

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2022

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SHRULE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrule - Parochial House Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - (YEAR A) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	10 th Dec	8.00 pm	Martha Burke , Rathgranagher	Anniv
Sun	11 th Dec	11.00 am	Ronan Holleran , Joyce Park	16 th Anniv
			Thomas & Mary Meenaghan & DM of the Meenaghan family , Churchpark.	50 th & 33 rd Anniv & deceased
			Carmel O'Neill , Dalgan	42 nd Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Advent 3pm - 4pm	
Tue	13 th Dec	9.30 am	The forgotten souls who have no one to pray for them	
Wed	14 th Dec	9.30 am	Souls of the Homeless	
Thu	15 th Dec	9.30 am	Kathleen Scully , Corrandulla	RIP 30/09/2022
			John & Julia Langan & their daughter	25 th , 24 th & 76 th Anniv
			Mary , Shrule	
Fri	16 th Dec	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Paddy & Bridget Naughton , Mocollogan	28 th & 6 th Anniv
			Lucy O'Brien , Myrehill, Headford & Ballinrobe	10 th Anniv
Sat	17 th Dec	8.00 pm	Tom O'Dowd , Shrulegrove	27 th Anniv
			Nora Murphy , Cahernabruck	RIP 16/11/2022
Sun	18 th Dec	11.00 am	Maisie Kelleghan , Carramore	1 st Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Advent 3pm - 4pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	10 th Dec	6.30 pm	John & Margaret Monaghan and their grandson Kenneth Monaghan , Ballycurrin	43 rd , 33 rd & 6 th Anniv
Sun	11 th Dec	9.30 am	John Mellett , Mochara	8 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 3pm to 4pm	
Wed	14 th Dec	10.10 am	Special Intention Mass	
Fri	16 th Dec	6.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm to 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	Bridget & Michael Holland and their son in law Francie Rice and their daughter Anne Rice , Tyholland, Co. Monaghan	27 th 35 th 11 th Anniv & RIP 04/01/22
Sat	17 th Dec	6.30 pm	Martha, Margie and Micheal Hennelly and their parents Jack & Julia Hennelly , Toorard, Mountnugent, Skeaghbeg & Toorard	3 rd , 15 th , 5 th , 13 th & 45 th Anniv
Sun	18 th Dec	9.30 am	Patsy Murphy , Woodpark	RIP 04/10/2022
			Fr. John Creaven SMA, Glencorrib & Cummer	14 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 3pm to 4pm	

CHURCH ROTAS FOR DECEMBER

LAY READERS – Vigil Mass

LAY READERS – Morning Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Morning

ALTAR SOCIETY / USHERS

SHRULE

Donagh Greaney

Carmel Heneghan

Martina Murphy

Mary Bohan Keane

Wakefield / Joyce Park

GLENCORRIB

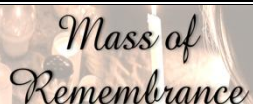
Bridie Biggins

Mary Devins

Nellie Creaven

Dan Shaughnessy

Glencorrib B



AN ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR ALL BABIES who died on or around the time of birth will be held at **6pm on Sunday next 18th December 2022** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available at all weekend masses at Shrule



Church, Glencorrib Church and Shrule Post Office. All proceeds will go towards the renovations of our Churches. €2 each or 6 for €10.

Thank you for your continued support. We have some new



Christmas cards from Glencorrib this year courtesy of a painting of the church kindly donated by

Monica Hennelly, Oranmore. Monica is married to Tommy Hennelly



formerly of Glencorrib.

32 SUNDAY OF ADVENT



GLENCORRIB NATIONAL SCHOOL

would like to invite all members of the community to their Christmas Play.

"A Midwife Crisis"

In Glencorrib Kilroe Community



Centre on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm. Entry to the play is free but donations, however small, will be gladly accepted and will go towards the cost of the sound engineer on the night. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening and we hope to see you there! ☺

STEPHEN'S DAY SHRULE / GLENCORRIB GAA 7s:

Hi folks, A reminder to register on the link below to play in the St Stephen's Day Shrule / Glencorrib GAA 7s:



<https://bit.ly/3UA5oJC>
The teams will be confirmed Christmas week & we encourage all members past/present & their families to attend on what promises to be a fantastic day of fun in the clubs calendar. Players participating will be asked to contribute €15 on the day. Your contribution will include a club T-Shirt & proceeds from the day will be going towards the Shrule and Glencorrib/Kilroe defibrillator group

SHRULE COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

is seeking new members to join our present committee and help out on a voluntary basis.

We aim to promote awareness of the importance of CPR,



provide training in CPR and CFR and ensure that equipment is regularly maintained.

If you are interested we would love to hear from you now.

Please contact Martina Jennings (087) 2870776 or Nuala Flaherty (085) 760 5934 or contact the Shrule Defibrillator Facebook or Instagram page.

In the New Year we will hold an AGM and hope to see lots of new members. We will be organising CPR and CFR (community first responder) training and refresher training for those who have previously trained (renewal required every 2 years) We look forward to hearing from you.

Remember, CPR saves lives!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

My wife caught me standing on the bathroom scales, sucking in my stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help!" she laughed. "Sure, it does." I said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE

music by Tommy Flaherty & Francis Fahy. **Friday 30th December 2022 at Caherlistrane Community Centre.** Doors open @ 8pm. Music starts @ 9pm. Tea/Coffee available. Tickets €10 can be purchased at the door or by ☎ 083 1891222

THE ANNUAL LIVE CRIB

will take place in the grounds of **Galway Cathedral on Thursday 15 December, from 11.30am to 4.00pm** Choirs from 10 different schools

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE PARISH

Christmas Eve: Glencorrib 6.30pm & Shrule Midnight
Christmas Day: Glencorrib 9.30am & Shrule 11am.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

- Look, 15 + 15 = 30 but did you know that 16 + 16 is 30 too.
- There's a non-stop ticking sound coming from the street I live in... I think it could be the neighbourhood watch...

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

Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Moughan	David	Cahernabruck	10/12/1927	80	Shrule
Dooley	Michael	Cullagh	10/12/1939	64	Donaghpatrick
Nalty	Martin	Carraun	10/12/1971	80	Shrule
Holleran	Ronan	Joyce Park	10/12/2006	18	Shrule
Nolan	Matthew	Cloonbanane	11/12/1933	65	Shrule
Molloy	Catherine	Ballisnahina	11/12/1943	9	Shrule
O'Neill	Carmel Teresa	Dalغان	11/12/1980	20	Shrule
Carroll	Pat	Longhill	12/12/1963	91	Shrule
Monaghan	John	Ballycurrin	12/12/1979	63	Killursa
O'Dowd	Thomas	Shrule	12/12/1995	79	Shrule
Meeneghan	Sr. Margarita	Cahernabruck	12/12/2017	97	California
Carey	Patrick	Shrule	13/12/1917	68	Shrule
O'Brien	Kate	Cahernabruck	13/12/1934	84	Shrule
Langan	Mary Gertrude	Shrule	13/12/1946	9-mths.	Shrule
Madden	Raphael	Brodella	13/12/2011	66	Shrule
Flood	Brigid	New Ballynalty	14/12/1917	83	Cross
Carroll	John	Cruchfadha	14/12/1923	84	Shrule
Naughton	Martin	Rostaff	14/12/1976	74	Moyne
Joyce	Martin	Ballisnahina	14/12/1992	71	Shrule
Mc Camley	Evelyn	London/Kille	14/12/2010	64	Crossboyne
Murphy	Julia	Shrule	15/12/1924	38	Shrule
Hyland	Anthony	Brodella	15/12/1989	80	Shrule
Garvey	Augustine	Shrule	16/12/1949	27	Shrule
McGath	Richard	Lakefield	16/12/1983	72	Donaghpatrick
Martyn	John	Ballisnahina	16/12/1999	78	Moyne
Kelleghan	Maisie	Carramore	16/12/2022	65	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Thomas	Cahernabruck	17/12/1927	44	Shrule
Martyn	Julia	Ballynalty	17/12/1969	80	Moyne
Murphy	Mary	Cahernabruck	17/12/1977	85	Shrule
Lawless	Katie	Gortlagga	18/12/1907	34	Shrule
Mongan	Catherine	Boherbee	18/12/1920	71	Shrule
Nolan	Martin	Cloonbanane	18/12/1930	30	Shrule
Murphy	Mrs.	Brodella	18/12/1943	82	Shrule
Duddy	Thomas	Shrule	18/12/1944	65	Kilconly
Sweeney	Mary	Brodella	18/12/1950	84	Shrule
Keady	Michael	Boula	18/12/1968	75	Killursa
Corbett	Annie	Anlacca	18/12/1978	72	Shrule
Keville	James	Moyne	18/12/1979	62	Shrule
Carey	Marie	Ballycurrin	18/12/1991	78	Killursa
Toher	Jim	Glencorrib	18/12/1993	65	Killursa

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Murphy (nee Feeney), Kilmacduagh, Shrule (Mother of Ger Murphy and Helen McHale and sister of John Joe Feeney, Brodella) Funeral Mass for Margaret took place at St Joseph's Church, Shrule on Saturday 10th December. RIP



Anne Casey, London. (Niece of Pauline Ryan, Gortbrack & Cousin of Fionnuala Whelan, Glencorrib) Funeral Mass for Anne will take place in London. RIP.



EPILEPSY IRELAND is holding their annual Church gate collection at **Glencorrib Church on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December.** Your support would be very much appreciated. Thank you

LISCANNOR ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CRIBS: This weekend from **Saturday 10th to Monday 12th December in St. Bridget's Church, Liscannor** the annual Festival of Cribs takes place from 10am to 6pm daily. Admission is Free. Fr. Denis Crosby, Parish Priest of Liscannor shares over 750 cribs he has collected from all around the world. It is a wonderful opportunity during Advent to share the Christmas Story with others, especially children. Well worth a visit.



SYNOD POINTERS #5: Over the next few weeks we have been asked to print some short points from Fr Gerard McCarthy, Pastoral Outreach Centre, Aras De Brún, Newtownsmith, Galway on the Church Synod that you may find interesting and helpful.



"The journey has begun, but not without many efforts. The journey has started and the dream is to transform the ordinary life of the Church through the participation and involvement of everyone, to renew its life and help Christian communities be ever more faithful to the Gospel and therefore be ever more missionary." (vaticannews.va)

"I strongly feel that this synod must listen to the call of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Our Common Home, to embrace an integral ecology as a roadmap for going forward." (Jane Mellett)

The synod is all about a Church that must listen to God and to every human being, because a Church that does not listen cannot be credible. "Listening is much more than simply hearing. Hearing is about receiving information, while listening is about communication, and calls for closeness ... listening also means being able to share questions and doubts, to journey side by side, to banish all claims to absolute power and to put our abilities and gifts at the service of the common good." (Pope Francis: Message for World Day of Social Communications, 2016)

We are now in the next stage of the Universal Synod, which is the Continental Stage. The Synod office in Rome recently published a working document called Enlarge the Space of Your Tent (Isaiah 54:2) which can be downloaded from the Galway Diocese Webpage. It is a truly remarkable document as it offers us a glimpse into the sense of the global faithful at the beginning of this third millennium and also offers us a chance to see how diverse we are as Catholics around the world.

FIRST COMMUNION DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAM

Last weekend we continued to welcome in a particular way those who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and their families. The focus this month is Advent and how to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. We explore the family of Jesus and his family tree, which shows that Jesus was someone who was expected (foretold by the prophets), a person called in Hebrew Scripture, the 'Messiah' or the 'Christ' or the 'Saviour'. We know this person was Jesus because of the special things he did in his life.



Meaning & Purpose of Jesse Tree

If anyone ever asked you what is so different about Jesus? Or have you ever heard someone say while Jesus was a good person, there is nothing special about him? The Jesse Tree developed in response to such queries. The Jesse Tree is a statement of faith.

The Jesse Tree is one of those long-standing Christmas traditions and is named after the Biblical figure Jesse. The tree is a reference to the passage from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse, from the Bible, is one of the ancestors of Jesus. Using the prophets, the ancestry of Jesus is traced from the first day of creation to the birth of Jesus. The practice of the Jesse Tree is recorded from early Middle Ages and is even found in stain glass windows of cathedrals of the time. People during that time were illiterate, which means they couldn't read the Bible. So, stain glass windows were used to teach the Bible such as to trace the ancestry of Jesus up to the birth of Jesus to educate people. One such cathedral is in the Cathedral of Chartres. **Our First Holy Communion candidates have created their own beautiful Jesse trees in both churches. Have a look at their wonderful work**

The tradition of the Jesse Tree is significant in a lot of ways. For one the Jesse Tree is rooted in the Bible. The symbols used in the Jesse Tree show Jesus' ancestry as well as some of the prophecies foretelling & identifying the Messiah.

How Does the Jesse Tree Work?

- The ancestry of Jesus tells us that Jesus came from a long line of prophets – from Abraham to Moses to David, through the maternal (Mary's) side.
- Promises made to various prophets are fulfilled by Jesus – the Messiah would come from the House of David; a shoot (Jesus) would come from the stump of Jesse (David's father).
- Indicators such as 'Good Shepherd' – Eucharist – Resurrection provide evidence that support that Jesus was the promised Messiah.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Presentation College Headford will host 'Carols by Candlelight' in **St. Mary's Church Headford on Monday 19th December at 7pm** featuring the School Choir & Orchestra & Headford Church Choir. Donations if desired to PCH Music Department. All are welcome

A PLACE OF DREAMS

I don't know where life may be defeating you this Advent. I don't know how Jesus may be disappointing you this Advent. But I would suggest to you this Advent that any disillusionment you feel may not necessarily be a bad thing. For what is disillusionment if not, literally, the loss of an illusion? And, in the long run, it is never a bad thing to lose the lies we have mistaken for the truth.

There was once a woman who was disappointed, who was disillusioned and who was depressed. She wanted a good world, a peaceful world, and she wanted to be a good person. But the newspaper and television showed her how far we were from such a reality. So she decided to go shopping.

She went to the shopping centre and wandered into a new shop - where the person behind the counter looked strangely like Jesus. Gathering up her courage she went up to the counter and asked, "Are you Jesus?" "Well, yes, I am," the man answered. "Do you work here?" "Actually," Jesus responded, "I own the shop. You are free to wander up and down the aisles, see what it is I sell, and then make a list of what you want. When you are finished, come back here, and we'll see what we can do for you."

So, the woman did just that. And what she saw thrilled her. There was peace on earth, no more war, no hunger or poverty, peace in families, no more drugs, harmony, clean air. She wrote furiously and finally approached the counter, handing a long list to Jesus. He skimmed the paper, and then smiling at her said, "No problem." Reaching under the counter, he grabbed some packets and laid them out on the counter.

Confused, she asked, "What are these?"

Jesus replied: "These are seed packets." Surprised the woman blurted out, "You mean I don't get the finished product?" "No," Jesus gently responded. "This is a place of dreams. You come and see what it looks like, and I give you the seeds. Then you plant the seeds. You go home and nurture them and help them to grow and someone else reaps the benefits." "Oh," she said, deeply disappointed in Jesus. Then she turned around and left the shop without buying anything.

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DUBLIN PRIEST TO BE MADE SAINT

BISHOP Tom Deenihan of Meath has opened the cause for the canonisation of Fr Willie Doyle, who was killed while serving as a military chaplain in the First World War. Fr Willie Doyle volunteered as a military chaplain with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the First World War from late 1915 until his death in 1917. He was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery at the Battle of the Somme.

Born in Dalkey, Co Dublin in 1873, he was educated at Ratcliffe College, Leicester. He was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1907 and killed in action on 16th August 1917 at Passchendaele while rescuing two wounded Anglican soldiers from Ulster. His heroism during the war, as well as the holiness of his life in general, led to an outpouring of devotion to him in the years after his death. According to Patrick Kenny, by the early 1930s more than 50,000 letters testifying to devotion to him were received, more than 6,000 of which alleged favours and healings through his intercession.

Speaking about Fr Willie's Cause, Fr John Hogan noted that just one Irish person, St Oliver Plunkett, has been canonised in the past 500 years. "Ireland has many great candidates for sainthood, and Fr Willie Doyle is one of the most fascinating of all. His attractive personality and his love for God and for others, shines through his writings."



ADVENT TALKS @ Tearmann Mhuire Pastoral Centre, Oranmore, Tearmann Mhuire Pastoral Centre, Oranmore. H91XC61 A series of talks to aid us in our spiritual preparation for Christmas. More info

info@galwaydiocese.ie

Wednesday 14th December @ 7.30pm

Clare Ann Irwin

Wednesday 21st December @ 7.30pm

Bishop Michael Duignan DD

Talks approx 45 mins. Questions / tea / coffee follows.

🔊 TALKS AT
ADVENT

BALLYCUSHION NS: Are you experienced in setting up and running a preschool business? Do you have all the necessary qualifications and are ECCE hours compliant? We have the perfect space and place for you in our school. We are now accepting applications from Child Carers. ☎️ 093-33614 or email us on: office@ballycushion.com

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE

Sometimes it is the mother who comes, sometimes it is the dad, but more often than not it is the family that arrive. Choosing the perfect Christmas tree is a family affair and, living opposite the Garden Centre, I have the perfect view. After school or on the weekends are the busiest times as families pull up and begin the distinctive ritual. Although I can't hear I imagine the conversation.

They start off together as dad draws the family's attention to a tree which has caught his eye. All stand back and appraise the chosen tree for its height and its girth. 'It's too wide', 'it's too short', 'it's too bare', 'it's too unshapen'. The family move on as one to the next tree and the process is repeated over and over until gradually, and unnoticed by themselves, they split up and each begins a separate search.

It is only now that the ritual becomes problematic as each begins to lobby for their chosen tree. 'If we took the bottom off this one?', 'if we cut the long branches of this one?', 'what if we moved the Christmas tree this year to the kitchen?', 'what if we get the two of them and put the small one in the hall?!'

Somehow, eventually, as if by magic, one tree is chosen. The chosen one is brought out to the centre as all stand back for one final look. Smiles form and heads begin to nod – isn't it just perfect. With the tree wrapped and safely ensconced in the boot of the car the family heads off ready for the next big job of putting the tree up and beginning the next big family ritual of decorating the tree.

We never had a real Christmas tree at home when I was growing up! For the first ten years of my life we lived over the shop where space was at a premium. Television sets in those days were big clunky things, so each year my mother would place a 30 inch high silver, tinsel tree on top of our telly. Knowing nothing else we thought it was magical and looked forward to the 'official' switching on of the lights each year as if we were lighting the giant tree on O Connell Street. In later years after we had moved up the street we went 'posh' and had a five-foot high green artificial tree which stood in the same corner for over forty years.

Over the years our tree developed a slight leaning tower of Pisa tilt and time took its toll on its wonky branches, but we still brought magic to the house. In more recent years it was my job to put it up but despite my best efforts at decorating my sisters would always insist on redoing it when they came home.

With our parents gone putting up the tree became a sadder and lonelier task because despite its limitations that tree was a link with the past and with many lovely memories. Memories of presents piled high under wonky branches, memories of gathering around it on Christmas mornings to open what Santa had brought, memories of the 'prizegiving' before dinner as we presented each other with our Christmas presents and memories of lone boxes of biscuits still lingering under its lights into early January.

The tree is gone now but the memories remain. In the end every tree is perfect, because in the end it's not about the tree but rather it's all about the memories made by the family gathered around it. God Bless.

Fr Tod Nolan – Burrishoole Parish



Moments
come and go,
but memories last
forever



CHRISTMAS RETREAT

3 Day Retreat in Preparation for the Celebration of the Birth of Christ.

Facilitator: Patsy Kelly MSC.

Date: Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th December 2022 Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: Croi Nua Spirituality Centre, Rosary Lane, Taylor's Hill, Galway H91WY2A

☎ 085-7829855

Email: croinuacentre@gmail.com

Website: www.croinua.com

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT MEN'S GROUP

Mayo Cancer Support's Men's Support Group will meet at its headquarters, **Rock Rose House**, 32 St Patrick's Avenue, Castlebar (opposite Mayo University Hospital) this **Thursday 15th December @ 7pm**. Participants will gain insight, support and understanding from peers who have gone through a similar cancer journey either personally or with a loved one. All are very welcome. Come along on the night or ☎ (094)9038407 for more details.

THE ANNUAL LIVE CRIB will take place in the grounds of **Galway Cathedral on Thursday 15 December, from 11.30am to 4.00pm**, with people playing the parts of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus and the shepherds, and animals from Turoe Pet Farm. Choirs from 10 different schools will sing at various times during the day.

AN ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR ALL BABIES who died on or around the time of birth will be held at **6pm on Sunday next 18th December 2022 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore**. It will also be live-streamed through the parish webcam. Parents, grandparents, siblings, family, and friends are warmly invited to attend this special Mass.

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 parishofshrule3@gmail.com Thank You.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. We welcome new involvement as well as thanking those faithful people who are helping us out at present.

Working together we can achieve a lot!



HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME:

If you would like the priest to call or visit you or a family member in the parish or at a nursing home, please email the parish at parishofshrule3@gmail.com

Please provide name of person, contact number and Eircode if homebound or name of person and nursing home. Homebound is termed as those who are unable to leave their homes.

TAX REBATE FORMS – REMINDER: If you have not returned your tax rebate form, please **do so as soon as possible** so the parish can avail of potential tax rebate. **To avail of the potential tax rebate for 2018, it is necessary to have the forms submitted by 31/12/2022. Please return your tax rebate form** if you have not already done so. The monies received are going towards the ongoing work.

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. This free online group programme is aimed to help people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing.

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

Venue	Day	Start date	Finish date	Time
Online	Thursday	12 th January 2023	16 th February 2022	10.30 am - 1 pm
Ballina	Friday	20 th January 2023	24 th February 2023	10.30 am – 1 pm
Online	Tuesday	31 st January 2023	7 th March 2023	7 pm – 9.30 pm
Online	Monday	20 th February 2023	27 th March 2023	10.30 am – 1 pm

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

ADVENT

The streets are washed clean
By last night's rain:
And bright winds dry them.
Brown leaves blow across the park,
Light as butterflies.
Lichen greens a pathway under trees.
Shops are full.
People rush past
With glittering purchases.

**Soon the child
Will explode into our lives.**

Padraig J. Daly, from "Glimpsing More" Scotus Press.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Christmas is almost upon us - a time of joy and celebration for many people but not everyone. If you're struggling on a low income, Christmas becomes a time of stress and anxiety, particularly if you have a family to provide for. The St Vincent de Paul wants to try and help every family in our pastoral area to have an enjoyable Christmas by helping put food on the table and presents for everyone. Generosity and kindness make us truly rich. Drop into Solas in Headford or Tacú in Ballinrobe. Help make Christmas more enjoyable for everyone.



CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMES IN THE PARISH

**Christmas Eve – Saturday 24th December:
Glencorrib - 6.30 pm Shrule – Midnight**

**Christmas Day – Sunday 25th December:
Glencorrib - 9.30 am Shrule – 11.00 am**



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, Shrule 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.

○ Shrule Church:

Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrule Church Finance
Committee: BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX
IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070

○ Glencorrib Church:

Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrule Glencorrib Church:
IBAN IE97ULSB98525010138153
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 Shrule 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.

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.

GAUDETE! - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. (Phil 4: 4-5).

Today is Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday; the Third Sunday of Advent when rose coloured vestments replace the purple of repentance and the rose coloured candle is lighting on the Advent Wreath.

Our ancestors' custom was to erect the Crib after 8th December. We can say the following prayer in preparation for the great Feast.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born, of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petition through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary His Mother. Amen. Gaudete!



"Do you know how much eggs cost?"

SOME POINTS TO PONDER

- We all at times are a little dead inside. We can only wish with the utmost belief that someone (Jesus) will love us enough to keep placing flowers upon the graves in our hearts. Amen

- The plants and the earth are resting now. Maybe we should too. The long days will be here soon enough.