

**Burrishoole Parish**

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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**The Strength of Community**

A few weeks back I had the privilege of being part of a small group of people who gathered for the first unveiling of the newly restored Tiernaur Banner. The Tiernaur Banner, created as it was in the aftermath of 1916, is over 100 years old. As a work of craftsmanship it is rare, as an historical artefact it is significant but as part of the culture, folklore and very soul of the people of Tiernaur it is without equal.

The Tiernaur Banner was created as a unifying and rallying symbol for the people of the area in a time of great political unrest. It was financed by local contribution through the staging of plays and concerts and by the local Cumann na mBan. During the time of the Black and Tans keeping the banner safe and protected was paramount and it was moved under the cover of darkness from safe house to safe house. Such was the significance and symbolic power of the banner that at one point a bounty was placed on it by the Black and Tans.

The banner is two sided. On one side is etched the image of St Patrick while on the other stands Padraic Pearce— faith and fatherland — the two pillars on which the long hoped for new Ireland would be founded.

As we gathered in Tiernaur Hall last August 15<sup>th</sup> - exactly 103 years after the Banner was first unveiled to the people of the area, I considered another pillar, not depicted on the banner but which was, and is central to the life of our people and the history of the banner: community. The banner has for over 100 years now engendered a spirit of community, and pride of place, in the people of Tiernaur and its surrounds. It proudly stands in tribute to a community which has protected and safeguarded it for over a century. It has become a symbol of that community — strong, rugged and resilient.

A huge local effort, and no small amount of fundraising has gone into having the Tiernaur Banner restored to its original splendour. As it was displayed last month for the first time since its painstaking repair and restoration one couldn't but

be moved by the deep sense of pride which was palpable amongst those gathered. Generations of families stood in reverent awe as the banner was unfurled, each in their turn having a closer look and somehow reconnecting with who they are and where they have come from. There was an undoubtable sense of continuity with our past but also confidence in our future. The banner which was created to unite and inspire all those years ago still doing its job today.

The Tiernaur Banner continues to be safeguarded by the people of the locality. Like a treasured family heirloom it is handed down from one generation to the next. It is part of the story of the place, part of the very fabric of the community. The values which it represents; faith and fatherland still hold, the spirit of community which it engenders is still as vital today as it was 103 years ago. Well done to all involved. Tír an Air abú.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Thank You!**

A word of thanks to Fr Billy who covered the past two weeks. As much as I appreciated his offer to let me get away I know that the parish appreciated both the change and Fr Billy's insight and wisdom.

**Parish Mass Schedule**

Our new weekly Mass schedule is running as smoothly as we might have hoped with numbers at weekend Masses usually very manageable. People who are in a position to do so are still encouraged to please attend a weekday Mass instead of Mass at the weekend.

Mulranny Church can accommodate around 35 people, Tiernaur Church around 45/50 and larger churches, such as Newport have been given an exemption which allows us to make two sections of no more than 50 in each provided social distancing can be maintained.

We are required to keep the two sections separated. People attending Mass in Newport and entering by the side doors are asked to sit in the front half of the church, people entering by the main door are asked to sit in the back half of the church and to leave by the main door.

**Envelope Collection**

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. It is deeply appreciated. The Priest's Autumn Collection (Blue envelope) is now being accepted. Envelopes can still be dropped in the letterboxes of either Parish house or if you are in a position to do so you can drop your envelope in the baskets provided as you enter or leave Weekend Mass.

### Parish Office

Please note that for the moment the parish office will only be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am – 3pm. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

### Church Cleaning Rotas

A huge thank you to all the kind volunteers who have volunteered to clean and sanitize our churches each week and to those who have agreed to become ushers. Cleaning and sanitizing of the churches will need to continue indefinitely.

Over the coming weeks we are introducing a new system of sanitising our churches through the use of 'Fogging machines' The foggers will allow the churches to be thoroughly cleansed in a matter of minutes and will not need as much effort on behalf of our volunteers. We still however need more volunteers in each of our churches in order to maintain the cleaning regime which we have in place.

### Newport Wild 2 Wild

Newport Wild 2 Wild is going virtual this year. Full details on the Newport Wild 2 Wild Duathlon Facebook page. Simply sign up, run/cycle 100 km between September 21 and October 25<sup>th</sup> (minimum of 30km should be completed by running/walking), log your time in the virtual hub via an app that will show you where you are virtually on a map of the race and your results will be posted online in the Challenge Leaderboard..

### Canon Killeen Park Survey

NADDCo invites the community to have their say on the future development of Canon Killeen Park by completing a survey which can be accessed online via the Newport Mayo Facebook page or by calling into the Tourist Office on George's Street. Artist, designer and Newport resident, Manuel Santiago, will take your opinions from the survey and express them in a sketch drawing to be added to the overall Town Design Statement, being prepared by Noelle Angley of Mayo County Council. The survey has a closing date of Wednesday, September 30.

### Western Care Association's Annual Collection

The Western Care Association's Annual Door to Door Collection has gone online for the month of September. To donate, please find them on Facebook "Western Care Association" or go to [www.idonate.ie/wcador](http://www.idonate.ie/wcador) there are also links on their website [www.westerncare.com](http://www.westerncare.com).

Any donation will be greatly appreciated. You can donate by cheque, postal order or bank transfer please contact Teresa Ward for the bank transfer

details at 094 90 29174 or 087 246 7857 or email [tward@westerncare.com](mailto:tward@westerncare.com). Thank you for your support.

### Death Notice

We pray for the souls of Julia Finn, Chicago, sister of the late John Joe O'Malley, Carrowmore, Peg O Malley, Rossclave and Seamus O Malley, England and Shraloggy who died recently. May they rest in peace.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is currently suspended. Our churches remain open and you are invited to drop in at any time.

### Weekday 10am Mass Intentions:

Monday – Tiernaur, Tuesday and Thursday – Newport, Friday – Mulranny.

Tim and Annie Davitt, Quay rd., William and Nancy Reilly, Sr Finian Fallon, Tuam and formerly Mulranny.

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Thomas and Christine Cusack, Pat and Nora Mc Loughlin, Sandhill and deceased family members

#### Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Paddy Tresnan, Derradda, Dr Michael Lee and his wife Sarah, Fr Bernard Lee and Michael Lee, Riverside House, Newport.

#### Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

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#### Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Keith Durand & deceased members of the McDermott family.

#### Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Michael (Mick) Calvey, Shramore (1<sup>st</sup> Anv) and his wife Katie, Johnny Maloney, Shramore (Months Mind) Kathleen & Charlie McGee, Sandymount, Patrick McIntyre, Acres.

#### Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

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