

Burrishoole Parish

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The Light of the Parish

Standing proudly overlooking the town of Newport our Parish Church, St Patrick's, has been a feature of the Newport Skyline for over 100 years. Its commanding structure is both a testament to the faith of our ancestors and a symbol of the central place that faith continues to play in our lives. A building of unique splendour, St Patrick's is a National Monument and a structure of great architectural significance. Together with the stunning Viaduct, it is an iconic sight and beacon of welcome for all who approach the town. Our Parish Church is an integral part of the beauty of the area, and at night-time can be seen for miles around.

The current exterior lighting of the Parish Church is excessively bright, indiscriminate, and poorly focused; the resulting white glare while being detrimental to the environment makes driving around the church at night very dangerous. The current system is also extremely energy inefficient and prohibitively expensive.

For some years now work has been ongoing on a plan to light the church and viaduct in a more sustainable and nuanced way. In 2021 a working group consisting of representatives of Mayo County Council, Friends of Mayo Dark Skies, Burrishoole Parish and Newport Business Association among others, and funded by the Heritage Council launched Newport Master Lighting Plan which envisions a pathway to the provision of a more sustainable and less intrusive lighting of the town. Beginning with the Church and the Viaduct the new lighting plan for the town aims to enhance and accentuate its beauty while at the same time being more sustainable and environmentally sensitive.

With funding from the Heritage Council, the Dept of Rural and Community Development and Mayo Council the new lighting scheme has been designed by award winning lighting designer Kerem Asforuglu. Bringing this unique project to realisation will make Newport an exemplar in lighting design for the rest of Ireland.

Implementation of the Master Plan will begin in late October and will focus on St Patricks. While elegantly enhancing the night lighting of the church it will reduce energy levels by almost two thirds, diminish our carbon footprint and significantly lower ever-increasing costs. Work will be done in three phases.

Phase One will involve the removal of the current flood lighting and the installation of heritage lanterns at ground level. The light emitted from these are non-glare and a softer tone. The removal of the spotlights will mean that for the duration of Phase One (3months or so) the Church Tower will remain unlit.

Phase Two will introduce down lighting placed on the building itself. The introduction of architectural lighting will focus on the tower and windows, highlighting their appearance with subtle lighting. It is planned to include a special timed feature to showcase the Harry Clarke window at night by discreetly projecting its image on the horizontal plane. It is envisaged that Phase Two will be completed by February 2023.

Phase three will then begin working on the lighting of the Viaduct.

In a time of ever-increasing awareness of our collective responsibility to conserve energy while at the same time protecting the environment, the relighting of our Church is a timely opportunity for us as a parish community, not just to play our part, but to lead the way in lighting conservation.

If you have a chance, please take some time to drop into the Church porch and take a look at how the proposed changes will enhance the lighting around the church.

God Bless, Fr Tod

Begin Again September

In September we will start up our Good News Club and reintroduce Rotas for our Mass Servers. September will also see the Do This in Memory First Communion preparation programme return. September will be the month that we reintroduce basket collections and reintroduce a rota of counters. We also will look for some more Readers and Eucharistic ministers. Please give some thought as to how you might get involved as we Begin Again

St Vincent de Paul Helpline

Many families are experiencing great financial hardship at this time. Should your family need help please call the confidential local confidential helpline 086 4181000.

Changing Banks

With Ulster Bank leaving the market we have had to switch our Parish Church Account to AIB. The process of switching will be done over a number of months and during that time both accounts will be active. The parish will contact all parishioners who contribute to the weekly collections via Direct Debit to advise them of the change. New account details: Name; Burrishoole Parish. Iban IE23AIBK93716943416098

Newport 300 – Irish Concert Orchestra

Newport 300 will host the Irish Chamber Orchestra in St Patricks Church, Newport this Thursday September 8th at 7.30pm. The Orchestra make a welcome return to Newport and the concert entitled 'Shostakovich, Frost and Glass' will be their only performance in Connaught. Tickets €20 on sale on Eventbrite.ie.

Down Syndrome Ireland

On the weekend of September 17/18, there will be church gate collections in the parish on behalf of the Mayo Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland. They are looking for volunteers to collect outside of Tiernaur, Newport, and Mulranny churches on these dates. Please contact Paula Dunne at 086 192 8622 if you are able to help.

Thank you from Mayo Mental Health

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Mayo Mental Health collection held at Mulranny Church a total of €227.30 was collected.

Mulranny Whist Group Mass

Mass will be held in Mulranny Church on Friday, September 16 at 10am for all deceased members of the Mulranny Whist Group. Members are invited to McLoughlin's afterward for a cup of coffee.

Active Retirement Regional Gala Dinner

The Active Retirement Connacht Regional Gala dinner takes place in the Castlecourt Hotel on Wednesday, September 6. If you wish to attend, please confirm with Mary at 086 1683 894 by this Wednesday 31st.

North West STOP

North West Stop are asking for your support in hosting an 'Odd Socks Day' during this week beginning Oct 10th Participants are encouraged to wear Odd Socks and donate €2 to our organisation. If groups, schools etc would like to become involved, please confirm by 12th Sept. For more info see: www.northweststop.ie or (071)9856070

Weekly Walk to Wellness

Burrishoole GAA club, as part of its Healthy Club Programme, invites all in the community to take part in a Weekly Walk to Wellness. Starting at 6pm from McGovern Park to Newport Quay and back. Walkers will establish their own pace with the walking circuit being extended as fitness levels improve. The initiative will culminate with a testing 5k walk on St Stephens Day, followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Una Moran, Rosgalive, Nora O Grady, Shralogy and William Chambers, Glenhest, father of Alan and Kieran Chambers and Maria Whelan, Newport. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri/Mulranny
Peace in Ukraine.

Weekend Masses

Friday Sept 2nd Shramore at 7pm.

Deceased members of the Mullowney and Chambers families, Toircliu.

Saturday Sept 3rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Brian and Hannah Cusack.

Sunday Sept 4th Newport at 10am:

Martin and Annie Geraghty, Cortoon and deceased family members. Tommy and Kathleen Lavelle, Lettermaghera.

Sunday Sept 4th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Patrick Masterson, Mary Chambers (nee Masterson)

Saturday Sept 10th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Deirdre, Katie and Thady Moran Roskeen

Sunday Sept 11th Newport at 10am:

Paddy and Baby Chambers and deceased members of the Chambers family, Cloonfoher and Corcoran family Laherdaune. Peg O Malley, Rossclave. Martin McGuire, Knockbrega, Mary and Patrick Mulchrone, Tawnyougaune.

Sunday Sept 11th Mulranny at 11.30am:

The People of the Parish