

**Burrishoole Parish**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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**Whose Your Favorite?**

This week the 75 boys and girls from our three National Schools, who will make their Confirmation in May, will gather in Tiernaur for a Ceremony of Light. The central moment of that ceremony comes when the parent passes the lighted Baptismal Candle to their child.

The children are looking forward to their Confirmation. It is a big day for them and for their families. Among other things they are excited to meet our new Archbishop, Archbishop Duffy, on his first official visit to the parish. Most, if not all, will not have seen or met an Archbishop before.

I for my part, have reminded them that he is my boss and have told them that if they get a chance that they are to tell him that I am their favourite priest! They are very eager to do so.

I also regularly assure the First Holy Communion children that I am their favourite priest too. They agree that I am, but one bright spark has lately pointed out that I am their only priest, and that fact was underlined for me at their First Confession.

When visiting the class in advance of the night I mentioned that I had invited another priest along to help hear the Confessions. That caused quite a stir. They were fascinated by the 'other' priest. Most of them had never seen, nor met, another priest before, never mind an Archbishop!

That is the reality which is facing us as Church. That is the reality which is facing us as a diocese: there are less priests. How are we to sustain and celebrate faith with fewer ordained priests?

In response to the Archbishop's recent invitation, representatives from seven parishes of our deanery (Louisburgh, Westport, Aughagower, Islandeady, Kilmeena, Burrishoole and Achill) met recently to begin exploring how we might plan for a time when there will not be a resident priest in every parish - there has been no resident priest in Clare Island for over 20 years now. At the moment there are 8 priests, one of whom is 85, serving those 8 parishes. How might our deanery be served by 6 or perhaps 5 priests?

Our gathering was made up of 6 priests and 14 lay representatives. We agreed that faith cannot, and will not, flourish unless all the baptised take responsibility for, and ownership of, their faith. We acknowledged that while it will be a big change for the parish involved, it is not necessary to have a priest resident in a parish in order to have a thriving faith community and that every church does not have to have a weekend Mass. Lay people must be invited, and training must be offered which will empower them to minister to each other and to the wider community. At a time when priests are no longer able to cover for each other at weekends communities should, on the occasion of the unexpected absence of the priest, be in a position to gather and celebrate without him.

It was with this last point in mind that last week, at our night of reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, we looked at how such a liturgy might happen. It is hoped that, if for any reason, the priest is unavoidably absent a team of people will be in place in each church who will lead a 'Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion'. A number of people volunteered to be trained as 'Leaders' for that liturgy but more are needed.

Do you know many priests? Have you a favourite?

God bless, Fr Tod

**Thursday Mass**

Please note that there will be no 7pm Mass on Thursday. Mass on Thursday this week will be at 10am. Mass at 7.30am on Tuesday as normal.

**Parish Ministries**

New rotas are available now in all churches. Thank you to all who continue to serve our parish in so many ways. If you are at Mass and notice that there is someone missing from a particular ministry you are encouraged to step in and take their place.

**Confirmation**

The Ceremony of Light for all children making their Confirmation will take place at 7pm this Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> in Tiernaur Church. Parents/Guardians are asked to bring the child's Baptismal to be used at the ceremony. If you have misplaced the Baptismal Candle you can always bring the Do This in Memory First communion Candle. Confirmation: Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**St Vincent de Paul**

Our local St Vincent de Paul group continues to help families who find themselves in financial difficulties. Please use the confidential helpline if you need to contact them 0864181000

### Easter Penitential Service

Our Easter Penitential Service will take place at 8pm on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All welcome.

### All Ireland Final

Sacred Heart Westport play in the Senior A Girls All Ireland Final this Tuesday in Longford at 12.30pm. We wish our Burrishoole girls; Ava and Carla Palasz, Alana and Grace McDonnell, Ava Kelly and Hannah Sheehy and their coach Clodagh Mc Manamon the very best of luck.

### Good Friday 25 Drive

Tiernaur Hall Committee will host a 25 card drive on Good Friday, April 7, at 8.30 pm in the Hall with prizes to be won and refreshments served. All regular and new players are welcome to come along for a great night's entertainment.

### St Patrick's Day Thank You

The Mulranny St Patrick's Day Parade Committee would like to thank the organisers, participants, spectators and all who helped in any other way to make St Patrick Day such a successful and enjoyable occasion.

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The Newport St Patrick's Day Parade Committee thanks all who participated in the parade, the volunteers who helped with traffic control and all who came out to see the parade in such numbers. It was a great day of smiles and celebration.

### Retired Civil and Public Servants AGM

The AGM of the Retired Civil and Public Servants Association, Mayo Branch will take place in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar, F23 V279 on Thursday, March 30 at 11am.

### Enable Ireland - Volunteers Required

Enable Ireland Mayo Services require volunteers to work with children with a disability. Volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community. No more than three hours per week are required. Contact [fscully@enableireland.ie](mailto:fscully@enableireland.ie) or call Fiona at 087 6808350

### Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.

Families, Parish & Community Groups, are invited to join the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Francis, on Sunday, May 7th. This is a special day for people from the Archdiocese of Tuam. The Ceremonies commence with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 pm.

### Easter Ceremonies 2023

#### Holy Thursday

7pm Tiernaur Mass of the Last Supper

#### Good Friday

12pm Tiernaur. Stations of the Cross  
3pm Newport. Celebration of the Passion  
7pm Mulranny Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday

8pm Newport Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday

6.30am Burrishoole Abbey Dawn Mass  
10am Tiernaur Easter Mass  
11.30am Mulranny Easter Mass

*Why not try to experience some of the richness of our great Easter Liturgies this year?*

### Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul Tommy O Malley (Big Tom), Oak Park and Treenbeg who died last week. May he rest in peace

### Weekday Masses

*Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny*  
For our Emigrants (Note Mass on Thurs at 10am)  
7pm Fri Tiernaur: Donna Staunton MacRury

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Gerard Moran, Roskeen. Frank and Nora Moran, Roskeen, Vincent Murphy, Belmullet. Patrick and Kate Kilcoyne and deceased family members.

#### Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Richard Steer and his grandson Daniel Peacock. Maud and Dominick Lavelle, Manchester and Dugort and deceased family members.

#### Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

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

#### Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm

Teresa and Jim Cooney, Kilmeena. Seán Kelly, Gortnaclasser and Harrow

#### Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Newport at 10am

The People of the Parish

#### Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am

Padraig Doherty, Mulranny. Brian and Bridget Corrigan, Ballycroy.

**NB. Clocks go Forward this weekend!**