Burrishoole Parish March 19th/20th 2022 Fr Tod Nolan P.P. 098 42665 Parish Office 098 41123

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Laskavo Prosymo

On St Patrick's Day as we celebrated our Irishness here at home we remembered too those Irish sons and daughters who have made their homes in places far from our shores. Some of them left by choice but others left out of necessity.

Unlike many of my peers who finished school in the early 80's, I, thank God, never had to emigrate. At the time almost two out of every three college graduates left Ireland to find work and make a life for themselves. Some never came back.

The closest I came to an experience of emigrating was when I went to work in New York for a summer. Not knowing anyone in New York I arrived with just a handwritten address of the place where I was to stay. I remember distinctly the feeling of loss and dread and I tried to navigate JFK airport on my own. In a time before the comfort of mobile phones I felt utterly alone. Although everything was in English I was totally disorientated and was as overwhelmed by the noise and the crowds as I was by a sense that everyone seemed to know what they were doing - except me. With my head in a whirl, I was almost in tears when I was approached by a taxi driver who asked me where I was going. I told him and he said he'd take me there. Taking my bag he led me to his 'taxi' only for me to realise that it was an ordinary car without any taxi signs. As soon as he left down my bag to open the car door I panicked and grabbed it saying that I had changed my mind and I hurriedly made my way back into the safety of the airport. I am happy to say that after the initial 'truama' I eventually made my way into the city and despite a few lonely and homesick days my summer in New York turned out to be a very positive experience.

In recent days I couldn't help but contrast my 'emigration' experience to the horrendous experience of so many Ukrainian families who have fled their homes and some of whom have joined our community over these past days. I cannot imagine how it must feel to leave everything you own in life, everything which has been constant and familiar to you, and flee for safety

with just the clothes on your back. Imagine leaving home – parents, brothers, sisters, sons, everything behind not knowing if you will ever see them again. Think for a minute of the fear and the dread of arriving in a new country, knowing no one and not speaking the language. It's almost unimaginable and yet thousands of people are now arriving in our towns and villages seeking refuge from the horror of war.

Our community has been to the forefront in welcoming Ukranian families – at the time of writing there are four. There will be more. Let us offer them more than shelter, let us offer them comfort and friendship. What a privilege it is for us to welcome our new neighbours. Cead mile failte. Laskavo Prosymo! They are truly welcome.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Parish Rotas

Parish Rotas will be finalised during the coming week. If you would prefer to opt out you might let the Parish Office know asap. If you would like to become newly involved in any of our parish ministries please contact the office. Thank you

Newport Church Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to be part of a choir? Newport Church Choir are seeking new members. All welcome. Why not give it a go? If interested please contact Fr Tod or phone Kathleen on 087 7984423.

Pastoral Council Nomination Form

We are in the process of forming a new Pastoral Council. Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or to nominate someone they know whom they believe has the qualities needed to be part of the new Pastoral Council.

Those nominated will be invited to an information evening at which point they can decide whether they would like to be involved. Please place completed nomination forms in the collection baskets at Mass or drop into the Parish Office.

I nominate NameAddress	
Phone No.	
Signed	

A Prayer for the People of Ukraine

For those who are fleeing... sanctuary
For those who are staying... safety
For those who are fighting... peace
For those whose hearts are breaking... comfort
For those who see no future... hope.

Lent - Early Morning Mass

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

Pizza and Coke

Thank you to all who came along last week. Our next gathering is on Monday 28th, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring a friend!

Cancer Support Outreach Service

Mayo Cancer Support will hold their next outreach service, by appointment only, in the Health Centre, Achill Sound on Thursday, March 24. For more information please contact Jean at 087 2804164 or Rock Rose House at 094 9038407.

ICA support Charlie Bird

Members of the Mayo Federation of the ICA will walk in support of Motor Neurone disease and Pieta House to coincide with Charlie Birds' ascent of Croagh Patrick on April 2. Members of the Mulranny, Westport, and Castlebar guilds will meet at the corner of Newport Quay adjacent to Newport House at 12 midday and will walk around the Quay visiting the Princess Grace Garden. All are invited to join the walk and any donations will be added to those from the Mulranny members.

Newport Mulranny Wanderers Open Day

The Newport Mulranny Wanderer's new season open day is on 3rd April at 11:30am at the BCP Pitch. The club is open to girls and boys born from 2009 to 2016. New and existing members are invited to meet the coaches, club committee and volunteers. There will be fun activities, penalty shootouts and loads more on the day so please come along.

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. Please contact Mary O Boyle 087 988 5842.

Burrishoole Community Partnership

Burrishoole Community Partnership are holding their 2022 AGM on Tuesday 22nd March at 7:30pm in Hotel Newport. All are welcome to attend to hear as we provide an overview of the project progress to date and plans for the future. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions. Looking forward to seeing you there – so make sure to set a reminder!

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Mary Doyle, England, sister of the late Kathleen Ensko, Mary King (nee McHale) formerly of Tiernaur and Celia Wilkinson (nee Gibbons), England, formerly of Knocknageeha. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule 10am Weekday / 7.30am Thursday

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport,Fri-Mulranny The People of the Parish

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday March 19th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Patrick and Katie Kilcoyne and deceased family members, Shanvalleyhue.

Sunday March 20th Newport at 10am:

Peter Maye, Ballindooley, Galway. PJ O Malley, Carrowkeel. Sylvie and Angela Healy, Mulranny Rd. Mary Ann and Paddy Mulchrone, Buckagh and their daughter Mary and son in law Pat Mc Neela and Paddys brothers Ted, David, Tommy, Peter and Michael Mulchrone.

Sunday March 20th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Teresa Ginnelly (1st Ann), Bunahowna. Thomas and Veronica Corrigan, Doughill and daughter Mary. Michael Grealis, Achill Rd

Saturday March 27th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Gerard Moran, Roskeen, Vincent Murphy, Belmullet and Frank Moran, Roskeen

Sunday March 28th Newport at 10am:

Seamus Kelly, Castlebar St (Mts Mind). Richard Steer, Glenhest Rd (1st Ann) and his grandson Daniel Peacock. Margaret Murray, Rossclave

Sunday March 28th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Caroline Ginnelly, Rossturk. Bridgie Loftus and deceased family members.