

Burrishoole Parish

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A Prayer For Priests

Last weekend two of our retired diocesan priests died. Fr Martin Newell and Fr Michael Goaley were lifelong friends both having been ordained together on the same day in June 1956. By a lovely coincidence they died within 24 hours of each other. Although Fr Martin served most of his priestly life in Claremorris and Headford, Fr Michael may be known to some parishioners having served in Killawalla and Castlebar in the 70s, during which time he acted as the Christian Doctrine examiner for the local National schools.

A priest's funeral is somewhat different in that there is often no immediate family present, the closest relations sometimes being the nephews and nieces of the deceased. The congregation is made up of former parishioners from the parishes in which the priest has served throughout his ministry. Although both men had been retired from ministry for over 15 years it was so lovely to see so many former parishioners present at their funerals.

As I celebrated Mass on Monday for Fr Michael, I couldn't help but wonder whether those men, ordained some 67 years earlier, could ever have imagined how much the church and indeed priesthood would change over the course of their lifetime. They were ordained into a different world and into a different church.

Once the funeral of a priest would have seen large gatherings of his colleagues present to concelebrate. Before the Funeral Mass, the assembled priests would have recited and sung the Divine Office together, which of itself was a spectacle to hear and to behold. Sadly those days are gone – there are fewer priests and those involved in parish work can find it difficult to get away.

One welcome addition to the funeral Mass of a priest is an invitation to the laity gathered to recite together the 'Prayer for Priests'. The 'Prayer for Priests' is a lovely prayer and is really a prayer for our Church. For me as a priest, it is very moving to hear it prayed by a whole congregation and it fills me with great hope

A Prayer for Priests

Father we thank you for our priests.

You have given them to us in our need.

We pray for them now in theirs.

Bless them as they continue

To bless our marriages,

baptise our children,

care for the dying,

bring forgiveness to all,

confirm us in our calling

and give us your body and blood.

As our Church enters this time of change

May your Holy Spirit be upon them, and us.

When situations appear threatening,

Let us face them with courage;

When the way forward is not clear,

May we discern your wisdom;

when difficult decisions have to

be made, let us trust the

Spirit of Right Judgment.

May all of us together, be bearers

Of your Spirit.

Help us to live the

mystery of your dying and rising,

so that each day, your Kingdom may

continue to come among us.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

God Bless,

Fr Tod

Parish Phone Line

The Parish Phone line 098 41123 was out of service for a period last week. It is now back. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day is a weeklong event held every three years in different cities throughout the world. 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. This year it will be held in Lisbon, Portugal from July 31st to August 6th.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Christmas collection for priests. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you too to those kind people who took down the decorations in our churches during the week.

First Communion

Our next First Holy Communion Mass will take place next Sunday January 22nd at 10am in Newport and at 11.30 in Mulranny.

Parish Envelopes Boxes

New boxes of envelopes are currently being prepared. If you do not received a box of envelopes and would like to, or if you would prefer not to receive a box please contact the parish office. If the details on the box you receive are inaccurate please let the parish office know.

Cuan Modh Day Centre

Cuan Modh Day Centre reopens next Tuesday, 17th and is offering the usual activities with a light lunch of good homemade soup and brown bread, followed by dessert with tea or coffee for €5 per person. The centre is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 3pm and transport can be arranged if required. Contact Jo at 086 3470 103 or Aileen at 087 675 6488 for further details or to book transport.

Newport Town Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Newport Town Hall CLG will be held on Wednesday, February 8, in Hotel Newport at 8.30pm.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust

The church gate collection on the weekend of January 21st/22st, at all churches in the parish, will be in aid of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust. The trust takes 10 young people of varying degrees of disability to Lourdes, at Easter, for one week. This is the first pilgrimage since 2019 and all support would be greatly appreciated.

Burrishoole Graveyard

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee held their AGM on December 22; the officers elected were Chairman, Jimmy O'Malley, Secretary, Helen Keane, and Treasurer, Pat Hughes.

Thanks to all who contributed to the gate collection at the Annual Pattern Mass. A special and sincere thank you to two families who made a particularly generous donation. The committee is always looking for more volunteers to help with light maintenance of the three graveyard areas and it is hoped at least one representative from every home in the area will come forward and offer some help during the peak maintenance months. Donations can be given to any member of the committee or handed in to the parish office at any time. They will be gladly accepted and put to good use.

BCP AGM

Burrishoole Community Partnership will hold their AGM on Thursday, January 26, at 8pm in Walsh's Bridge Inn. With the opening of the community Centre imminent, all in the community are invited to attend.

Mulranny Tidy Towns AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Mulranny Tidy Towns will be held on Wednesday, January 25, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. Everyone is welcome to attend and review another successful year for the village.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Brian Sinnott, Kilbride, Kathleen Mc Grath (nee Dyra), Tuam and formerly Kilbride, Vincent Conway Corrigan, Cleveland and Cushlecka, Mary Geraghty, Castlebar, mother in law of Mary Costello, Knocknageeha and Catherine O'Brien (nee Sammon) Meath and formerly Lecarrow. May they rest in peace

Weekday Masses 10am

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday Jan 14th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Gerry Mc Mahon (Mths Mind) London and Sandhill. Kathleen Kelly (Mths Mind), Rosturk and London and Annie Kate Mc Mananmon, Sandhill

Sunday Jan 15th Newport at 10am:

Michael Cafferkey, Treenbeg

Sunday Jan 15th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Fr John Horan, Mulranny, Betty and Pat Gorman and son James, Murrivagh. Margaret Ludden. Rosturk

Saturday Jan 21st Tiernaur at 7pm

Annie Mc Cormack, Knockloughra and deceased members of the Mc Cormack and Chambers families. Tom Dunleavy, Tuam.

Sunday Jan 22nd Newport at 10am

Maureen Sammon, Carramore (Mths Mind). Nancy and Colm Gallagher and deceased members of the Chambers and Gallagher families.

Sunday Jan 22nd Mulranny at 11.30am

Phoebe Masterson, Murrivagh