

Burrishoole Parish

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Bacon and Cabbage

Fr Mícheál Mc Greil SJ, who died last week, was a big man in every sense of that word. Big in stature, big in heart, big in passion. He has left a lasting legacy not only through his academic writings but perhaps more so through his untiring work for social justice and his unwavering support of the underdog.

A native of Westport, Mícheál joined the Jesuits after serving as an officer in the Irish Army for nine years. The Jesuits are an independent order of priests who do not work in parish ministry and are not bound by geographical boundaries. They have a rich tradition of scholarship and learning and of working on the periphery of society and of the church. Sometimes called 'God's Army' the Jesuits offered Mícheál the freedom to both study and to work on the frontline for the various causes he championed.

Passion, or perhaps better still, *compassion* was the hallmark of Fr Mícheál's life and ministry. He lectured in Sociology both in Maynooth and UCD and he loved nothing better than a good argument, and he was never averse to changing sides mid argument - just to keep the argument going! On the National stage he campaigned on many issues throughout his life, including Traveller's rights, prison reform, the Irish language, rural railway and the decriminalisation of homosexuality. He was a lifelong Pioneer and National Spiritual Director for the organisation for many years.

Paying tribute to Fr Mícheál on his death, President Michael D Higgins said that Fr Mícheál was a man 'who gave authenticity to the importance of linking life and value.' I think Fr Mícheál would have argued that he was linking life and *faith*.

Although I never studied Sociology in Maynooth I knew Fr Mícheál well during my time in the seminary. He took a special interest in Tuam diocesan students and he was a lifelong friend of my family.

My abiding memory of him has nothing to do with his academic pursuits nor with his passion for social justice. My abiding memory of him is of days spent in his company in Loughloon (outside Westport),

and of him standing before an open fire as he prepared a wholesome dinner of bacon and cabbage for a group of 12/14 hungry seminarians.

Over the years Mícheál gradually reclaimed and refurbished his ancestral family home at Loughloon and eventually he came back and retired there. In my time in Maynooth it was no more than an old-style thatched cottage with no electricity, and water pumped from the local well. Each Christmas he would invite us to Loughloon for dinner which was all done in the one pot over an open fire. With military-like precision we were divided into working groups, some to do the washing and peeling of the potatoes, others to wash and prepare the cabbage, others to go around the village to gather enough plates and cutlery and yet others to build the fire on which the dinner would be cooked. When all was in readiness we were dispatched out to go for a walk on the hills to build up an appetite.

I have never, before or since, tasted such mouth-watering bacon and cabbage. For some reason, possibly because of the country air or because it was done over an open fire it, it was delicious. With our tummies full we spent the evening sitting around the blazing fire chatting and singing and listening to Mícheál as he regaled us with stories of his youth or with his plans for his next big project. Treasured memories. Ní bheidh a leitheid ann arís.

God Bless, Fr Tod

February 1st St Bridget's Day

Next Wednesday is St Bridget's Day. To mark this special Irish feast Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7pm in the Oratory at which St Bridget crosses will be blessed. St Bridget's crosses will also be blessed at all Masses next weekend.

February 2nd Candlemas Day

Thursday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day). It is the day when candles are blessed for use in the homes and churches of the parish. If you would like to have candles blessed you can leave them into any of our churches and they will be blessed at all Masses during the week. The parish greatly appreciates the traditional gift of candles at this time. These candles are used at Masses throughout the year.

February 3rd Feast of St Blaise

The Feast of St Blaise is the day when we traditionally bless throats. Throats will be blessed after Mass on Friday morning and before all weekend Masses.

World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day year it will be held in Lisbon, Portugal from July 31st to August 6th. It is a celebration of our Catholic faith and is attended by over one million young people from all over the world. The highlight is an open air Papal Mass.

If you would like to learn more or be part of our Diocesan pilgrimage led by Archbishop Francis Duffy please email; tuam2lisbon23@gamil.com or contact Fr Tod.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Visits to the sick and housebound will take place on Thursday in the Mulranny, Tiernaur and Shramore areas, and on Friday in the Newport area. First Friday Mass in Shramore at 7pm.

Pizza and Coke

Our next Pizza and Coke night is scheduled for Thursday night February 9th. All TY students are invited.

Mulranny ICA meeting

The next guild meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 14, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. Join our lovely group now and you will be very welcome as we make plans for the coming months. All those who have not done so, should pay their annual fees. Thanks and hope to see you there.

Glenhest Monster 25 Card Game

Glenhest Community Centre will hold its next Monster 25 card game on Sunday, January 29, at 6pm with €220 in prize money. All welcome

CE Vacancies in Mulranny

Mulranny Day Centre Housing (St. Brendan's) has a number of positions now available on its Community Employment Scheme. Vacancies in the Futures Project in the Gift of Hands, The Old Goats Centre, and the Tourist Office. The Tidy Towns project is also looking for one participant. St. Brendan's Village is looking for a driver, a maintenance person and a cleaner for our Sheltered Housing. For more info email intheoffice2020@gmail.com or phone John O Sullivan at 098 36011.

Burrishoole GAA Dinner Dance

Burrishoole GAA Dinner Dance takes place on Friday Feb 10th. This is a great opportunity for the whole parish to enjoy a night out together. For tickets please contact Lorraine 087 624 5656 or Noreen 087 207 1085 or come to the Ticket

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.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Mary Geraty, Castlebar Rd, Newport, Paddy Moran, Castlebar, brother of James Moran, Furnace and Vincent Coakley, Westport father of Robert Coakley, Newport. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses 10am

*Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny
Wed – Feast of St Bridget 7pm Oratory*
For those who lost loved ones over the Christmas.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Jan 28th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Nora Chambers, Derrycoultrim (Months Mind).
Bridget Moore (nee McIntyre), Derrycoultrim (1st Ann)

Sunday Jan 29th Newport at 10am:

Nancy Noone, Seaview Park (Months Mind).
Frank Mc Greevy, Kilbride, Michael Mc Greevy
Glenhest and deceased members of the McGreevy family.

Sunday Jan 29th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Haulie O Beirne, Mulranny (Months Mind). Nancy Henry, Murrivagh.

Friday Feb 3rd Shramore at 7pm

The People of the Parish

Saturday February 4th 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 5th Newport at 10am

John Mc Fadden and deceased musicians/dancers of the area

Sunday Feb 5th Mulranny at 11.30am

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