

**Burrishoole Parish**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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**For God and St. Patrick**

For the past number of weeks we have, in each of our churches, encouraged community singing of the final hymn. The suggestion came from our Pastoral Council and the hope is that by encouraging people to sing together we are enhancing and enriching the sense of community experienced by those who have gathered.

There is something about singing together which draws us closer to each other. The singing of the National Anthem before a match stirs the emotions and unites the supporters. Isn't it extraordinary to see (and hear!) those big burly rugby players belting out their anthems before international rugby matches. I remember once gathering in a pub in Boston early on a Sunday morning to watch Mayo in an All-Ireland Final and being first of all bemused as people stood for the the pre-match anthem and then moved to the point of tears as the whole bar sang as one 'Amhrán na bhFiann'.

Although we might readily thunder out the anthem in Croke Park on the day of a big match, or have no problem in joining in a raucous pub chorus of the Fields of Athenry, there is something in us which recoils from singing in church. I am not sure why that is, but it seems to be a particularly Irish Catholic phenomenon. Anyone who has ever attended Mass in the UK for example will probably have had the experience of being handed a hymnal at the church door and of being astonished to realise that not only does everyone join in the singing but that they sing every verse of every hymn.

That being said, there are some hymns which cry out to be sung with enthusiasm and passion – none more so that the St Patrick's Day staple 'Hail Glorious St Patrick'. 'Hail Glorious St Patrick' is one of them 'boom boom' hymns which we can't help but sing.

'Hail Glorious St Patrick' was written in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century by Sr Agnes Mc Sweeney, a Mercy sister and a native of Cork. Having taught for a number of years in the city Sr Agnes accepted an invitation from a Bishop Quinn in Australia to go there and set up a convent in Bathurst, outside Sydney. The journey took over three months and on arrival Sr

Agnes and her five companions set about founding a Mercy convent and establishing a local school. It was there, in Bathurst, Australia, that she was to spend the rest of her life teaching and as it happens writing poetry and verse. It is there in Bathurst Convent cemetery that she is buried.

'Hail Glorious St Patrick' was written by an emigrant daughter of Ireland some 15000 miles away from Ireland. The words portray her love of home, the 'sweetland of her birth' and her dream of one day returning: 'our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam, for God and St Patrick, and our native home.' Only sung on one day a year 'Hail Glorious St Patrick' is a hymn full of energy and emotion which draws on our heartstrings.

On Thursday next, St Patrick's Day, we get our annual opportunity to sing Hail Glorious St Patrick. In singing it let us remember St Agnes and countless other men and women of her generation who left Ireland never to return. And as we sing it with passion let us celebrate as a community our home and our faith.

God bless, Fr Tod

**Lenten Daily Mass Schedule**

For Lent this year we are celebrating an early morning Mass at 7.30am each Tuesday in the Oratory, Newport while on Mass on Thursday in the Oratory is at 7pm. Mass on Mondays in Tiernaur and on Fridays in Mulranny will continue at the usual time of 10am. Plenty of choice.

**Ministers of the Word and Eucharist**

Reminder: 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.

**Parish Ministries**

Covid has left us very short of volunteers for the various ministries in each of our churches, particularly Mulranny and Tiernaur. Can you commit to being part of the ministry team in any of our churches? Would you be willing to have your name on the ministry rota every 5 or 6 weeks? What, in terms of your time and gifts, can you give so that the faith of our community continues to flourish? Our parish needs more people to serve in the various ministries. New rotas are now being drawn up. If you would like to be a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Basket Collector, Choir Member, Church cleaner etc please give your name to Fr Tod or to the Parish office.

### First Confession

First Confession for children in Newport NS will take place in the Oratory at 7pm this Tues March 14<sup>th</sup>. First Confession for children in Mulranny NS will take place on Tues April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Mulranny Church.

### Unveiling of Princesse Grace Statue

HSH Prince Albert of Monaco will unveil a sculpture of his mother, Princess Grace, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. The event will take place on Castlebar Street at the entrance to the Viaduct Bridge.

### Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.

Families, Parish & Community Groups, are invited to join the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Francis, on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Newport St Patricks Day Parade

The Newport St Patricks Day Parade will start at 3.30pm from the Campus site, Westport Road. Those taking part in the parade are requested to assemble at 3pm. Help with traffic control is needed for the duration of the parade its safety. Anyone willing to assist please contact Kathleen 087 6366437 or Carol 086 2536433.

### Heritage and Folklore

A meeting will be held at the Mulranny Amenity Centre this Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm with the intention to collate and record the history and folklore of Mulranny and surrounding areas. The aim is to produce a record for future generations and keep our local history alive. All welcome

### Newport Historical Society Lecture

Newport Historical Society is holding a lecture at 8pm on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Grainne Uaile, Newport entitled "Investigations into Physical & Sexual Abuse in Mayo Workhouses (1860-1904) - Selected Case Studies." by Dr. Michael M. O'Connor. Admission is €5 and tea and coffee will be provided after. All Welcome.

### Mulranny Annual Spring Clean

The Mulranny Annual Community Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, April 1, at 10am commencing from the Amenity Centre where gloves, bags and pickers will be provided. Young and old are asked to spend an hour giving a hand and be proud of our village by making an effort to keep it looking neat and tidy.

### Mulranny St Patricks Day Parade

The Mulranny St Patricks Day Parade will take place after 11.30am Mass on Friday, March 17, starting at 12 noon from Mulranny Church. All floats are welcome, and all are welcome.

### 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

### Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Bud Doyle, Co Wicklow, mother of Nuala Ginnelly, Murrivagh. May she rest in peace

### Weekday Masses

*Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny*  
Frances Mc Nulty Rossmore and daughters Lorraine and Elizabeth.

### Weekend Masses

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

Christy Butler and parents Ned and Bridgie Hoban and deceased family members. Jocie Moran, Roskeen

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

Liam Burke, Corrigan and parents Tom and Phyllis, Rossinrubble. Joe and Breege Mc Manamon, Meddlcott St.. Joe and Hannah Mc Loughlin, their son Michael and deceased members of the Carey and Mc Loughlin families.

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

The People of the Parish

### St Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>

Thurs (16<sup>th</sup>) Tiernaur at 7pm

Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) Shramore at 8.30am

Newport at 10am

John O Donnell, England. Mickey and Maureen Kilroy, Furnace

Mulranny at 11.30am

#### Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm

John and Mary Fadden, Knockbreaga. David McHale, Newfield

#### Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am

Paddy and Baby Chambers and deceased members of the Chambers family Cloonfoher and the Corcoran family, Laherdaune.

#### Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am

Rita O Malley, Murrivagh. Mary Barrett and husband John, Rosturk. David Moran. Cuslecka