

**Burrishoole Parish**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
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### **Back to the Future**

Since they lost their resident priest Clare Island and Inisturk are served by the priests of the deanery. This means that, all things being equal, Mass is celebrated on Clare Island two out of every three weekends with Mass celebrated on Inisturk one out of every three weekends. A rota of available priests has been drawn up, with each priest on the rota expected to do five or six weekends on the Islands per year. The priest on duty goes out on Friday evening and celebrates Mass at 8pm and he leaves on Saturday morning having celebrated a second Mass at 9am.

In practice however, it never really works out that way. Weather plays a major role in whether the priest can get out in the first place, and because he will have Mass himself in his own parish on a Saturday evening, he will, if the weather is changeable, have to take a calculated risk that he will get back on Saturday morning. Even then if the weather does change, and he is lucky to get a boat out, he may well find himself in Cloghmore, Achill with his car parked at Roonagh! If the weather is good, there is a chance that the priest will be unable to travel on his allotted weekend due to a previously booked wedding or baptism not to mention the possibility of a funeral. There was a time when priests could cover for each other but that is no longer an option and so in reality 'all things being equal' means that it might be a number of weeks, or even months, between Masses on either or both islands.

I celebrated Mass on Clare Island last weekend. Luckily, I had taken the lunchtime boat out from Roonagh and so I avoided the worst of Friday evening's stormy weather. The parish car is left at the pier, and it is always a great relief when it starts thus avoiding the 3km walk to the church. The parish house hasn't been occupied for almost 20 years now but is kept well by the parishioners. The heating has been a bit dodgy for the last while and although its not working when I arrive a fire has been lit and an electric heater plugged in. I had hoped to spend the evening walking the island but the weather last Friday meant that was not advisable, so I spent the evening in front of the fire reading and drinking tea. Not a bad way to spend a stormy Friday afternoon.

The church has been set up for Mass and the heating is on when I wander over at about 7.30pm. The congregation is smaller than usual due to the rain and gale force winds which just about reach their peak as

Mass begins. After Mass we chat for a bit before braving the elements and returning to the comfort of home and cosy firesides.

I can't say that I slept much on Friday night as I wondered whether a boat would be able to get to the mainland in the morning. Saturday morning, although blustery, was a lot calmer than the previous night and it was music to my ears when I heard that the boat would not only be going but would be heading for Roonagh. After Mass I made my way back to the pier where the boat was waiting to bring me home.

I always enjoy visiting Clare Island. It's like a trip back in time. As I drove back to Newport however I couldn't help but wonder whether the Clare Island experience of Church will not be the experience of more and more parishes in the future?

God Bless, Fr Tod

### **Weekday Masses**

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses this week.

### **Church Ministries**

New parish rotas for the various Church ministries are now being drawn up. If you would like to be involved in your Church as reader, Eucharistic Minister, Choir member, money counter etc please contact the parish office.

During Covid some people understandably withdrew from their chosen ministry. Over the next number of weeks all involved in the various church ministries will receive a text inviting them to opt in/out. Thank you to all who give of their gifts for the good of our parish community.

### **Community Choir**

The Community choir continue practicing each Tuesday at 8pm in Tiernaur Church. For more information please contact. Joanne at 087 6755543 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 this 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, 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 Active Retirement Meeting**

Mulranny Active Retirement will meet on Weds, February 23rd at 7pm in the Amenity Centre. The membership fee of €12 will be collected on the night. All are welcome including new members. Contact any committee member if you wish to join or just come along.

### **Burrishoole Community Games AGM**

Burrishoole Community Games AGM will be held on Wednesday, 23rd February at 8pm in the Burrishoole GAA clubhouse. New volunteers are needed. Hundreds of children have enjoyed participating over the years and it would be a shame if it ended. For further information please contact Michelle at 087 648 4255.

### **Mulranny St Patrick's Day Meeting**

A Mulranny St Patrick's Day meeting will take place on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. Anyone interested in taking part in the parade or in helping out is invited to please come along.

### **Mayo Stoma Support Group**

The next meeting of Mayo Stoma Support Group takes place on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in The Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Eileen Please confirm your attendance to JJ at 087 230 0580 (numbers required for hotel). New members welcome.

### **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 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Remembering our Dead**

We pray for the souls of Sean Gallagher, Curraune, both of Thomas Gallagher, Mulranny and Maureen Ginty, Ballycroy, sister of Hannah Moran, Roskeen. May they rest in peace

### **Mass Schedule**

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

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

*\*No weekday Masses this week\**

#### **Weekend Masses**

#### **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, Derradda. Peggy Stoker, England and deceased members of the Marley and Noone families. John Joe Chambers, Upper Skirdagh and deceased family members.

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

The People of the Parish.

#### **Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:**

Bridgie Ann Moore (nee McIntyre), Derrycoultrim (Months Mind). Packie Hoban, Knockbreaiga

#### **Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:**

Breege Mc Manamon, Meddlicott St., (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Olga Horan, Doogary. Frank Mc Greevy, Kilbride, Michael Mc Greevy, Glenhest and deceased member of the Mc Greevy family.

#### **Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:**

Thomas and Ann Doherty, Mulranny. Frank and Annie Grealis, Cushlecka.