

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2022**  
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### **The Word of the Lord**

The readings we listen to each Sunday at Mass may seem familiar but in fact, for the most part, we only hear those particular readings every three years. Our Sunday readings follow a three-year cycle. In Year A, we read from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John and in Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Easter time in all three years.

At our weekend Masses the first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading of the day. The second reading is from the New Testament and usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community.

This is Year C of the three year cycle and so our Gospel readings for this year will be predominantly from St Luke's Gospel.

Luke was not one of the twelve apostles, in fact he probably never met Jesus. He was a companion of St Paul and from Paul we know that Luke was a 'physician' – a doctor of his time. Writing some 30 years after the death of Jesus Luke writes 'exactly as was handed down by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses'.

Luke, being a gentile, writes his Gospel with a particular concern for readers who are not Jews. He is keen to explain Jewish customs but also anxious to emphasise that Jesus' ministry was not confined to Jews alone, but that Jesus' ministry was universal and inclusive of all. It is perhaps because Luke wasn't a Jew by birth that his Gospel is dominated by a concern for the outsider. Luke for example, alone of the four Gospel writers, has the parable of the Good Samaritan, a parable which must have rankled the devout Jew of his time. And Jesus' concern for the outcast of society takes flesh in Luke's telling of such stories as Jesus curing of the ten lepers – a miracle unique to Luke's Gospel. As we read through St Luke's Gospel it might be interesting to note the prominent role played by women in his Gospel. It is in Luke that a woman anoints the feet of Jesus, it is a widow who gives

her two mites in the synagogue, a woman who finds the lost coin and it is to the home of Mary and Martha that Jesus chooses to visit. When all the men have abandoned Jesus at Calvary it is women who stay by his side, it is women who leave the frightened men in the upper room and who go to anoint the body of Jesus, women are the first to witness the empty tomb and it is women who are the first to be told that Jesus is risen.

Luke is a consummate story teller and some of the best known stories of our Christian tradition are unique to Luke's Gospel. We owe our telling of the Christmas nativity for example to St Luke's Gospel as we do the story of the young Jesus being lost in the temple. It is only in Luke that the magnificent parable of the Prodigal Son is found and Luke alone tells that beautiful story – and my favourite, of the post Resurrection encounter at Emmaus between Jesus and his two disheartened disciples.

This is Luke's year. Who doesn't love a good story?

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **Covid 19**

Although not required by current restrictions, in order to keep people as safe as possible we will continue to close off every second pew in each of our churches. You are reminded to use the hand sanitizer on entering the Church and to maintain social distancing at all times. There is no Sunday obligation.

### **Rising numbers and Self Isolation**

Over recent weeks the numbers testing positive for Coronavirus have risen dramatically. As numbers contracting the disease increase so too does the number of close contacts who need to self-isolate also. In the event that Fr Tod tests positive all weekday and Sunday Masses with a congregation will cease. Mass will continue via Facebook.

### **Parish Phone Lines**

Apologies to anyone who may have had difficulty in contacting the Parish Office by phone over the past week to ten days. The phone line was down and the phones were not ringing in the Office. Some messages left on the answering machine may also have been lost. The problem has now been rectified. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

### **Mayo Cancer Support**

Mayo Cancer Support offers a range of emotional support to people with cancer and their families. Call 094 9038407 for information.

### **Funerals**

Just a note to remind parishioners that on the occasion of a weekday Funeral the daily Mass on that day will be cancelled. In the event of a Sunday funeral in Newport, Mass times will change with Mulranny, meaning Mass in Mulranny will be at 10am.

### **First Communion/Confirmation**

Subject to the now all-too-familiar Covid caveats it is provisionally proposed to hold First Communion in Mulranny on the weekend of April 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and in Newport on the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. The provisional date for our Parish Confirmation on Saturday March 12th.

Current infection rates in the community mean that our parish preparation programme for both Sacraments will not commence for the time being.

### **Envelope Collection**

The Priest's Christmas Collection (Blue Envelope) is now being taken up. Thank you for your generosity. If you have overlooked returning your envelope you are invited to do so over the next few weeks. Should you wish to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

### **Bereavement Support**

Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 25th January at 7:20pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. 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. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

### **Operation Transformation Newport 2022**

Newport Business Association is hosting the Operation Transformation walks again this year. The launch walk took place on Sunday, January 16. Weekly walks will take place every Wednesday at 7pm and every Saturday morning at 11am from the Ned Lyons statue on Meddlicott Street for eight weeks. See *Newport Operation Transformation* Facebook page for updates and bring along your friends and family for a fun community-friendly event. Don't forget to wear your high viz.

'It always seems  
impossible...  
Until it is Done'

Nelson Mandela

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Caroline Russell Scarr, Rockfleet and Mary Staunton (nee McCormack), Co Meath and formally Roskeen. May they rest in peace

### **Mass Schedule**

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

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

#### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday January 22nd Tiernaur at 7pm**

The People of the Parish.

#### **Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Nancy and Colm Gallagher, Shramore and the deceased members of the Gallagher and Chambers families. Winne Cockburn, Scotland (Months Mind)

#### **Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Martin Carey, Mulranny (Months Mind). Phoebe Masterson, Murrivagh

#### **Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Christopher Cusack and his Uncle Patrick, England and Rosgalive. .

#### **Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

John Joe and Mary O Malley, Carramore and deceased members of the O Malley family. Ellen Mc Dermott, Cuilmore

#### **Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Betty Gorman (1<sup>st</sup> Ann), Murrivagh and her husband Pat whose anniversary occurs at this time