

Burrishoole Parish

February 26th 2023

Fr Tod Nolan P.P. 098 42665

Parish Office 098 41123

Office hours Tue - Thu 11am-3pm,

To book Masses, Baptisms & Marriages, get certs & Mass cards please contact office by phone or Email: burrishooleparish@gmail.com

Facebook/YouTube: Burrishoole Parish

Milestones

Our journey through life is marked by various milestones; first tooth, first step, first word, first day at school etc. Each milestone provides a significant marker and each is treasured and celebrated by family and friends.

Our early faith journey is similar with the celebration of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation marking important steps along the way and affording family and friends the opportunity to celebrate and treasure the moment.

The older we get the quicker occasions like birthdays and anniversaries seem to slip by. The urge to celebrate however can become somewhat tempered by the stark realisation that the years are rolling on. By the time we reach middle age (I speak for myself!) it is only the big roundy birthdays which are marked with any kind of enthusiasm and aplomb.

In recent weeks I have reached what I consider a new milestone in life and it has nothing to do with me celebrating a roundy birthday. The milestone is rather the recent significant roundy birthday celebrated by my youngest sister.

I remember when she was born. I remember how the phone rang as dad was getting us ready for school and someone from the hospital told us that we had a new sister. Probably because she was the youngest, and the last, I remember the excitement of the day she was brought home and I remember too her first day at school. And now she – the baby, is celebrating a significant roundy birthday!

For so long the youngest of the family has always been that – the youngest. It was never a question of age, it was more a coincidence of birth. Age never even came into it – being the baby meant you always were, and would forever be, the baby of the family. But now as she reaches that significant milestone it seems as if not only has she aged but that her aging has aged all of us! Suddenly we are all older.

Life and the passing of time can do that to us – before we know it life can slip by, and I suppose that's why it's important to mark and to celebrate milestones along the way.

When it comes to our faith journey however the milestones marking the way run out very quickly. We don't celebrate the anniversary of our Baptism or of our First Communion. In fact the last big significant faith milestone many of us celebrated was our Confirmation. The danger is that we drift through life never appreciating or indeed celebrating moments of faith.

As we begin Lent can I encourage you to make Lent 2023 a milestone in your journey of faith. Be intentional in how you live. Use these days to nourish your faith. Find moments of quiet for yourself, be attentive to God's presence, listen to what God is saying to you, seek out God in the bits and pieces of everyday and most of all allow God find you.

Time has a way of slipping by. We need moments to stop and to reflect and to celebrate. We need milestones to mark the journey. Will this Lent be your next faith milestone?

God bless, Fr Tod

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

For Lent this year we will celebrate an early morning Mass at 7.30am each Tuesday in the Oratory, Newport with Mass in the Oratory on Thursdays at 7pm. Mass on Mondays in Tiernaur and on Fridays in Mulranny will continue at the usual time of 10am. Plenty of choice.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

A short evening of reflection for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be held on Monday March 20th at 7pm in Tiernaur Church. All are encouraged to attend. The evening will conclude with some light refreshments in Nevins of Tiernaur.

What do we Believe?

During Lent we will hold a short introductory course on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The course, beginning this Wednesday March 1st will be held over 4 Wednesday evenings and is open to all. It will take place each week in the parish house at 7pm. If you are interested please give your name to Fr Tod or contact the Parish Office.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound will take place in the Mulranny, Shramore and Tiernaur areas on Thursday with visits to the Newport area taking place on Friday. Mass for the First Friday will take place on Friday in Shramore at 7pm.

Trócaire

Trócaire is the Irish Catholic Church's charity and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since it was first launched in 1973 the people of our diocese have contributed over €12.5m through the annual Lenten Campaign. Have you picked up this year's Trocaire Box?

Parish Envelope Boxes

The parish offertory envelope boxes for the coming year are now available in the parish churches. Parishioners are encouraged to pick up theirs over the coming weeks. If changes need to be made to the name or the address on your box, please let the parish office know at 098 41123.

St Patrick's Day Card

Our Pizza and Coke group would like to send a St Patrick's Day Card on behalf of the parish to parishioners away from home. If you have a son or daughter, brother or sister abroad and would like them to receive a card please drop their name into the parish office before Friday March 3rd.

Newport St Patrick's Day Parade

Newport St Patrick's Day Parade will start at the later time of 3.30 pm on Friday, 17th March, taking the same route as in previous years, with assembly at Campus on the Westport Rd at 3pm.

If anyone is willing to assist with traffic control for the duration of the parade, please get in touch with any of the committee or message them through the Newport St Patrick's Parade Facebook or Instagram pages.

Mulranny St Patrick's Day Parade

A meeting is to be held in the Mulranny/Tiernaur Amenity Centre, Mulranny at 8pm on Monday, March, 6, to prepare for the Mulranny St Patrick's Day Parade. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Grainne Uaile Festival Appeal

Plans are underway for the Newport Grainne Uaile Festival 2023 which will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. As always there will be lots of family entertainment and live music on the streets. The festival activities are free to all but they come with high insurance costs as well as booking fees etc. A GoFundMe page has been set up by committee members Carol O'Malley and Hayley Kilroy in advance to help meet these costs. Visit [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and look for Newport Grainne Uaile Festival and ensure this summer family event continues.

First Communion/Confession

Our next First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday March 26th. First Confession for children in Newport NS will take place in the Oratory at 7pm on Tues March 14th. First Confession for children in Mulranny NS will take place on Tues April 18th at 7pm in Mulranny Church.

Newport Bingo

Newport Bingo will recommence on Wednesday, March 1, at 8pm in Hotel Newport with a starting jackpot of €300. All welcome

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Mary Cooney, Tonragee mother of Michael Cooney, Ardagh and of Kathleen Hegarty (nee Chambers) England and formerly of Upper Skirdagh. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses (See notice for times)

Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny

For those affected by violence

Weekend Masses

Saturday Feb 25th Tiernaur at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

Sunday Feb 26th Newport at 10am:

Mary Geraty, Newport (Months Mind). Aiden Geraghty, Derrygarve, (Months Mind). Seamus Kelly Castlebar Rd, (1st Ann). Emmanuel Abraham, India. JohnJoe Chambers, Upper Skirdagh and deceased family members.

Sunday Feb 26th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Veronica and Thomas Corrigan and daughter Mary, Doughill. Frank and Annie Grealis and deceased family members, Cushleca. Thomas and Ann Doherty, Mulranny.

Friday March 3rd Shramore at 7pm

Nancy Noone, Newport

Saturday March 4th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mary Costello, Knocknageeha. Tom Chambers, Knockloughra. Packi Hoban, Knock loughra

Sunday March 5th Newport at 10am

Joe Kelly, Newport and Galway. Seamus o Malley, Carramore his parents John Joe and Mary and deceased family members. Angela and Sylvie Healy, Mulranny Rd. Tatijana, Savina, Siberia

Sunday March 5th Mulranny at 11.30am

The People of the Parish