylett, Rose Doherty and Margaret Crehan have now resigned after 15 - 20 years of dedicated service.

### Last Newport Parade Meeting

The last planning meeting for the Newport St Patrick's Day parade will take place upstairs in Walsh's next Wednesday, 9th March at 8.30pm. It would be much appreciated if businesses would drop in their donation and people willing to assist with the management of the parade attend or let the committee know ahead of the day. If you know of a band that would be free to take part in the parade, which starts at 2pm, please let us know.

### Burrishoole GAA AGM

The huge turnout for Burrishoole GAA club's AGM on February 27 makes for an exciting year ahead for the club. A big thank you is given to all who attended, it was great to see so many new members getting involved. There will be an update on role fills in the coming week and with plenty to do it is not too late to get included. If you would like to help the club in any capacity, please do not hesitate to make contact.

### Prayer for Ukraine

Every morning this week (Mon- Fri) the Rosary will be offered in the Oratory at 10.30am for the people of the Ukraine. Please join us.

### New Offertory Envelope Boxes

The new Offertory envelope boxes are available for collection from Newport, Tiernaur and Mulranny Churches.

### Mass Schedule

#### 10am Weekday / 7.30am Thursday

*Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny*  
Tom Dunleavy, Bearnadearg. Valerie Sweeney, Roigh, (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Martin and Bridget Murray, Abbeyville and deceased members of the Murray and Doherty families.

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Christy Butler, his parents Ned and Bridget Hoban and all deceased family members. Tom and Annie Chambers and deceased of the Chambers and McCormack families. Annie Sherry, Birmingham and formerly of Sandhill. Kathleen Coyne, Teresa Mullins and Frank Mc Hale.

#### Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Liam Burke, Carragaune and his parents Tom and Phyllis, Rossinrubble. Joe Kelly, Newport and Galway. Seamus O'Malley, Carramore. Mary and Patrick Costello, Knocknageeha. Paddy and Baby Chambers, and deceased members of the Chambers Cloonfoher and Corcoran families Lahardane. Peter Fahy, Bearnadearg

#### Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Peter & Helen McNea, Carrowsallagh. Mary and Tom Kennedy, Yorkshire.

#### Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

David McHale, Newfield (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Frank McClintock, Newfield (Mts Mind). Josie Moran, Roskeen

#### Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Dominick and Mary Kelly, Main St and deceased members of the Kelly and Chambers family. Francis Mc Nulty, Rossmore and her daughters Lorraine and Elizabeth.

#### Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Kevin Moran, Cushleca. Mary Barrett and her husband John and deceased family members, Rosturk.