

Burrishoole Parish

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Moving Statues

May Day held particular significance this year for Mulranny Church. On Monday evening last we gathered to re-dedicate and bless the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary which now stands proudly welcoming parishioners and visitors alike to Mulranny Church.

The statue once stood in a grotto on the hill overlooking the old convent but over time, with the departure of the nuns and the selling on of the convent it had become lost in the undergrowth. Some locals still have fond memories of May Day processions up to the Grotto.

Unsure as to when the statue was first placed on the hill I took another look at 'St Patrick's Church Newport, 1918-2018' which gives a short but interesting history of Mulranny Convent.

In 1926 Archbishop Gilmartin of Tuam invited the Mercy sisters to set up a Convent in Mulranny in order that they might run the local school. In November of that year four sisters arrived only to find that there was no accommodation available for them. The local curate duly moved out of the Priest's house, (to stay in the Hotel!) and the sisters moved into the priest's house. Within two years the sisters had, from local bequests, raised enough money to build a convent, (It's not clear where the curate stayed in the meantime) but fascinatingly enough they didn't build a new convent rather they built a new priest's house and added a chapel and small extension to the old priest's house which then became the convent as we know it now.

But nothing of the statue! It would seem that the statue was first erected during the Marian year, 1954, at a time of great Marian devotion and a period when many rural grottos sprung up around the country. But it also seems that that the statue having been originally set at a lower point on the hill was moved at some point to the higher location. Through a project initiated and completed by the local Mulranny Men's Shed, and supported by the Tidy Towns committee, the statue has now moved to her third and perhaps final resting place. However it got to the top of the hill, it took a crane

to move it to its present location and so well is it positioned that it looks as if it has always been there.

Many hours of painstaking cleaning and painting have brought the statue back to life. Our Lady looks radiant as she greets passers-by and bids them welcome.

We had a beautiful evening on Monday night. A nice crowd gathered for the blessing of the statue, and after a decade of the rosary was recited, 'The Queen of the May' was sung with great gusto.

On behalf of the people of Mulranny and indeed the generations who have gone before us we offer heartfelt thanks to all involved in bringing our beautiful statue of Our Lady back to life. A special thanks to the Men's Shed and the Tidy Towns, and indeed to all the local craftsmen who gave of their time and skill to restore the 'old convent' statue. May She stand in prayerful vigilance over our village for many years to come.

Move over Ballinspittle, Mulranny has its own moving statue now.

God Bless, Fr Tod

First Holy Communion

We hold in our prayers the seven boys and girls from Mulranny school who will make their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 11.30am Mass in Mulranny.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish this Saturday, May 13th, at 2pm. 71 boys and girls from our three parish schools will be Confirmed. We will them well and welcome Archbishop Francis Duffy on this his first official visit to the parish

Confirmation Choir

Choir Practice for Confirmation will be held in Newport Church again this Tuesday, at 8pm. People from all choirs in the parish are encouraged to come along.

May Rosary

There are nine Marian Grottos in our parish. May is the traditional time when communities gather and pray the Rosary at the local Grotto. On Sunday May 28th at 7pm rosaries will be recited at each of our grottos. Communities are encouraged to tidy up their local grotto over the coming weeks.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Sunday May 7th. Anointing of Sick at 2.30pm Mass at 3pm. All welcome

Mulranny ICA

The next meeting will be at 8 pm on Tuesday 9th May at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny. All are very welcome to attend. Each member to bring along a photo of themselves as a baby or child for the 'Spot the Member Quiz'.

Cuilmore CCE

Good luck to six set dancing groups and one musician from Cuilmore CCE who are taking part in Mayo Fleadh Cheoil in Westport next weekend, May 12-14th. The Junior Set dancers and Musicians thank the people of the parish for their generosity at their recent church gate collection. This will help fund the cost of attending the fleadh.

Burrishoole Graveyard

Burrishoole Graveyard Committee are seeking volunteers to help with the weeding and tidying of the graveyard. They plan to start on Tuesday, May 9th at 7pm; young and old are welcome and it would be wonderful to have a representative from each home in the area join in.

Accord

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepares couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01 5053 112 for more information.

Newport Darkness into Light

The annual Darkness into Light fundraiser for Pieta House will take place this Saturday, May 6th when people are invited to gather at the Heath Centre, Medlicott Street at 4.15am with an unlit torch. The lights will be turned on at 4.30am, just before dawn breaks and afterward everyone will walk around the Quay to Hotel Newport for tea and coffee.

Newport Bingo

Newport Bingo takes place in Hotel Newport every Wednesday at 8pm sharp. Congratulations to M. Murray who was last week's winner of the €100 full house. The committee is delighted to announce double books are now available to purchase; this week's jackpot is €525 to be won on 49 calls or less.

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Pat Bracken, Derrintaggart and Galway who died recently. May he rest in peace

Weekday Masses at 10am

Mon-Tiernaur/Tues/Thurs-Newport Fri-Mulranny
Gerry, Margaret and Michael Marmion, Furnace and Navan.

Weekend Masses

Friday May 5th Shramore at 7pm.

Tommy O Malley, Oakpark and Treenbeg. (Mts Mind)

Saturday May 6th Tiernaur at 7pm

Pat and Norah McLoughlin, Sandhill. Veronica and Tommie O Malley, Abbey Rd, Newport. Jack Nolan, Westport

Sunday May 7th Newport at 10am

Patrick and Maureen Geraghty, Cuilmore. Gerard and Elizabeth Braken, Sandymount. Bob and Mary Loftus, Meddicott St. Larry and Mollie McGovern, Carrabawn. Patrick and Breege Kelly, Treenbeg and Meddicott St, their son Jim and daughter Ann.

Sunday May 7th Mulranny at 11.30am

First Holy Communion

Saturday May 13th Tiernaur at 7pm

Mary Chambers, Rosgalive (Mths Mind) and her husband Tommie (2nd Ann). Francie Masterson, Mulranny and Harrow. John and Roseanne Mulloy and Mike Joyce, Rosgalive. Brendan and Annie Kate Mc Manamon, Sandhill.

Sunday May 14th Newport at 10am

Tom Horan, Glenhest Rd. Paddy and Agnes Walsh and Patrick, Nora and Brenday Berry. Sgt Patrick Kealy and Mrs Margaret Kealy, Castlebar Rd. Paddy and Mary Clancy, Quay Rd. John and Kathleen Kearns, Cuilmore.

Sunday May 14th Mulranny at 11.30am

Anthony Grealis and wife Moira, Duffbeg. Martin and Anne Ginnelly and deceased members of the Loftus and Ginnelly families. Michael and Maggie Mc Loughlin, Mulranny