

**Burrishoole Parish**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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**Sleepless Nights**

At various stages throughout my life I have had what I call 'recurring dreams'. Although I might well wake up startled, these recurring dreams are not nightmares just dreams - possibly brought on by anxiety.

When I was at college and doing exams, I would often dream that on the day of the exam I found that I had had studied the wrong material and that I was unable to answer any question on the paper. When I began driving I would sometimes dream that while driving downhill I suddenly discover that the breaks are not working and that I have to try and get the car to stop without them. As a priest I sometimes dream that I arrive at Mass only to find that I have forgotten my few words and have to try and 'wing it'.

Those kinds of dreams I suppose are common enough and even though they may cause me to wake from my sleep with a start they are not based on reality – I always had my study done, I keep the car in good shape and even if I did forget my few words, after almost 35 years of priesthood I think I might just manage to 'wing it'.

But of late I am having a recurring dream which is based on reality – I dream that for one reason or another I can't get to Mass and the assembled congregation is left sitting there wondering what to do.

What would happen if on a Saturday night or Sunday morning the priest suddenly takes ill and can't get to Mass? What would happen if he has been called to an accident or an emergency and is unable to get back in time? What would happen if he has some unforeseen family emergency and is called away during the night? What would happen if the priest woke up on Sunday morning and found himself testing positive for Covid?

There was a time when in such an emergency another priest would step in, but the reality today is that there is no 'other' priest. What would happen? Would the congregation simply turn around and go home or could the congregation, having gathered, not wait and pray together without the priest?

Before Covid I was involved in the putting together of a short lay-led ritual; 'The Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion'. The simple ritual is designed to be used in the event of a priest being unexpectedly unavailable to celebrate Mass. The ritual which is led by the Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist assigned for that particular day, comprises of the day's readings, some Prayers of the Faithful and a rite for the distribution of Holy Communion.

During Lent we hope to introduce our Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist to the 'The Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion' so that in the unlikely event that the priest is unable to be present for a scheduled Mass the congregation will be able to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and will receive Holy Communion in a prayerful and structured way. The ritual will be available in each of the Churches should the need arise.

Being prepared for the unexpected absence of the priest is a good thing. Besides allowing me a more restful sleep(!), it also challenges us all to take greater responsibility for and ownership of the faith of our parish community and both encourages and empowers us to minister to each other.

God bless, Fr Tod

**Céad Míle Fáilte**

We welcome to Mass all our visitors celebrating the first Féile Sheáin Mhic Pháidín. We thank you for joining us and hope that you enjoy your stay in our wonderful parish

**What do we believe?**

What does it mean to be Catholic? Why be a member of our church? What do we believe? Where can we find answers to those questions?

The answers to those questions, and more besides, can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During Lent it is proposed to hold a short introductory course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church which presents the essential teachings of the Catholic Church. The course which will be held over 3-4 Wednesday evenings is open to all. If you are interested please give your name to Fr Tod or contact the Parish Office.

**Confirmation 2023**

A meeting of all parents whose children will make their Confirmation on May 13<sup>th</sup> will be held at 7pm in Nevins of Tiernaur this Tuesday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will explore the important step your child is about to take and how that step can be supported by the home.

### Pizza and Coke

Our next Pizza and Coke night is scheduled for this Thursday night February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish House. All TY students are invited. Come along and bring a friend

### Goodnews Club

Our Goodnews club meets again next Sunday at 10am Mass in Newport Church. The Goodnews Club is open to all children up to 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

### Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

A short evening of reflection for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be held on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Tiernaur Church. All are encouraged to attend. The evening will conclude with some light refreshments in Nevins of Tiernaur.

### Mulranny ICA meeting

The next guild meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 14, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. All welcome

### Hospice Support Thank You

Newport Hospice Support group would like to thank everyone who contributed to Mayo Roscommon Hospice throughout 2022. A grand total of €10,660.50 was raised during the year for Mayo Roscommon Hospice

### Burrishoole GAA Dinner Dance

Burrishoole GAA Dinner Dance takes place on Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. The evening is open to the community and you do not need to be a member to attend. For tickets please contact Lorraine 087 624 5656 or Noreen 087 207 1085 or come to the Ticket

### EIP Application Meeting

South West Mayo Development Company and Wild Atlantic Nature LIFE are hosting a public meeting for farmers in the Shramore/Mulranny area to discuss the potential for a European Innovation Partnership (EIP) application. The meeting will be held in Tiernaur Hall (F28 RH64) on Thursday, February 9, at 7pm. All welcome

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, from Ireland West Knock Airport, 5 nights, Friday Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th 2023. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

### Newport Historical Society Talk

Newport Historical Society is holding a lecture entitled "The Placenames of Burrishoole - Their Translators and Meanings" by John O'Callaghan on Weds, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm in the Grainne Uaile, Newport. Admission €5 and all are welcome.

### Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Aiden Geraghty, Derrygarve, Ken Stevens, Newport and Anne Hope, Westport, sister of Charlie Kenny, Tiernaur. May they rest in peace

### Weekday Masses 10am

*Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny*  
The People of the Parish

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm

Gillian Bateman (Months Mind). Paul Killen, (Months Mind). Frank McClintock (1st Ann), his wife Ita and deceased members of the McClintock and Chambers families. Wyn and John Loftus, Bunahowna.

#### Sunday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am

John Mc Fadden and deceased musicians/dancers of the area

#### Sunday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am

Dan Coughlan, Bunahowna. Maria Grealis Duffbeg and her husband Anthony. Margaret and Patrick King, Mulranny.

#### Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Brian Sinnott, Newport (Months Mind). John and MaryAnn Cannon, Roskeen and deceased family members. Jane and Michael O Malley, Ardagh, their son Michael and the deceased members of the O Malley and Prendergast families

#### Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Peter and Bridget Doherty, Cuilmore PO and the deceased members of the Doherty and Chambers families. Charlie and Bernie O Donnell, Derrylahan. James Ryder, and his parents Charlotte and James. Pauline, Michael and Susan Sheridan, Castlebar St.

#### Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Peter and Helen McNea, Carrowsallagh and Patrick and Rose Barrett, Murrivagh. Rose loftus, Bunahowna and deceased family members. Bridgie Masterson (Frank), Mulranny.