

## Léacht Uí Gríofa

Cuireadh fáilte roimh slua bhreá in Óstán O’Deas Céadaoin 14 Samhain agus léacht comórtha eagraithe go speisialta ag ‘Gaeilge Locha Riach’ in ómós an t-Athair Micheál Ó Gríofa.

Tugadh cluas l’éisteacht don staraí, Cormac Ó Comhraí, (ó na Forbacha, Conamara) agus léargas iontach tugtha dóibh siúd i láthair ar an sagart gaelach poblachtánach a maraíodh sa bhliain 1920 agus é curtha taobh leis an Ardeaglais i mBaile Locha Riach. Tuigtear gur tharla an eachtra uafásach seo lár mhí na Samhna na bliana sin agus ba oiriúnach an rud é go raibh léacht cuimhneacháin eagraithe an oíche céanna 14 Samhain.

D’fhreastail na mílte duine ar an sochraid i 1920, tá leaca cuimhniúcháin is bóthar ainmnithe in ómós dó. Is cinnte go bhfuil sé i gcuimhne an phobail go fóill agus ba mhór an ónóir do ‘Gaeilge Locha Riach’ an léacht stairiúil seo a eagrú.

A gathering of Gaels attended a lecture to remember Fr. Michael Griffin in O’Deas hotel on 14 November.

The historian Cormac Ó Comhraí, (Furbo, Conamara) gave an insight into to the background of this republican gaelic priest who was killed in suspicious and controversial circumstances in 1920. He is buried in the grounds to the side of the cathedral in Loughrea.

Understanding that this terrible incident occurred in the middle of November 1920, it is somewhat fitting that Loughrea remembered Fr. Griffin on the same night of 14 November.

Thousands of people attended Fr. Michael Griffin’s funeral back in 1920, there are a number of commemorative monuments and a road named in his honour. It is clear that he is still held in honour in people’s memory and it was an honour for ‘Gaeilge Locha Riach’ to organize this historical lecture.