

Burrishoole Parish

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At Home for Christmas

I love Christmas. I love its sounds and smells, I love its rituals and traditions, I love the feelings it engenders and the memories it evokes. I love turkey and ham, I love cranberry sauce and I even love brussels sprouts. I love the wearing of paper caps, the lighting of the Christmas pudding and I love the whole long relaxed luxurious feel of Christmas day.

Christmas for me is thankfully full of happy memories. The arrival of Santy, early morning Mass, gathering of family and the post dinner snooze brought on by too much rich food.

Of course, our family Christmases have changed over the years. The first to go was Santy! I was fortunate in that for years I always was able to get home for Christmas dinner, in fact while my parents were alive, I only ever missed one. When dad got sick and was no longer at home with us we moved Christmas dinner to Newport, and then after my mam's death myself and my sister enjoyed our Christmas dinner in Galway with another sister and her family.

This year, for the first time in seven years, we will have Christmas dinner at home. After doing up the home house over the past year, my sister and I will welcome the Galway gang to Westport. It will be different - it will be the first time to share Christmas dinner at home without our parents, but in many ways, it will be the same. Family rituals handed down to us by our parents over the years will link us with them and provide the blocks on which our new Christmas will be built. I will, as usual, arrive with one hand as long as the other confident that all is in order. We will no doubt chat about the how well the turkey was cooked and compare the Christmas pudding to previous years' versions. We will recall previous Christmases spent in Westport and laugh again at stories retold of Christmas mishaps and misfortunes, while all the while passing on our family's traditions and rituals to the next generation. I love Christmas!

Although every family will have their own rituals and traditions, I suspect that there will be very few

families which will gather without being conscious of absent loved ones. For some families it will be their first Christmas without a recently deceased loved one. Others may have learned to cope with the loss but feel the absence deeply at this time. There will be other families however who may be gathering conscious of an absence, not caused by death but rather caused by family members being away from home. Many families in our parish have loved ones studying or working abroad. Their absence will be felt deeply.

This Christmas each of our parish churches will have a box entitled 'At Home in our Hearts' in which parishioners are invited to place the names of their absent loved ones. Although not present they are very much in our hearts and we will remember them at all Masses over the Christmas period.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve falls this year on a Sunday. There will be *no* morning Masses next Sunday Dec 24th.

<u>Christmas Eve:</u>	Tiernaur	at 7pm
	Newport	at 9pm.

<u>Christmas Day:</u>	Shramore	at 8.30am
	Newport	at 10am
	Mulranny	at 11.30am

Christmas Confessions

Christmas Penitential Services will be held on **Tuesday Dec 19th** in Mulranny at 7pm and in Newport at 8pm. A number of priests will be in attendance.

At Home in Our Hearts

Many families will have sons or daughters, brothers or sisters, friends away from home this Christmas. They may not be present but they are very much missed.

Over the Christmas period we remember in prayer absent loved ones. As a link with those who will be away from home this Christmas parishioners are invited to place their names in the 'At Home in our Hearts' boxes which will be placed in each of our churches during the coming week.

First Friday Calls

Fr Tod hopes to visit the sick and housebound of the parish this Saturday, 23rd. Visits will take place throughout the day and may not be at the usual time

Christmas Decorations

Thanks to all who were able to help out in the decoration of our 5 parish churches

Newport Bingo Jackpot Won

The jackpot was won on December 13; the new jackpot of €300, to be won in 45 calls or less this Wednesday in Hotel Newport; doors open 7.30pm, eyes down at 8pm sharp. Bingo finishes this Wed, December 20 and will resume January 10. All welcome

Cuan Modh 25 Card Games

The last 25 card game of 2023 was held on Friday 15th and a very Happy Christmas is expressed to all the patrons by Burrishoole GAA who host the games. Play will resume on Friday Jan 12th at 8pm in the GAA Club House.

Tiernaut Hall Annual 25 Card Drive

Tiernaut Hall Committee will host a 25 card drive on Friday, Jan 5th at 8.30pm in the Hall. There will be prizes to be won and refreshments will be served. All regular and new players are welcome to come along for a great night's entertainment.

GAA Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk

Burrishoole GAA's Annual 5k Fun Run/Walk will take place on St. Stephens morning starting at 11am with registration from 10.30am at the GAA Club House. Everyone is welcome so come join in, get some fresh air, and walk off the Christmas treats. There will be teas, coffees, and hot chocolate at the end. All welcome.

Nephin Athletics Club

Nephin Athletics Club has training in the new Burrishoole Community Centre every Monday and Friday between 6 and 7pm. This week will be the last session before Christmas but they will be back on January 8. If you wish for your child to be involved, please come along, and try it out. From age 6 upwards.

Féile Sheáin Mhic Páidín

On Sunday, February 4, The Pipers Cross Céilí Band (All Ireland Champions 2023) will take to the stage for the John McFadden Festival's first céilí. The céilí will start at 4pm and run until 7.30pm with tea and refreshments served. Tickets €12. On Saturday, February 3, Shaskeen, a band of skilled musicians with mighty energy will play in Newport Church for the first concert of the festival.

Tickets for either event would make an ideal Christmas gift and can be purchased at Ashlings and from Kellys Garage or from their website <http://johnmcfadden.org/shaskeen/>.

Priest's Christmas Collection

The Priests Christmas Collection (Blue envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. This is one of the four annual collections from which is taken the priest's monthly stipend. Thank you for your continued generous support of your priest.
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Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Michael Monaghan, Cuilmore and Maureen Moran (nee Chambers) Cloonfoher and Reading. May they rest in peace.

Weekday Masses at 10am

Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Lil Tobin, Dublin and Newport (*No Monday Mass*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Dec 16th Tiernaut at 7pm

Martin and Delia Hanley, and deceased family members, Mulranny

Sunday Dec 17th Newport at 10am

Vera O'Brien and daughter Martina O'Brien, Ballintubber, Roscommon. Philomena Moran, Fauleens and parents Jack and Katie O'Haire, Letterlough. Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay rd. Catherine Keane, Lecarrow, her brother Gerry Costello, Castlebar and parents Michael and Kathleen Costello, Belcarra.

Sunday Dec 17th Mulranny at 11.30am

Delia Hanley and deceased members of Hanley family. Haulie O'Beirne, Mulranny. Martin Carey, and parents Joseph and Gretta, and brothers Gerard, Joseph and Jimmy. Zoe English, Carrowsallagh and Michael Mc Nea, Tonragee.

Saturday Dec 23rd Tiernaut at 7pm

Ciss O'Boyle and deceased members of the O'Boyle family. Frank and Danny Mc Nea and deceased family members.

Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24th

Note: No Morning Masses

7pm Tiernaut
9pm Newport

Christmas Day Monday Dec 25th

8.30am Shramore
10am Newport
11.30am Mulranny