

**Burrishoole Parish**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

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**A Well Kept Secret**

Our Church's Easter Ceremonies are perhaps the best kept secret of the Catholic Church. Full of ancient ritual and pageantry their richness and beauty are truly extraordinary and speak to our senses as much as they speak to our spirit. They are a spectacle which sadly only few experience and yet they are the most important and significant rituals of our Church.

Although it doesn't receive the same popular attention as Christmas, Easter is in fact the most sacred and holy time of the Church's year. During Holy Week we journey with Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, through his final meal with his followers and his night of torment in Gethsemane to his suffering and death on Calvary. But the Easter story doesn't end at Calvary. Our faith is not in the crucified Jesus, our faith is in the Risen Christ. The Easter story ends with the Easter proclamation that Jesus is risen and lives among us. It is our celebration of the Easter Ceremonies which in fact give us our identity as followers of the Risen Jesus. We are Easter people.

The liturgies which we will celebrate over the three days of Easter can be thought of as one single liturgy - the most ancient and solemn of all church liturgies.

On Holy Thursday at 7pm in Tiernaur we will gather to celebrate Mass of the Lord's Supper. As a faith community we remember the moment when Jesus gave us the great gift of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood. The ritual of the washing of the feet links in a dramatic way Eucharist and Priesthood to humble service of God in others.

No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday - the tabernacle remains empty. On Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be led in Tiernaur at 12noon and in Mulranny at 7pm. The Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord takes place in Newport Church at 3pm. On this sombre day of fast and abstinence we listen to and reflect on the depth of Jesus' love for us — a love which finds its ultimate expression in death on a cross, and we are invited to publicly venerate the cross.

The Vigil of Easter is the highlight of the Church's year. It begins by lighting a fire to honour Jesus as the Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is lit and we acclaim our faith that the darkness of this world can never overcome the light of Christ. The Easter Vigil will be held in Newport at 8pm on Holy Saturday. Dawn Mass of the Resurrection takes place on Easter Sunday Morning at 6.30am at Burrishoole Abbey.

The ceremonies of Holy Week are punctuated with deeply meaningful and significant moments; the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, the veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the lighting of the Paschal Fire and its procession through the darkened church on Holy Saturday night. These simple gestures are a physical affirmation of our faith in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But they are more than that. The ritual of the Holy Week ceremonies somehow draws us in and forms us in a way that stories and words can't. They are profound moments of experience which give us our identity as Catholic Christians. They not only make us who we are but they illuminate what we are.

At Easter we celebrate the central truth of our faith; Christ has died, Christ is Risen and Christ will come again. It's no secret!

God bless, Fr Tod

**Easter Ceremonies 2023**

**Holy Thursday**

7pm Tiernaur Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday**

12pm Tiernaur. Stations of the Cross  
3pm Newport. Celebration of the Passion  
7pm Mulranny Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**

8pm Newport Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday**

6.30am Burrishoole Abbey Dawn Mass  
10am Tiernaur Easter Mass  
11.30am Mulranny Easter Mass

*Why not try to experience some of the richness of our great Easter Liturgies this year?*

**Easter Penitential Service**

Our Easter Penitential Service will take place at 8pm on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Newport Church. A number of priests will be present. All are welcome. How long has it been for you?

### **First Friday Visits**

Fr Tod will visit the sick and housebound of the parish his week on Monday and Tuesday. Times may be a little different than usual.

### **St Vincent de Paul**

Our local St Vincent de Paul group continues to help families who find themselves in financial difficulties. Please use the confidential helpline if you need to contact them 0864181000

### **Good Friday 25 Drive**

Tiernaur Hall Committee will host a 25 card drive on Good Friday at 8.30 pm in the Hall with prizes to be won and refreshments served. All are welcome to come along for a great night's entertainment.

### **Thank You from MS Ireland**

A total of €598.26 was collected in Newport and €182.05 in Mulranny at the recent church gate collection. Thank you to all who gave generously.

### **Knitting & Crocheting Club**

The Cuan Modh Knitting & Crocheting Club meet at the Cuan Modh Centre, on Thursday's from 1pm to 3pm. There's lots of chat over a cup of tea or coffee as well as swapping ideas and patterns. If you enjoy Knitting and Crocheting or would like to learn these skills, please drop in and while away a few hours in good company. All welcome.

### **Mulranny ICA Easter Bonnet Meeting**

The next meeting of Mulranny ICA is on Easter Tuesday, April 11 at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. To mark the spring season, ladies are invited to bring their Easter bonnets to the meeting and there will be a chocolatey prize for the most stylish. Guest speaker Liz Kilroy VdeP.

### **Marine Institute Open Day**

The Marine Institute Research Facility in Furnace is holding its Annual Open Day on Sunday, April 2, between 11am and 4pm. All are invited to attend and see some of the many research projects being carried out by the team. This family friendly event promises to be a pleasant and informative experience for all, so do come along and say hello.

### **Mulranny Heritage And Folklore Group**

The next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 8pm in the Amenity Centre. Thanks to all who attended the first meeting and shared your stories. All are welcome to attend and share your knowledge and memories.

### **Newport Tidy Towns Spring Clean**

Newport Tidy Towns will hold their Annual Spring Clean on Good Friday, April 7 from 10am when members will be on Medlicott Street to supply bags. All help would be greatly appreciated.

### **Church Gate Collection April 8th and 9th**

Newport/Cuilmore Junior Set Dancers will hold their annual church gate collection on the weekend of April 8 and 9. All funds collected will be used towards music for competitions and the upkeep of uniforms and shoes. All support greatly appreciated.

### **Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.**

Families, Parish & Community Groups, are invited to join the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Francis, on Sunday, May 7th. This is a special day for people from the Archdiocese of Tuam. The Ceremonies commence with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 pm.

### **Weekday Masses**

*Mon-Tiernaur at 10am /Tues Newport at 7.30am*  
For Peace

### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm**

Teresa and Jim Cooney, Kilmeena. Seán Kelly, Gortnaclasser and Harrow

#### **Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Newport at 10am**

The People of the Parish

#### **Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am**

Padraig Doherty, Mulranny. Brian and Bridget Corrigan, Ballycroy.

#### **Holy Thursday Tiernaur at 7pm**

Mass of The Last Supper

#### **Good Friday Tiernaur at 12 noon**

Stations of the Cross

#### **Good Friday Newport at 3pm**

The Passion of Our Lord

#### **Good Friday Mulranny at 7pm**

Stations of the Cross

#### **Holy Saturday Newport at 8pm.**

Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday Burrishoole Abbey at 6.30am**

Dawn Mass of the Resurrection

#### **Easter Sunday Tiernaur at 10am**

For the People of the Parish

#### **Easter Sunday Mulranny at 11.30am.**

Martin Carey and parents Joseph and Gretta.