

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 31st JULY 2022

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The common theme of Sunday's readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth & power because everything and everyone is "*here today and gone tomorrow.*" Therefore, the meaning of life cannot be found in possessions but in the sharing of time, treasure and talents with the needy.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	30 th Jul	8.00 pm	Bridgie & Bill Joyce & DM of the Keady & Joyce families , Cahernabruck	11 th , 11 th Anniv & deceased
Sun	31 st Jul	11.00 am	Sean McGuinness , Tobernadarry Mary & John Ryan and DM of the Ryan families , Dalgan Road.	RIP 03/06/2022 1 st & 12 th Anniv & deceased
Tue	2 nd Aug	9.30 am	No Mass	
Wed	3 rd Aug	9.30 am	Sean McGuinness , Tobernadarry	RIP 03/06/2022
Thu	4 th Aug	9.30 am	Mass	
Fri	5 th Aug	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Gerry O'Rourke , Mallow Johnny Laffey , Ballybockagh	11 th Anniv 2 nd Anniv
Sat	6 th Aug	8.00 pm	Mary & John Sweeney , their son Michael & daughter Mary Lally & John's brother Lawrence	3 rd , 46 th , RIP Mar 2021 & 14 th Anniv
Sun	7 th Aug	11.00 am	Charlotte Keady (Dalgan Road) & her grandparents Rose & John Walsh (Claran) Bridie Joyce , Tourmakeady Mary Rock , Gort & Co. Clare	15 th & Deceased Anniv 1 st Anniv

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	30 th Jul	6.30 pm	Maureen Patten , (Née Maye), Croydon / Glencorrib Stephen Joyce	RIP June 2022
Sun	31 st Jul	9.30 am	Mark Molloy , Toorard Patrick Murphy and his brothers Gerard & Terence Murphy , Fountain Hill, Kilmaine John & Annie Newell & DM of the Newell family , Kilroe	14 th Anniv 3 rd & 13 th Anniv 39 th & 30 th Anniv & deceased
Wed	3 rd Aug	10.10 am	John Kelly , Clare	
Fri	5 th Aug	6.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6pm to 6.55 pm	
		7.00 pm	Maureen Patten , (Née Maye), Croydon / Glencorrib	RIP Jun 2022
Sat	6 th Aug	6.30 pm	Mass	
Sun	7 th Aug	9.30 am	Bernadette Whelan , Houndswood	15 th Anniv

CHURCH ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2022

	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass	Donagh Greaney	Volunteer Required
LAY READERS – Morning Mass	Maura Mullin	Volunteer Required
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Vigil Mass	Rita Davin	Volunteer Required
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Morning	John Heneghan	Kathleen Shaughnessy
USHERS	Ramolin & Tubberkeerane	Ballycurrin/Gortatubber
ALTAR SOCIETY	Dalgan Road – Group 1	Ballycurrin/Gortatubber

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT ASSOCIATION would like to thank all those who supported and generously donated to their recent Church Gate Collection in Glencorrib. A total sum of **€459.75** was received. All money raised goes directly towards support services for people affected by cancer and their families.

COVID PRECAUTIONS: As we experience this latest wave of Covid infection, we are once again encouraged (but not compulsory) to wear face masks in church and to sanitise our hands on entering and leaving the Church. Small things count.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY – 'BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE'

Last weekend, we celebrated World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Continuing on from that the parish wishes to launch a 'Book of Remembrance' where parishioners are invited to complete a simple form for each person they want to have included in the Book of Remembrance. The person may be a grandparent and/or elderly friend or neighbour who has passed away. The intention is the names will be written into a 'Book of Remembrance' will be remembered at every World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly from 2022 onwards. These forms are available in church porches. Please read the information on the other side of the form. It is necessary to complete one form for each person. You can return them in the next few weeks to be remembered at the 2023 Mass.



Postcards for grandparents and the elderly are also available at the back of both churches. Free of charge. Take one and send it to someone special in your life.

THE JULY 2022 ISSUE OF SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

our newsletter for parishes and dioceses in now available featuring: National Novena at Knock Shrine to host a 'Synod Tent'; Photos from the National Pre-Synodal Assembly; Families take centre stage at the World Meeting of Families in Rome; Archbishop Dermot Farrell welcomes Apostolic Visitor for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic faithful in Ireland; We will continue to advocate that both lives matter – Archbishop Martin at Rally for Life 2022; Season of Creation Resources now available; Reek Sunday Pilgrimage to go ahead in traditional format this year ; Grandparents and the elderly need to know they are valued and cherished – Bishop Nulty; News in pictures: National Pre-Synodal Assembly in Athlone and Clonmacnoise. Log onto <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/07/21/sharing-the-good-news-july-2022> to download the July issue: Full details can also be found on the parish facebook page and parish webpage.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



POPE FRANCIS IN CANADA

Pope Francis, 85, has long spotlighted older people and regularly denounces how they are treated like garbage in a "throwaway culture." In Canada this week, as he relied on aides to get in and out of wheelchairs, Francis used his own visible frailty to again demand dignity and respect for other older people. In Alberta, Francis said that there needed to be "a future in which the elderly are not cast aside because, from a 'practical' standpoint, they are no longer useful."

Analysis: The world is aging rapidly. A U.N. report predicted that by 2050, people age 60 and over will exceed people under 15. "Never as many as now, never as much risk of being discarded," Francis said.



POPE'S HEALTH & RUMOURS

Francis denied rumours that he was planning to resign next month, a development some said was possible given his planned August 28 visit to L'Aquila, the Italian city that is the burial place of St. Celestine V, who abdicated the papacy in the 13th century, which will be followed by a meeting of cardinals. When asked if the visit and the meeting indicated his imminent resignation, the pope responded: "For the moment no, really. But when the time comes that I see that I can't do it [run the church, because of bad health] I will do it [resign]." The pope called rumours that cancer had been found during a surgery to remove part of his left colon "court gossip," but said he would consider stepping down when he felt he could no longer perform the functions of his job.

SUMMER SOUNDS

- "The less people know about how laws and sausages are made, the better." —*Bismark.*
- "Television is far more interesting than people. If it were not, we should have people standing in the corners of our sitting rooms." -*Alan Coren.*
- "When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened." - *Churchill*

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS

Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Whelan	Brian		30/07/1922		Killursa
Quinn	Redmond	Moyne	30/07/1976	c.70	Moyne
Gibbons	Patrick J.	Galway	30/07/1986	64	Shrule
O'Neill	Thomas	Mohologan	30/07/1986	83	Shrule
Geraghty	Margaret	St. Mary's Road	30/07/2012	95	Shrule
Keady	Bridie	Knockroon	30/07/2012	94	Kilmaine
Donohue	Margaret(Peg)	Glencorrib	30/07/2013	91	Moyne
Barrett	Mary	Gorthbrack	31/07/1928	75	Killursa
Mohan	Raymond	Toorard	31/07/1952	73	Moyne
McGath	Patrick	Glassvalley	31/07/1971	69	Killursa
Hogan	Michael	Rostaff	31/07/1980	71	Moyne
Higgins	Nell	Dalgan Road	31/07/2001	90	Kilmaine
Hogan	Brigid	Rostaff	01/08/1928	62	Moyne
Keville	Margaret	Moyne	01/08/1963	84	Moyne
Kelleghan	Michael	Shrule	01/08/1971	61	Shrule
Murphy	Thomas	Brodella	01/08/1977	85	Shrule
Flynn	Michael	Ballynalty	01/08/1983		Moyne
McCarthy	Eileen	Dalgan Road	01/08/2016	80	Shrule
Geoghegan	Catherine	Glasbally	02/08/1929	82	Killursa
Heneghan	John	Shrule	02/08/1961	65	Shrule
Murphy	Jim	Brodella	02/08/2010	83	Shrule
Conroy	Patrick	Boula	03/08/1921	86	Ross Abbey
Sweeney	Mary	Brodella	03/08/2019	94	Shrule
Garvey	Brigid	Kilroe	03/08/1940	80	Killursa
Joyce	Margaret	Glassvalley	03/08/1970	84	Killursa
Muldoon	Kate	Shrule	03/08/1973	92	Shrule
Lawless	Catherine	Gortlagga	04/08/1884	39	Shrule
Mullin	Julia	Shrule	04/08/1923	53	Shrule
Egan	John	Brodella	04/08/1947	83	Shrule
Tully	Thomas	Dalgan	04/08/1979	82	Kilmaine
Murphy	Pat	Glencorrib	04/08/2005	61	Shrule
Daly	Margaret	Polbee	06/08/1964	68	Donaghpatrick
Meenaghan	Brigid	Cahernabrock	06/08/1969	86	Shrule
Garvey	Michael	Toorard	06/08/1990	92	Moyne
Dooley	Josephine	Brodella	06/08/2016	85	Shrule
O'Malley	Teresa	Glencorrib & Westport	06/08/2019	89	Murrisk
Laffey	Johnny	Ballybockagh	06/08/2020	80	Shrule
Byrne	Peter	Tubbersharave	07/08/1917	88	Shrule
Keady	Charlotte	Dalgan Road	07/08/2007	31	Shrule
Farragher	Martin	Kille	07/08/2018		Shrule

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:



Brian D. Mullin, Cloghan's Hill, Kilmaine. Funeral Mass for Brian took place at St. Patrick's Church, Kilmaine on Friday last 29th July 2022. RIP

Sharon Ryan, Carras, Cloghan's Hill. Funeral Mass for Sharon took place at St. Joseph's Church, Roundfort on Thursday last 28th July 2022. RIP



GALWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES will take place on September 22nd - 27th. Led by Bishop Michael Duignan. Full fare (including transport to and from Galway /Shannon) €785. Info from: Fr Martin Moran, Galway. ☎ 0872508959. Bookings, reservations/enquiries: Joe Walsh Tours ☎ 012410800 email info@joewalstours.ie

RENVILLE CEMETERY MASS: Parishioners, who may have departed loved ones buried in Renville. Renville Cemetery Mass: 6.30pm August 1st (Bank Holiday Monday). If weather conditions are poor, Mass will be offered in Oranmore Church instead. Fr Diarmuid Hogan, Oranmore parish.

JUST A THOUGHT:

For punters, the Galway Race Week is the high point of Summer. It is the beginning of most people's annual holidays. It is also a demanding week in social and financial terms! Traditionally, Galway people return from abroad in great numbers and they head for Ballybrit. They go there in the expectation of meeting up with their old friends again.

For whatever reason, Galway remains the country's only genuinely popular race meet. Every strata of society makes its way there: the Foreign Legion mingling with the Legion of Mary, Mormons with mobsters, Presidents with pick-pockets, the Taoiseach with tramps! It is a great social mix, a truly catholic gathering. And a 'dumb animal', the horse, serves as the great catalyst.

The relationship between the horse and the human has been, from the human point of view at any rate, a fascinating one. (We have yet to hear from the horse's mouth!) Down through the ages, men have made fools of themselves because of horses, and indeed horses have occasionally returned the compliment. For example, so infatuated was the Roman Emperor, Caligula, with his horse that he planned to appointed him a Consul. (But of course many an ass has been appointed to our own Upper House!) If Caligula's folly had its origins in over familiarity with the animal, the South American Inca's were fooled for very different reasons. In the 1560s, a handful of Spaniards arrived in Peru on horseback and, without much difficulty, conquered this warrior race.

How did that happen? The Inca people had never seen a horse or a man with a beard before. When they saw the mounted, bearded Spaniards shouting strange sounds, they believed they were in the presence of avenging Gods. Understandably, they fled in fear, permitting the conquerors to carry away their fabulous golden treasures. The Inca's unfamiliarity with the horse led to the collapse of the most sophisticated civilisation in human history.

Horses continue to make fools of us, apparently. The fact that millions of Euros were spent locally in Galway this week strongly supports this viewpoint. Many behave like the mad Roman Emperor Caligula, installing every favourite as a Consul. The majority, however, would empathise with the plight of the ancient Incas: unfamiliarity with the horse leading to financial ruin!

And, like the Incas too, the Ballybrit hoards are conquered by a mere handful of outsiders, shouting strange sounds: the ubiquitous bookies. They are the latter-day Conquistadors. After a brief, merciless raid, they make their way back to their own country, laden down with their plunder. Nothing has changed. Love them or loath them, these horses continue to make fools of us all. And, it is all so damn enjoyable

Fr. Dick Lyng OSA



**When others
need to search
for something**



**When Catholics
need to search
for something**



@memeonthemount

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO OUR PARISH.

We hope that you have an enjoyable stay with us and return home safely, refreshed and revitalised. To all those going away for their holidays, we hope that you travel safely, have an enjoyable experience and return home rested and refreshed.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR GROUPS AMENITIES LISTED ON MAYO PPN COMMUNITY INTERACTIVE MAP?

If you are interested and haven't yet shared your details, all you need to do is fill out a quick questionnaire with the following: Your group's name, contact phone number, groups email address, short bio of your group's services. More info ☎ 094-90 64358

Use link <https://forms.office.com/r/FfmriDfEqB>
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A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

- **BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY:** I recently called an old engineering friend of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed until upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.
- **I WENT FOR A JOB INTERVIEW** and the manager said. "We're looking for someone who is responsible." "Well I'm your man", I replied. "In my last job, whenever anything went wrong they said I was responsible."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Our neighbours in the Tuam Archdiocese are holding **33 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (One hour for each year of our Lord's life) at the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Knock Shrine**.

Commencing with **9am Mass on Thursday 11th August** and closing with **Benediction and Mass at 6pm on Friday 12th August**.

Our parish (Shrulle / Glencorrib / Kilroe) has volunteered to join them on **Friday 12th August:**

Our adoration time is (mid-day) to 1pm.

However you can join at any other time if that suits better. All are welcome.



THE GALWAY RACES ARE ALL ABOUT THE... no, it's not about the races, nor about the horses, nor the jockeys, nor the women and their high-heeled shoes and fascinator hats, nor about the bawling bookies, touting their odds, nor about the well-fed syndicate gents, decked out in their blue suits and tan shoes. No, it's about none of those, though yes, all of those too, but really the Galway Races are all about meeting the people, and about sharing 'the tips'.

Aaah the TIPS. I suppose you know the acronym 'Tips' stands for 'Totally Irrational Prognostication System'. Everyone in Galway has a TIP for you. The postman, the barman, the waitress, the doctor, everyone...and the further removed they are from horses, and the less they know about horse racing, the hotter the tip they have for you! Mind you, some of them do know their horses, and some of them do indeed have a tip 'from the Horse's mouth'!

But whom do you believe? That's the rub, how do you tell the difference? Which tipped horse do you place a bet on? You cannot bet on them all, or maybe you can! Maybe you can indeed!

Aaah, the Galway Races, where everyone is an expert and everyone has a tip for you! By sheer coincidence, I have a brilliant tip for this evening's meeting (first race today, Friday, is set for the off at 5pm). My tip is an outsider, running in the 9.35pm race. It's a sure thing! Really it can't lose! Don't tell anyone though! Yes, you should back it! What's the horse's name? 'Clothes-line'. 'You can put your shirt on it!'

Courtesy of Galway Memories Facebook Page.

Painting 'Ballybrit Beauties' by Patricia Byrne. Words: Brian Nolan Walking Tours of Galway



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

- I always carry a picture of my wife and kids in my wallet. I do it to remind myself why there is no money in there.
- Please pray for my son who has to empty the dish washer when "he just did this yesterday and he's tired"
- Cooking for 2 hours to eat for 10 minutes is the biggest scam in the world. Lol.

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We appreciate your continued support.

Thank you.

LIVING WELL is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6).

It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition.

You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions.

Free online Living Well Programme – next programmes commences on (Limited Places)

Monday 5th September 10.30am-1pm - Wednesday 7th

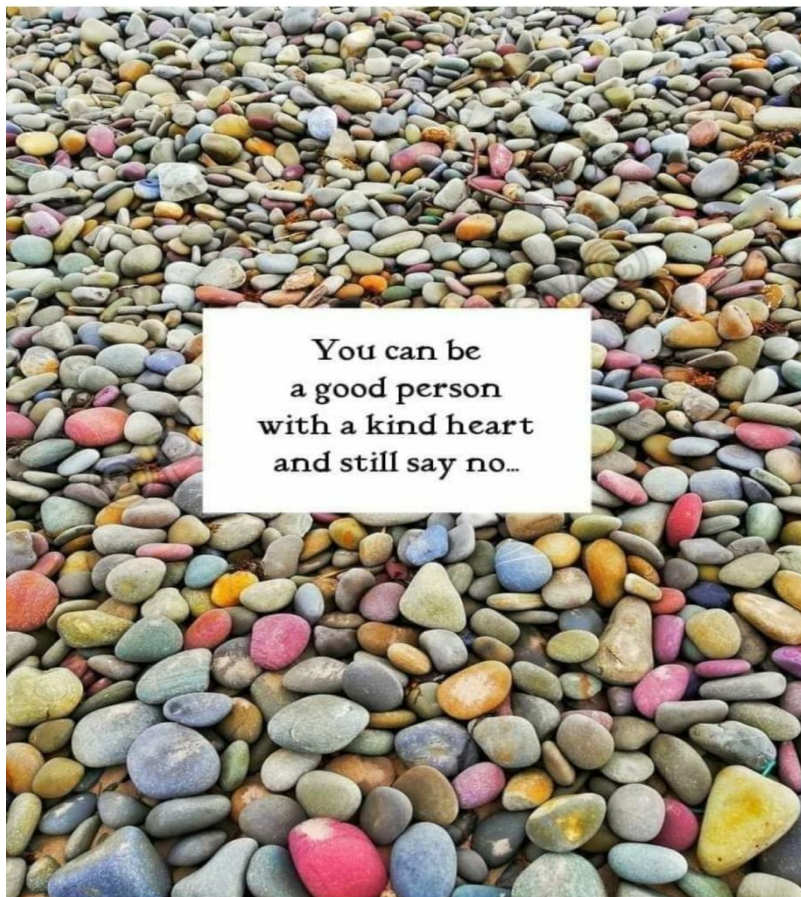
September 7pm-9.30pm and Tuesday 20th September 10.30am-1pm.

You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme.

Please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com



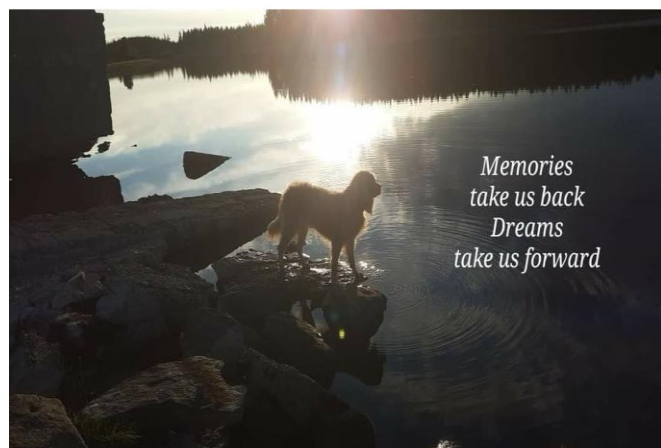
My Positive Thought for Today 🌹



You can be
a good person
with a kind heart
and still say no...

- **MAYO CANCER SUPPORT** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. ☎ 0949038407.
- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Wednesday at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further info from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine. ☎ 094-9375320.
- **PYX REMINDER:** If you got the loan of a Pyx from either Shrute or Glencorrib church and are no longer using it, could you return it to the church. Thank You.

My Positive Thought for Today 🌹



*Memories
take us back
Dreams
take us forward*

Mountains, and one as majestic as this, prompt us to seek a bigger picture. Whether we are at the summit or on the lowlands, this towering piece of earth and rock ushers in thoughts of perspective, things seem different, a new view of a changing landscape. The landscape of the Catholic Church in Ireland, as you know, has been changing for some time and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

- Archbishop Francis Duffy



@catholicbishops

PARISH NOTES:

WAYS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS:

With the resumption of public liturgies, the following ways now in place to make contributions. These contributions make the works been carried out possible. Thank you for your continuing support in these unfamiliar times. At weekend Masses, Shrle Post Office. Drop off at Parochial House (Tuesdays, 10.30 am - 12noon) or Curates' House (Wednesdays, 10.30 am - 12noon) or Banking Online or Standing Order. Details of each church bank account have been provided below.

○ **Shrle Church:**

- Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC

Account Name: Shrle Church Finance Committee:

IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and

BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

○ **Glencorrib Church:**

- Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC

Account Name: Shrle Glencorrib Church:

IBAN IE97ULSB98525010138153 and

BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

With banking online please ensure **full name is given** as reference when making the standing order or Account transfer, so the parish has a record of who has made their weekly contribution

through each bank account. This is **very important** for the Charitable Donation Scheme. Thank you for your continuing support. **Welcome to those Outside of Parish:** People outside of the parish are most welcome to attend public liturgies in the parish. Please observe guidelines. Regarding contributions please continue to support your parish and use your own parish envelopes. It is standard practice for envelopes to be returned to their respective parishes.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: In the current environment, the use of the envelopes is essential while the regular method of collections during the liturgy is not taking place. The income from these envelopes ensures the parish can continue to **pay its regular bills and continue with the renovations** taking place in both churches. Your support and generosity is essential & greatly appreciated. Remember it is possible to leave the envelopes in Shrle post office as well as donate online. Further information is found on the page attached to the Parish Envelopes 2022. If you are using the envelopes available at church, and are planning to apply for charity tax rebate, please write your name and envelope number on envelope.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for all you have done for us. We thank you especially for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us. We ask you to bless our family and all the people of our parish, especially those who are suffering in any way. Encourage those in our parish whom you invite to become priests, religious and permanent deacons, and grant them the generosity of mind and heart to follow your call. May they bring good news to our world today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHRULE PARISH is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Church. Please see the notice boards for contact details.

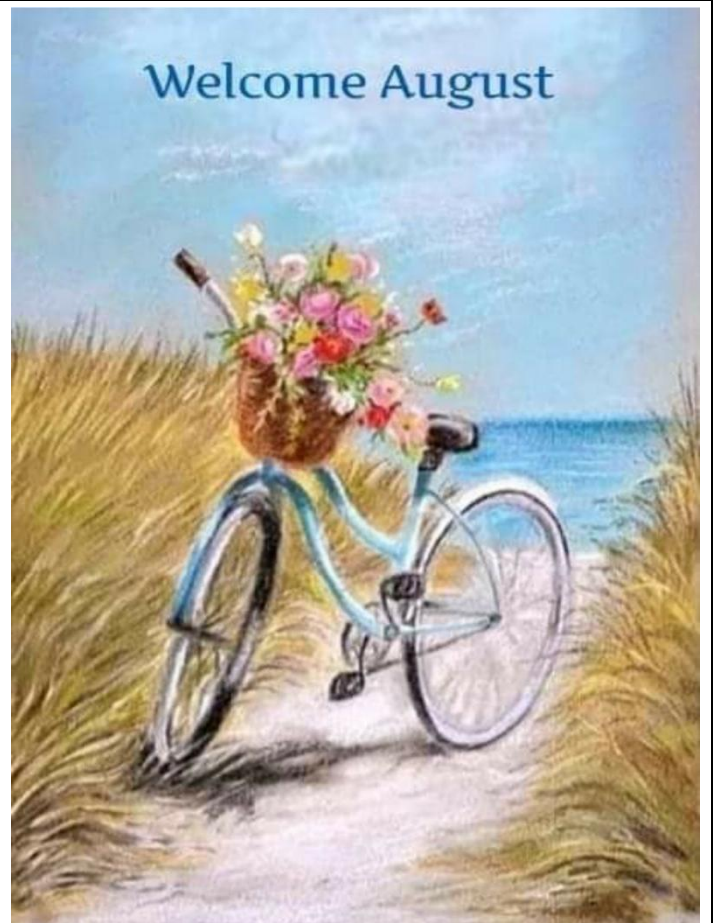
SHRULE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrle - Parochial House Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days) Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH?

If you are interested, please call into the sacristy after Mass or during parish office opening hours or email parishofshrle3@gmail.com Thank You.



NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK SHRINE - 'A JOURNEY IN HOPE'

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from Sunday 14th – Monday 22nd August, offering nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'.

Following a two-year break due to the pandemic, Fr Richard Gibbons hopes to make this year extra special for all who will be travelling to the Shrine to take part.

"The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady.

So many of the people who joined us online over the course of the pandemic are now coming back to visit the Shrine which is great to see. The Novena is always a very special highlight of the year, and we are delighted to be able to proceed with it this year.

We look to the future with the hope of renewal, for God's guidance and pray that this Novena will offer pilgrims the chance for thought-provoking reflection and discussion. "

Ceremonies will take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. There will also be the special candlelight procession, a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock, which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting).

On Thursday 18th August, Knock Shrine will hold a special Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and are inviting people from the Ukrainian community in Ireland and host families to attend.

Family Day: Sunday 21st August is the Anniversary of the Apparition which will coincide with the Family Day. Taking place from 11am-3pm in the beautiful grounds of the Shrine, the Family Day is a lovely opportunity for families to get together to enjoy a range of fun activities. All events and activities are free of charge and will take place on the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine, close to the award-winning Knock Museum and Café Le Chéile. There will be outdoor activities taking place on the green (weather permitting) and marquees with indoor workshops, games and more.

Engaging with the Synod: A unique feature of this year's Novena will be the 'Synod Tent', where members of the public will be invited to learn more about the Synod and what it means for all of us. It will also provide an opportunity for us to listen to what you think Knock Shrine has to offer you and the Church in Ireland at this critical juncture in our history.

Novena Programme: Guest Speakers & Homilists

Sunday 14th August

3pm: Most Rev Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath - What is Christian Hope?

8pm: Cormac Henry, former Youth Volunteer at Knock Shrine - What Gives me Hope Today?

Monday 15th August

3pm & 8pm: Roseanna Ruane, mother of Saoirse Ruane - The Power of Prayer in Difficult Times

Tuesday 16th August

3pm & 8pm: Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synodal Steering Group - The Synodal Pathway: What have we learned and what will we do?

Wednesday 17th August

3pm & 8pm: Fr Terence Harrington OFM Cap - How Can I Have Hope in my Brokenness?

Thursday 18th August

3pm & 8pm: Halyna Teslyuk, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine - A Hope that Inspires

Friday 19th August

3pm & 8pm: Lauren Conroy, Student - My Faith Story

Saturday 20th August

3pm: Fr Michael McKeever, Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Raphoe - Eucharist: a Sign of Hope

8pm: Professor John Feehan, Geologist, Botanist, Author and Broadcaster - God in Everything that Lives: A Reflection on Laudato Si

Sunday 21st August, the Anniversary of the Apparition

3pm Most Rev Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin - They will take their place at the Feast

8pm Fr Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector, Knock Shrine - Knock – the Vision of Hope

Monday 22nd August

3pm & 8pm Most Rev Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam - The Call of the Lord



Further details can be found at <https://www.knockshrine.ie/church-services/national-novena/>

♥♥ **TWO YEARS ON...** ♥♥

Buddy puts his head on his paws,
Like he too understands,
That two years have passed,
Since we last held your hand.
Yet your memory,
Your essence,
Like a soft gentle breeze,
Flows through our house & your flowers,
The stone walls and the trees.
Some days I gaze out,
Over Kilvolan fields,
Your presence is strong,
My mind is at ease.
Other days those same fields,
Put my breath to the test,
Your absence so obvious,
Gaping hole in my chest.
But I remember the love,
The years we cannot get back,
The laughter,
The dancing,
The fun and the crack.
Our aching hearts miss you,
It can be hard to go on,
Then Springsteen hits the airwaves,
And he's playing our song.
A sign that you're with us,
Never far apart,
Sending us strength,
Comforting our hearts.
We had the time of our lives,
We will never forget you,
One in a million,
We just wished we could keep you.

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FR. PAT

Fr. Pat was a blessing that came in like a lamb,
It took a while to identify the new sense of calm.
One by one, he drew us all in,
To find the calm, and the quiet, and the refuge within.
He became the window in the wall that needed a window,
He became the door in the room with no way out,
He planted seeds where we stood,
He never asked us to move.
He thought God made us perfect,
He didn't ask us to improve.
He didn't give us the answers,
He simply pointed the way.
He didn't endeavour to mould us,
He just provided the clay.
When he spoke, he was heard,
His words never felt old,
He was a breath of fresh air,
His easy tone... liquid gold.
He was humble and unassuming,
An intellectual mind.
He was witty and good humoured,
And incredibly kind.

Geraldine Monaghan

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In Loving Memory of everyone's friend, Fr. Pat O'Brien P.P.

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GRIEF IS JUST LOVE WITH NO WHERE TO GO... 

One minute you're standing in the kitchen putting on dinner and looking at the heavy rain running down the window pane, when a random thought pops into your head to message your friend.

For one glorious second that seems like a good idea, yet before the corners of your lips can settle into a little smile... the horrible realisation washes over you... You... can no longer... message... your... friend..!

The awareness and stark reality like a punch straight in the stomach, so strong that you feel your legs buckle and your arms fly out in a quick reflex to catch the work surface and hold you up.... and right there and then on a random Thursday standing in your kitchen the first real wave of tears and disbelief and sadness fly out of you in great big heaves from the pit of your soul... and you wonder how it could have hidden for so long... and will it ever stop?

The aching, grieving anguish for the person no longer on the end of the phone... the first wave of love with no where to go 