

**Burrishoole Parish**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

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**Happy New Year**

I'm not a great fan of New Year's Eve celebrations. For me at least, there is something a little contrived about the final countdown and the exuberant kissing and hugging which takes place at the turn of midnight. Is it sigh of relief that the previous year is over or is it in anticipation of great things to come in the new year? It's probably a mixture of both.

I suspect one of the reasons why I'm a bit of a grouch about New Year's Eve celebrations is that I very much associate it with my parents. As a family we celebrated New Year's Eve by going out for a meal with another family and I have lovely memories of those occasions. It was possibly the one night of the year when my parents truly relaxed and the ringing in of the new year was as much a celebration of family as it was the marking of a date on the calendar. With both my parents gone now I somehow feel their loss more at New Year than I do at Christmas.

For us as a parish, the turning of the year is an opportunity to look back and to appreciate and give thanks for the many blessings which 2022 brought with it. We have much to be thankful for. After almost two years living in the shadow of Covid 19, 2022 was a time of reopening and of beginning again. It was wonderful to be able to welcome people back to church and to experience that sense of community and togetherness which communal worship brings. But it is on a personal level that I feel most grateful.

Thank you for inviting me into your lives and for allowing me to share both the happiest and the saddest moments of the year with you. Thank you for inspiring me with your faith and for challenging me with your enthusiasm. Thank you for allowing me to enjoy your children both in school and at church, and thank your children for keeping me on my toes and giving me lots of reasons to smile. Thank you for your words of encouragement and affirmation when I got things half right and thank you for putting up with me, and for forgiving me when I got things wrong. Thank you for your

continued generous support of your parish and of me your priest. Thank you for the laughter and smiles, the cups of tea and slices of tart, the chats and the banter and thank you for, in whatever way you do, making our parish the welcoming and vibrant community which it is.

2023 will undoubtedly bring new challenges both to us as a parish community and to individuals and families. Whatever those challenges may be we can face them with confidence assured that we do so together and in faith. That is what parish is all about.

God Bless and Happy New Year,  
Fr Tod

**Beannacht**

*On the day when  
The weight deadens  
On your shoulders  
And you stumble,  
May the clay dance  
To balance you.  
And when your eyes  
Freeze behind  
The grey window  
And the ghost of loss  
Gets in to you,  
May a flock of colours,  
Indigo, red, green,  
And azure blue,  
Come to awaken in you  
A meadow of delight.  
When the canvas frays  
In the currach of thought  
And a stain of ocean  
Blackens beneath you,  
May there come across the waters  
A path of yellow moonlight  
To bring you safely home.  
May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
May the clarity of light be yours,  
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow  
Wind work these words  
Of love around you,  
An invisible cloak  
To mind your life.  
by John O'Donohue*

**Feast of the Epiphany**

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Epiphany. Mass will be celebrated in Mulranny at 10am and in the Parish Church, Newport at 7pm. The Monthly First Friday Mass will be celebrated in Shramore at **8pm.** (note later time)

### Thank You

As the year comes to an end just a brief word of thanks to all who participate in the life of our parish through volunteering in the various ministries in our churches. Thank you to our Pastoral Council, our Finance Committee, our sacristans, our cleaners, our choirs, our organists and musicians, our Ministers of the Word, our Ministers of the Eucharist, our basket collectors, our counters, our Mass servers, our pizza and coke crew, our altar societies, all who help with running repairs and everyone who helps out in any way. Your contribution may sometimes go unnoticed but without you our parish would not be the great place it is to live and to celebrate faith.

### Priest's Christmas Collection

The Priest's Christmas Collection (Blue topped Envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. 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; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04. As always thank you for your continued generous support.

### Mulranny ICA

Mulranny ICA wishes a very Happy New Year to all its members. The next meeting will take place on January 10, at 8pm in the Amenity Centre, Mulranny when annual membership is due. A 50% discount January special offer is open to new members, so why not give it a try and join them?

### NADDCo AGM

Newport and District Development Company (NADDCo) will hold its AGM on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 8pm in Walsh's Bridge Inn, Newport and all are welcome to attend.

### Glenhest 25 Card Game

The next game will take place on January 8, 2023 in the centre at 6pm. The committee wishes all of their patrons a Happy and Safe New Year.

### Tiernaut Hall 25 Card Drive

Tiernaut Hall Committee will host its annual New Year 25 card drive on Friday, January 6, at 8pm in the Hall with lots of prizes to be won and refreshments being served. All are welcome to come along for a great night's entertainment.

Happy and Blessed New Year!

May the New Year bring you happiness and peace.

### Parish Magazine Now on Sale

Burrishoole Parish Magazine is now on sale priced at €8. It can be purchased in Mulranny from Doherty's PO, and in Newport from Ashlings, Sheridan's Centra, Newport Post Office, Kelly's Circle K Garage, Kelly's and Keane's butchers, and Newport Tourist Office.

### Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Maureen Sammon, Newport, Michael (Haulie) O Beirne, Mulranny, Nora Chambers, Derrycoultrim, and Donna Mac Rury (nee Staunton) Tiernaut and Nancy Noone, Newport. We remember too Mark Cusack, England, son of the late Mary Kilkerr, Shramore. May they rest in peace

### Weekday Masses 10am

*Mon-Tiernaut/Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny*  
Christopher Mc Nally

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Tiernaut at 7pm:

The People of the Parish

#### Sunday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Newport at 10am:

Celine Murray, Derrygarve (Months Mind). Tommy Lavelle, Furnace. Baby Joshua Murray, Buckagh. John F Chambers, Kiltarnet. Pat and Julia Keane, their daughter Mary Catherine and deceased family members. John Murray, Shramore.

#### Sunday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

James and Mary McIntyre, Murrivagh. Robert Earl Wellman, NY. Yvonne Deculich, NY.

#### Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Epiphany

**Mulranny at 10am:** The People of the Parish

**Newport at 7pm:** Mass for Peace

**Shramore at 8pm:** Elizabeth O Malley, Treenbeg, John and Annie O Malley, Treenbeg, Bea Loftus, Sean Chambers, Treenbeg

#### Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Tiernaut at 7pm

Florence and Catherine O Sullivan

#### Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am

Mary Kilkerr, Shramore (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). John and Teresa Dyra Mullaune.

#### Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am

Michael Callaghan Tureen and NY and deceased family members. Michael Moran (Post), Mulranny.