

Burrishoole Parish

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An Easter Story

'Happy Easter!' You don't hear that greeting too often. Perhaps on Easter Sunday but that's about it. We move on and Easter is quickly forgotten – the only evidence left - a forgotten, half eaten chocolate egg set aside for again. Yet for people of faith Easter is the most important feast of the year and as if to highlight and emphasise that fact, 'Eastertime' is celebrated for 40 days in the Church's calendar. Happy Easter!

Our celebration of Easter is a celebration of Jesus' triumph over death, but it is more than that. It is a celebration of the victory of good over evil, of light over darkness, of hope over despair. It is our reassurance that in the end truth will prevail, that suffering will be overcome, that the lost will be found...

I had minded 'the dog' a few times before and so was delighted to be asked to keep him over night while his owner was away. We were good friends; he was comfortable in the house and would even sit on my lap as we watched football or golf together at night on the television. My small back yard was perfectly suited and secure for him to pop out and do his business whenever he wanted. What could go wrong?

The night went well and when I came down in the morning it was lovely to hear the pitter-patter of tiny feet as 'the dog' made his way to the kitchen door to greet me. After breakfast, and it being a lovely morning, I even brought him on the short walk up to the church.

It was when we got back and he was in the yard doing his business that I got a phone call. Leaving the back door open so that he could come and go as he pleased, I took the call. Hardly five minutes later I stuck my head out into the yard to call him in. Silence!

My heart missed a beat and panic set in as I raced around the house shouting his name. He was nowhere to be found. Gone. Disappeared, it seemed, into thin air. By now shaking with anxiety and dread I sat into the car to drive through the

town looking for my little friend. There wasn't a trace of him – no one had seen him.

There was nothing to do but ring the owner. "The dog' is missing. I've lost the dog". As the owner hastily turned for home, family members were called in and the search was widened. While we combed the streets and back yards, 'the dog's' picture was put up on Facebook... 'Missing'. But still nothing.

To say I felt awful would be an understatement. How could I lose a dog? How could I lose 'the dog'? I could have, I should have. I convinced myself that he was stolen, that some opportunist dog snatcher had climbed over the wall and snatched him. But as bad as I was feeling I couldn't imagine how the owner must have felt.

Then, just when it seemed that all hope was as lost as 'the dog', word came that someone had heard on Midwest of a dog found in Newport. By the time I arrived 'the dog' had been identified. It was him. The dog that was lost had been found.

The absolute joy was unrestrained, the sheer relief unbounded. I had to sit down.

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God Bless, Fr Tod

Easter Ceremonies

A huge thank you to all who were involved in any way in the various liturgies over the Easter period. A special word of appreciation to our Pizza and Coke crew who read, cut palm, filled water bottles, lit candles, parked, processed, put out lanterns and helped out in so many ways. Thanks to our choirs (4!), our readers and Eucharistic ministers. A word of appreciation too for the Pattern and Graveyard Committees for organising the Dawn Mass. And finally thank you to all who gathered to pray together as a community.

First Communion

First Communion takes place in Newport Church at 12 noon on Saturday May 14th. First Confession will be celebrated in the schools on Thurs May 5th.

Coffee Morning for Ukraine

A Coffee Morning will be held this Saturday, April 23rd morning from 10am-1pm at Riverside Café, Kiltarnet in aid of Candles of Grace and our local parish appeal. Enjoy fresh baking and local musicians. All proceeds given to Candles of Grace and Parish Ukrainian Appeal.

Newport 300 Reenactment and Book Launch

On Sun, May 1st "A Journey in Time" will start at 3pm on Medlicott Street with Captain Pratt setting up his new town with the Quaker community he invited to help build his dream. The audience can see them weaving, dyeing wool, and grinding corn. The action will then cross the bridge where Captain Pratt and his friend Brian Rua Ó Cearbháinn will encounter a Sea Captain and his motley crew who will deliver a rousing sea shanty and The Cathach (Ireland's oldest manuscript) will be handed over to Sir Neal O' Donnell. The final scene is at the top of Main Street detailing a day in the life of Martin Carey and features a wedding ceili. The re-enactment has a cast of over 70 and is not to be missed.

At 5pm in Hotel Newport, Enda Kenny will launch the book "Newport 300 - The First 200 Years (1720-1920)". May 1st is a day not to be missed!

Road Traffic Restriction Notice

Please be advised that due to the Historical Re-Enactment taking place in Newport on Sunday, May 1st The following restrictions and diversions will be in place:

Main St - No parking from 2pm to 6pm, closed to traffic from 2.45 -4.30pm

Carrick Kennedy / Fahy Rd - local access only from 2.30pm to 4pm

Barrack Hill - restricted access 2pm- 5pm

All through traffic for Achill/ Westport and Castlebar will be diverted around the Quay. The Newport 300 Committee apologies for any inconvenience.

Family Walk Fundraiser

Newport St Patricks Day Committee invites everyone to join them at 1pm on Monday, May 2, for a fundraising Family Walk from Newport NS to Burrishoole Abbey and back. Refreshments will be served afterward in the school hall. All funds raised will go towards the hiring of a band and entertainment for the 2023 parade. The entry fee is €10 per family or €5 per person and all support is greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, May 1st. Ceremonies commence at 2.30 with Mass at 3pm

Mulranny Active Retirement Meeting

Mulranny Active Retirement will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 27 April at 7pm in the Amenity Centre. All welcome.

Priest's Easter Collection

The Priest's Easter Collection (Blue Envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; Account Name; Newport Church Revenue Account IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of May Kilkenny, Murrivagh, Annie Rowland, St Brendan's and Ballycroy and Mary Alice Chambers, Ardagh and Roskeen. May they rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

10am Weekday / 7.30am Thursday

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny
Mary Alice Reilly, Castlebar St and deceased members of the Chambers and Reilly families. Frank Kelly, Fahy and deceased family members. Michael and Bridgie Hughes and their son Tommy, Newbridge St, Newport.

Saturday April 23rd Tiernaur at 7pm:

Tommy Chambers, Rosgalive (1st Ann). Winifred and Henry Adamezyk.

Sunday April 24th Newport at 10am:

Bill and Nora Chambers, Clareview and daughter in law Clare. Annie Walsh, Derryloughan.

Sunday April 24th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Annie (Ann) Moran, Mulranny and NY. (1st Anniversary)

Saturday April 30th Tiernaur at 7pm:

Oliver and Mabel Moran, Sandhill. Sonny Moran and his wife Kathleen, Roskeen

Sunday May 1st Newport at 10am:

Peg and Josie O Malley Rossclave, their sons Seamus and Joe and deceased members of the Lenehan and O Malley families. Rose and Tony Nixon, Inishower. Sean and Annie Nixon, Mulranny. Michael Mc Nally, Derryloughan, their son James and grandson Christopher. Katie and Peter Mulchrone, Buckagh

Sunday April 1st Mulranny at 11.30am:

Thomas Loftus, Bunahowna. Mary and John Moran, Cushleca.