

**Burrishoole Parish**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

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**It's Matthew's Year!**

And so we are up and running. Three weeks into January and 2022 seems like a distant memory.

You will notice from the Newsletter that in church this weekend is the third Sunday in what's known as 'Ordinary time'. The new church year started back in December, on the first Sunday of Advent and will run until next November.

Each year, beginning in Advent, the church year, punctuated by Ordinary time, follows the same pattern of seasons; Advent, Christmas time, Ordinary time, Lent, Easter time and Ordinary time. Each season has its own distinctive colour reflecting the season's mood. The liturgical colour of Ordinary time is green – signifying that this is a time for growing and maturing in faith. The liturgical colour of Advent and Lent is purple – signifying that this is a period of preparation and repentance, and the liturgical colour of Christmas and Easter is white, they being a time of joy and celebration. Dotted throughout the church year are particular individual feasts like Palm Sunday and Corpus Christi on which the priest wears Red, a colour which is symbolic of the shedding of blood for the faith.

While the pattern of the church year is fixed, our Sunday readings follow a three-year cycle. In year A we focus on the gospel of Matthew, in year B we focus on the Gospel of Mark and in year C we focus on the Gospel of Luke. (the Gospel of John, which is more reflective, is read each year during Eastertime).

Although Mathew, Mark and Luke are telling the same story each is writing from a different context and perspective and with a particular reader in mind. The Gospel of Mark, written around 70AD, is both the earliest and shortest written account of the life of Jesus. Both Matthew and Luke's Gospels are written some ten years later, and because they contain most of the content of Mark, scholars believe that they must have been familiar with Mark's Gospel before they wrote their Gospels.

This year, Year A, our Sunday readings, focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Because this Gospel is written some 50 years after the death of Jesus

scholars believe that the author is not the apostle Matthew. In writing this Gospel the writer gathers all the stories and traditions about Jesus known at his time into one text for the use of the early Christian community. Matthew's writes in particular for Christians who had converted from the Jewish tradition and so he goes out of his way to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was prophesised in the Old Testament – Jesus is the promised Messiah. It is Matthew, who at the beginning of his Gospel gives a genealogy of Jesus tracing Jesus' lineage all the way back to Abraham. Again and again Matthew will confirm the actions or words of Jesus by quoting the Old Testament, saying that Jesus was fulfilling that text. The style of Matthews Gospel portrays Jesus a teacher par excellence - which might indicate that Matthew himself was a teacher.

This weekend's Gospel is a good example of what we might expect from Matthew. As a great teacher Jesus has that lovely pithy turn of phrase where the fishermen are called to be 'fishers of men' and by quoting the Prophet Isaiah he is confirming Jesus' Jewish credentials.

God Bless,  
Fr Tod

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Our Parish Pastoral Council met last week. We chatted about the challenges facing us as a faith community at a time when the number of priests continues to decline. We focussed on how we can continue to build a sense of community through greater involvement and participation. We are eager to be in a position to celebrate our faith as a community in the event that the priest is unexpectedly not able to celebrate Mass. This will mean training of lay ministers. We hope to provide some faith formation opportunities during Lent.

**World Youth Day 2023**

World Youth Day year it will be held in Lisbon, Portugal from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>. It is a celebration of our Catholic faith and is attended by over one million young people from all over the world. The highlight is an open air Papal Mass.

If you would like to learn more or be part of our Diocesan pilgrimage led by Archbishop Francis Duffy please email; [tuam2lisbon23@gamil.com](mailto:tuam2lisbon23@gamil.com) or contact Fr Tod.

**Pizza and Coke**

Well done to all our TY students involved in the Sacred Heart/Rice College production of Matilda. Great credit to all for the fantastic production.

### **Parish Envelopes Boxes**

New boxes of envelopes are currently being prepared. If you do not received a box of envelopes and would like to, or if you would prefer not to receive a box please contact the parish office. If the details on the box you receive are inaccurate please let the parish office know.

### **Cuan Modh Day Centre**

Cuan Modh Day Centre reopens next Tuesday, 17th and is offering the usual activities with a light lunch of good homemade soup and brown bread, followed by dessert with tea or coffee for €5 per person. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am - 3p. Transport provided. Contact Jo at 086 3470 103 or Aileen at 087 675 6488 for further details or to book transport.

### **Active Retirement Meeting**

Mulranny Active Retirement will hold its next meeting at 7pm in the Amenity Centre on Wednesday January 25. The group is open to the parish and all are welcome to attend.

### **Mulranny Tidy Towns AGM**

Mulranny Tidy Towns will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend and review another successful year for the village.

### **BCP AGM**

Burrishoole Community Partnership will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26, at 8pm in Walsh's Bridge Inn.

### **Glenhest Monster 25 Card Game**

Glenhest Community Centre will hold its next Monster 25 card game on Sunday, January 29, at 6pm with €220 in prize money. All welcome

### **CE Vacancies in Mulranny**

Mulranny Day Centre Housing (St. Brendan's) has a number of positions now available on its Community Employment Scheme. They are looking for someone to join the Futures Project with a position available in the Gift of Hands, The Old Goats Centre, and the Tourist Office. The Tidy Towns project is also looking for one participant. St. Brendan's Village is looking for a driver and a maintenance person and a cleaner for our Sheltered Housing. All jobs are advertised on Jobs Ireland. For more info email [intheoffice2020@gmail.com](mailto:intheoffice2020@gmail.com) or phone John O Sullivan at 098 36011.

### **Newport NS Parents Association**

The Parent Association of Newport NS thanks all the local businesses who generously donated prizes to the fundraising raffle which was held during the school concerts before Christmas. A thank you is also expressed to all who purchased tickets. All money raised will be used for the benefit of the pupils throughout the year.

### **Burrishoole GAA Dinner Dance**

Burrishoole GAA Dinner Dance takes place on Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. For tickets please contact Lorraine 087 624 5656 or Noreen 087 207 1085 or come to the Ticket Sales & Collection evenings on Tuesday 24th 7-8pm in the Club House or Thursday 26th 7-8pm in Doherty's Mulranny.

### **Newport Town Hall AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of Newport Town Hall CLG will be held on Wednesday, February 8, in Hotel Newport at 8.30pm.

### **Weekday Masses 10am**

*Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny*  
Tommy and Mary Keane, Furnace and deceased members of the Keane and King families.

### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm**

Annie Mc Cormack, Knockloughra and deceased members of the Mc Cormack and Chambers families. Tom Dunleavy, Tuam.

#### **Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Newport at 10am**

Maureen Sammon, Carramore (Mths Mind). Nancy and Colm Gallagher and deceased members of the Chambers and Gallagher families. Margaret and Thady Loftus, Bofeenaun.

#### **Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am**

Phoebe Masterson, Murrivagh

#### **Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Nora Chambers, Derrycoultrim (Months Mind). Bridget Moore (nee McIntyre), Derrycoultrim (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)

#### **Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Nancy Noone, Seaview Park (Months Mind). Frank Mc Greevy, Kilbride, Michael Mc Greevy Glenhest and deceased members of the McGreevy family.

#### **Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Haulie O Beirne, Mulranny (Months Mind). Nancy Henry, Murrivagh.