

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
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### **A Faulty Socket**

How often do you switch on or off lights? How many times a day do you 'throw on' the kettle or charge the phone? As you sit reading this piece the radio might be on in the background or the telly silently keeping you company.

Luckily enough we don't experience power outages too often these days but when we do, for me at least, they come as a shock to the system. Suddenly I find myself in total darkness. Once I get over the inclination to get up and switch on the lights, I usually go looking for the candles. Delighted to have found them I quickly realise that I now need to find a lighter or matches, which always prove much more elusive. At the end of my tether, I come up with the bright idea that I can get a light from the grill on the cooker – my cooker is electric! By the time (if) I do eventually get the candles lit its time to sit down and have a cuppa – only to remember that the kettle is electric! So there I sit, in semi darkness and in chilly silence waiting for the power to come back on.

Although built just over 100 years ago now, when the Parish Church opened there was no such thing as electricity. It's hard to imagine people gathering in the semi darkness of a candle lit church, or indeed the effort which would have gone into the lighting of candles. There would have been no amplification so it would have been almost impossible to hear the priest (perhaps not a bad thing!) as he prayed the Mass in Latin. At least parishioners weren't too cold; there was a furnace under the tower which burnt coal and turf (the chimney is still used for the modern-day boiler and is built into the tower wall). On that point its interesting to note that when the church was built local families were expected to donate £5 towards the cost, part of which they could pay by donating a cartload of turf!

No one is quite sure when electricity was first used to light and heat the Parish Church but more than likely it was sometime between 1937 and 1938 when electricity first came to Newport. We can just imagine the excitement as people came to see the

church all lit up with the 'electric light' and to hear the organ which up to that point had been powered by a bellows system.

Since the first connection with the national grid the parish church has enjoyed the benefits of electricity for over 90 years. In those years how often have we switched on the lights and heat, listened to the organ or, in more recent times, live streamed our Masses without giving the electricity behind the switch a second thought? And we probably would have continued not paying the least interest in the source of power for the church if it wasn't for someone spotting a 'faulty' socket just two weeks ago.

All power coming into the church comes via one underground cable, and up until this week that cable was the original cable which first brought power into the church almost 90 years ago. Over that time it had carried a lot more power than it was originally designed to take. That one 'faulty' socket pointed to a much bigger problem. The cable had deteriorated to such an extent that it was no longer capable of carrying electricity into the church. Impossible to repair it has now been replaced by a brand-new cable. Crisis averted. Power restored. Beats sitting in the dark!

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **Envelope Boxes**

Thank you to all who contribute to the parish through the use of parish envelopes. It is a tribute to your faith and generosity that despite Covid 19 the parish finances have held up. Use of the envelope system also allows the parish to claim back tax via the CHY3 tax refund scheme when the annual total in contributions exceed over €250.

Envelope Boxes for the coming year are now being prepared. If you aren't receiving a box and would like to, or alternatively if you are receiving a box and would prefer not to, or if changes need to be made to the name or the address, please let the parish office know over the coming weeks.

### **Tiernaur Community Choir**

Tiernaur choir continue practicing this Tuesday at 8pm in Tiernaur Church. All welcome, particularly new members!

### **First Communion/Confirmation**

First Communion will be celebrated in Mulranny on Sat April 2<sup>nd</sup> and in Newport on Sat May 14<sup>th</sup>. An enrolment Mass for Mulranny children will take place on Sunday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am Mass. Confirmation takes place this year in our parish on Sat, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Enrolment Mass Sun Mar 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.

### **Anam Cara Parent Evening**

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 22nd February at 7.20pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact them at [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888

### **Mulranny Tidy Towns**

Mulranny Tidy towns are commencing their meetings on Wednesday, 16th February at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. All welcome.

### **Burrishoole GAA Club AGM**

Burrishoole GAA Club is holding its AGM on Saturday, February 26, at 7pm in Newport NS Hall. Nomination forms are available from [secretary.burrishoole.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.burrishoole.mayo@gaa.ie). Nominations and motions should be emailed to the same address by Thursday, February 24.

### **Kilbride Cemetery Committee**

After years of generous service committee members Mary Mylett (086 8962496), Margaret Crehan (0863198528) & Rose Doherty (087 9443634) have called it a day and are now resigning from Kilbride cemetery committee. We take this opportunity to thank them for their untiring work. If anyone in the area wishes to continue with the upkeep of the cemetery they can telephone any of the above numbers, alternatively there will be a meeting held shortly in Cuilmore school to form a new committee.

### **Newport Historical ReEnactment 2022**

The Newport 300 committee are delighted to announce that the Historical Street ReEnactment will finally go ahead on May 1st 2022.

The ReEnactment committee have been busy since early January this year and they are now ready to hold their first meeting for existing cast members and new volunteers who may wish to play a part in Newport's historical story.

The meeting will take place upstairs in the Carey Walsh building on Monday February 21st at 8pm-all welcome.

### **Covid 19**

You are reminded to use the hand sanitizer on entering the Church and that masks continue must be worn. In the event that Fr Tod tests positive all weekday and Sunday Masses with a congregation will cease. Mass will continue via Facebook.

### **Newport St Patricks Day Parade**

Newport St Patricks Day Parade Committee is delighted to announce that plans are under way for a return of the parade. There will be a short planning meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 8.30pm in Walsh's Bridge Inn (upstairs). All welcome

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Frank McClintock, Newfield, Bridie Truss, Cork, sister of the late Tommy O Malley, The Glebe and Kitty O Brien, Dublin, sister of Mary Brady, Newport, all who died recently. May they rest in peace

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **10am Weekday Mass Intentions:**

*Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny*  
Michael Masterson (Frank), Mulranny

#### **Weekend Masses**

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

John and Mary Ann Cannon, Roskeen.

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

James Ryder, Kilbride and parents James and Charlotte. Pauline and Michael Sheridan and daughter Susan, Castlebar St. Bernie and Charlie O Donnell, Derrylahan. Bridget and Peter Doherty, Cuilmore PO and deceased members of the Doherty and Chambers families.

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

Bridgie Masterson, (Frank), Mulranny. Rose Loftus, Bunnahowna and deceased members of the Loftus and Kilroy Families

#### **Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm**

Annie and Frank Mc Nea and deceased family members.

#### **Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Denis and Maggie Conway and deceased members of the Conway and Gibbons families. Patrick and Ellen Carey and deceased members of the Carey and Fergus families. Pat and May Gannon, Derrada. Peggy Stoker, England and deceased members of the Marley and Noone families. Joe Chambers, Upper Skirdagh and deceased family members.

#### **Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

The People of the Parish.