

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022

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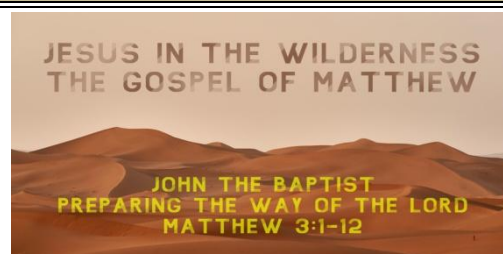
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SHRULE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrule - Parochial House Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

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

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	3 rd Dec	8.00 pm	John McEvaddy , Brodella	4 th Anniv
Sun	4 th Dec	11.00 am	Conor & Kathleen Bohan , Carramore and their daughter Josephine Sheridan , Mocollogan	19 th , 2 nd & 4 th Anniv
			Ned & Nora Walsh , Shrule, their son Paul Walsh , Corrandulla and grandson John Walsh	39 th , 26 th , 7 th & 14 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Advent 3pm - 4pm	
Tue	6 th Dec	9.30 am	Mary Delia & Paschal Mullin , Glencorrib	RIP 27/9/22 & 27/10/22
Wed	7 th Dec	9.30 am	Victims of Hunger	
Thu	8 th Dec	8.00 PM	Deceased members the Gavin family , Longhill	Anniv / deceased
			Noel Coleman , Cahermaculick	RIP 14/01/2021
Fri	9 th Dec	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Michael & Anne Corbett and their sons John & Patrick and DM of the Corbett family , Kinlough	44 th , 44 th , 5 th & 86 th Anniv
Sat	10 th Dec	8.00 pm	Martha Burke , Rathgranagher	
Sun	11 th Dec	11.00 am	Ronan Holleran , Joyce Park	16 th Anniv
			Thomas & Mary Meeneghan & DM of the Meeneghan 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	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	3 rd Dec	6.30 pm	Darren Fitzgerald	
Sun	4 th Dec	9.30 am	Mary Delia Mullin , Glencorrib	RIP 29/09/2022
		3.00 pm	Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 3pm to 4pm	
Wed	7 th Dec	10.10 am	Special Intention Mass	
Thu	8 th Dec	7.00 PM	Padraig Gibbons , Kilquire Kilmaine & Cong	RIP 16/09/2022
Fri	9 th Dec	6.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm to 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	Patsy Murphy , Woodpark	RIP 04/10/2022
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	

FEASTDAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is celebrated on Thursday 8th December. It is a holyday of obligation. Mass times are 7pm in Glencorrib and 8pm in Shrule.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR DECEMBER	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass	Donagh Greaney	Bridie Biggins
LAY READERS – Morning Mass	Carmel Heneghan	Mary Devins
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Vigil Mass	Martina Murphy	Nellie Creaven
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Morning	Mary Bohan Keane	Dan Shaughnessy
ALTAR SOCIETY / USHERS	Wakefield / Joyce Park	Glencorrib B

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.



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.



HEADFORD DEMENTIA CAFÉ will hold a Christmas party on **Monday 5th December** from 11am to 12.30pm in Headford Parish Hall. This will be a social event with no guest speaker. We will have local musicians performing, tea/coffee, mince pies & Xmas carols. All welcome.

HEADFORD TOWN TEAM would be delighted if you could join us for the launch of our Community Survey Report. The results of the survey taken in early 2022 will take place **Monday 5th Dec** @ 8pm in The Angler's Rest Hotel. All are welcome.

GLENCORRIB NS 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! ☺



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



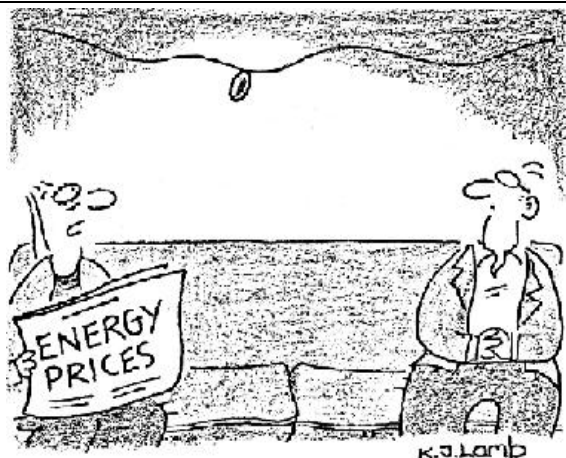
GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY WALKWAY

Committee would like to thank Cllr Michael Burke and Mayo Co. Co. on their help in securing a picnic bench and a seat for our walkway. This is a great enhancement to our existing facilities.



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

So I said to the assistant at the Tesco checkout. "Can you make this any cheaper; it's got today's date on it. She said: "Look mister, do you want the newspaper or not?"



"The Christmas light looks nice."

QUOTE... UNQUOTE...

- "And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music" – Friedrich Nietzsche
- "If you tell the truth, it becomes part of your past. But, if you lie, it becomes part of your future".
- "No one has ever become poor by giving" - Anne Frank
- When storms come your way, just remember you know the Master of the wind. When sickness finds you, just remind yourself you know the great physician
- When your heart gets broken, just say you know the potter. It doesn't matter what we face or go through; Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is everything we need.

The most humbling statement we can say is, "I am nothing without God."

And the most powerful statement is, "Without God, I am nothing."

Because of Jesus' resurrection, He is present everywhere I go and in everyone I meet. Amen.

If you planted hope today in a heart that felt alone, if you caused a laugh that chased some tears away, if someone's burden was made lighter because of your kindness, then your day was well spent.

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

Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Blake	Mary	Glassvalley	03/12/1915	90	Killursa
Hart	Thomas	Mount Henry	03/12/1918	67	Killursa
Morrin	Edward	Ballynalty	03/12/1924	70	Moyne
Mangan	Michael	Boherbee	03/12/1926	72	Shrule
Murphy	Martin	Gortatubber	03/12/1979	61	Cross
Reddington	Margaret	Gortbrack	03/12/1989	84	Killursa
Hogan	Mary	Rostaff	04/12/1920	90	Moyne
Mellet	Michael	Cloonbanane	04/12/1989	78	Shrule
Farragher	Padraic	Kille	04/12/2008		Shrule
Mullin	Canon Noel	Shrule	04/12/2009	71	Shrule
McEvaddy	John	Brodella	04/12/2018		Shrule
Toher	Denis	Old Ballynalty	05/12/1918	22	Moyne
Harte	William	Rostaff	05/12/1936	76	Moyne
Murphy	Michael	Ballynalty	05/12/1938	37	Cross
Morris	Patrick	Brodella	05/12/1981	84	Shrule
O'Halloran	Canon Colman	Shrule	05/12/1992	78	Galway
Concannon	Joseph	Deerpark / Gortbrack	05/12/2021	62	Killursa
McGath	Nina	Lakefield	06/12/1898		Shrule
Moughan	Catherine	Tubberkeerane	07/12/1916	76	Shrule
Greally	Thomas	Cloonbanane	07/12/1950	77	Shrule
Rafoery	Mary Carina	Shrule	07/12/1985	78	Shrule
Naughton	Paddy	Mocollogan	07/12/1994	73	Shrule
Newell	Catherine	Mount Henry	08/12/1918	16	Killursa
O'Brien	Michael	Cahernabrock	08/12/1923	75	Shrule
Gavin	Timothy	Longhill	08/12/1981	81	Shrule
Golding	Helen	Shrule	09/12/1923	87	Shrule
Lydon	Nora	Dalgan Park	09/12/1951	72	Shrule
O'Neill	Patrick	Dalgan Park	09/12/1963	76	Shrule
Ryan	Ellen	Dalgan	09/12/1987	92	Shrule
Robinson	Kathleen	Ramolin	09/12/2020	94	Shrule
Moughan	David	Cahernabrock	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	Dalgan	11/12/1980	20	Shrule

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

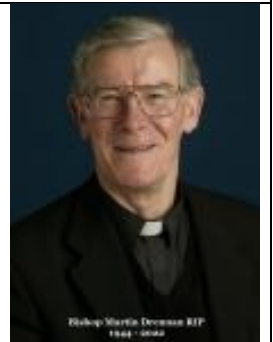
John Loughlin, Charlestown, London and formerly of Cloona-mealtogue Funeral Mass for John took place at St James' Church, Charlestown on Saturday 3rd December. RIP



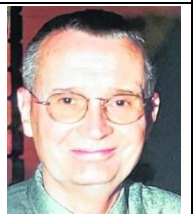
Frank Philbin, Máire Lukes, Tourmakeady (Brother of Patrick Philbin, The Waterfall, Glencorrib) Funeral Mass for Frank took place at Saint Mary's Church, Tourmakeady on Friday last 2nd December 2022 RIP



Bishop Martin Drennan, Galway City and Piltown, Co. Kilkenny. Bishop Emeritus of Galway & Kilmacduagh and Apostolic Administrator Emeritus of Kilfenora. Funeral Mass for Bishop Drennan took place at the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and Saint Nicholas, Galway on Wednesday last 30th November 2022 RIP



Emmet McNamara, Rostaff & Buffalo. RIP 18/11/2022. Emmet retired to Rostaff in the 1990s and was a great neighbour and friend to many people in the area. His wife Patricia sadly passed away in November 1996 and is buried in Moyne Cemetery. Emmet continued living in Rostaff until 2006 when he sold the cottage and moved back to Buffalo. But he returned every year on holiday to Rostaff until recently. A memorial Mass in Glencorrib Church and interment of his ashes in Moyne Cemetery will take place at a later date. RIP



SYNOD POINTERS #4: 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 & helpful.



Beyond the familiar: God is eternally new. He compels us to push forward and start over, to make changes, go beyond the familiar, move towards the fringes, and beyond ... God is not afraid! He is always greater than all our plans and schemes ... If we dare make our way to the fringes, we will find Him there. Jesus is already there. Jesus precedes us in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounds, troubles and profound desolation. He is already there. (Pope Francis)

"The people who were involved had an experience of church, of a stirring of the Holy Spirit, as we gathered in mutual love. We discovered the importance of listening and speaking. This is synodal dynamics: to be open to giving and receiving truth from each other's life experience." (Bp Leahy)

The synod is not just an event. Synodality is a process that we are called to live at all times. Where it leads us and what will happen on the journey will unfold under the guidance of the Spirit. We are like God's people in the Hebrew Bible/The Old Testament ... we are a people on the move, "a new and permanent way of being Church"

We have to be careful that our meetings and deliberations do not turn into "talk-shops" or reports that end up on bookshelves. What is developed, considered, and prayed about needs to be put into practice. If we make mistakes along the way, we can learn from them — that's the way transformation works.

"A synod is meant to include everyone — we are one body, and the body is not complete unless we bring all the parts." (Nóirin Lynch, Limerick Diocese). The conversations and meetings over the next few years will be pivotal in shaping the future of the Irish church.

"The synod must be a genuine encounter with the hard questions, with robust debate and honest dialogue. This will require courage. Ultimately, it must put the radical message of Jesus Christ back in focus." (Jane Mellett)

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

ADVENT - A SEASON of UNFOLDING MYSTERY:

As we prepare for Christmas... we invite you to join us in a seasonal workshop where we will explore the themes of facing challenges, letting go of old ways and self-care through the lens of Mary's story. Come and take part in our ritual celebration to find balance, ease and joyful anticipation as we learn to flow and flourish within the unfolding mystery. Facilitated by Angela Sheehan and Ann Marie Horan.

Thursday 8th December @ 7.30 pm in Croí Nua, Taylor's Hill, Galway. ☎ 085-7829855

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 7th December @ 7.30pm

Fr. Gerard McCarthy SVD

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.



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

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION: Beginning this weekend, read one chapter of the book of Luke in the bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. Therefore by reading one chapter each day and two on a Sunday, by Christmas eve you will have read the entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!!

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.

- **A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:** I stopped at a M6 motorway service station last week for a sandwich, a mars bar and a coffee. I went to pay and apologised to the cashier that I only had a €50 note. She said... "It's ok, just put the mars bar back"
- I just started reading a book about swimming the English channel by Francis Near

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!



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 groups.



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.

WEEKEND MASS - SCHEDULE REVIEW

Over the next number of weeks, there will be a count will be taken of numbers attending weekend Masses. Currently, there are 4 Masses celebrated at the weekend – Saturday vigils 6.30pm Glencorrib and 8pm Shrule and on Sunday 9:30am Glencorrib and 11am Shrule. It is no longer possible to ignore the low attendance at some of the Masses as well as the challenges in getting volunteers. Over the next number of weeks there will be a review if this number of Mass are any longer necessary. The primary way in which this will be explored is gauging the level of attendance at each Mass, and if there are sustainable numbers to justify scheduling Mass at that time. This would mean a Mass or Masses no longer be scheduled, with relevant Mass intentions transferred to other Masses.



NOT EASY TO BE A CATHOLIC IN TODAY'S IRELAND.

Opposition from the world is the price we pay for following Christ. No pain, no gain. Why should that surprise us? If living the Gospel were easy then all the world would be saints. But the Gospel is demanding. It rubs against our fallen human nature. It demands of us — and even makes us unpopular. Why? Because people who do good are a thorny reminder to those who don't. It shouldn't surprise us that the neighbours look down on us for having so many kids. Or that the guys in the dorm snicker at us for living chastely. Or that the boss overlooks us for a promotion because we wouldn't donate to that pro-abortion group last Christmas during the company fund drive. Do I realize that to be a Christian is to be persecuted?

BEING A
CHRISTIAN
ISN'T EASY
BUT THE
RETIREMENT
Plan IS AMAZING

(Fr. Edward McIlmail, LC.)

THIS WAS POSTED BY A LOCAL PASTOR.

You got hammered at the bar on Saturday but came to church on Sunday....

You can sit with me; you're right where you need to be.

You're a drug addict but came to church on Sunday....

You can sit with me; you're right where you need to be.

You're divorced and the last church you attended condemned you for it....

You can sit me; you're right where you need to be.

You've had an abortion and it's slowly eating away at your heart but you came to church on Sunday....

You can sit with me; you're right where you need to be.

You've been unfaithful to your spouse but came to church on Sunday....

You can sit with me; you're right where you need to be.

Here's the thing, people don't come to church on Sunday for you to sit in the pew and quietly judge them because you feel that you're somehow better than them.

People come to church because in their deepest, darkest, most painful moments they heard about a man named Jesus that could save their soul and they'd like to know him.

The man that just snorted cocaine off his kitchen table isn't a bigger sinner than you who told your boss a lie on Monday so you could leave work early.

The woman that had an abortion 10 years ago isn't a bigger sinner than you who flipped a man off in traffic last week because he cut you off.

The drunk man laying on the bar isn't a bigger sinner than you who occasionally has too much to drink at home in private.

The woman that just got caught cheating on her husband isn't a bigger sinner than you who had sex with your now husband before you were married.

Stop judging others because their sin is different than yours.

Romans 3:23-24 says "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

There isn't a person in this world too bad, too broken, too mean, or too damaged for Jesus to save. Romans 10:13 says "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

An 80 year old couple were having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to get checked out to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the doctors, they explained to the doctor about the problems they were having with their memory. After checking the couple out, the doctor told them that they were physically okay but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember things. The couple thanked the doctor and left.

Later that night while watching TV, the man got up from his chair and his wife asked, "Where are you going?"

He replied, "To the kitchen."

She asked, "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replied, "Sure."

She then asked him, "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?"

He said, "No, I can remember that."

She then said, "Well I would also like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down because I know you'll forget that."

He said, "I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

She replied, "Well I also would like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that so you better write it down."

With irritation in his voice, he said, "I don't need to write that down! I can remember that." He then fumes into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes he returned from the kitchen and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stared at the plate for a moment and said angrily: "I TOLD you to write it down! You forgot my toast!"



BEING A MOM

- A mom, will text her twenty-year-old child, letting him know it's going to rain and not to forget an umbrella.☐
- She calls to see how the first day of school separation went for her grandkids and if her daughter made it to the car before tears streamed down her face.☐
- She watches her daughter's baby, so she can shower and take care of her postpartum body.☐
- She texts her forty-year-old son, making sure he's home safe from a wedding because knowing that is still the only way she can sleep well.☐
- She buys her thirty-four-year-old daughter Wetzel's Pretzels when she goes to the mall because she knows how much her daughter loves them.☐
- And no, she no longer needs to do these things, but she does them anyway.☐
- Because a mother always wants to make life easier for her kids when she can even when they're capable, responsible humans and can do all the things for themselves.☐
- And she always wants to know they're safe.☐
- Because mothering doesn't stop when her kids turn eighteen, move far away, or have their own kids.☐ It just changes.

Blessed
TO BE
called
MOM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: It is December. The feast of the Birth of Christ is drawing closer. December, the month when we celebrate the Birth of Christ, month of gift giving. Be with us O Lord in December. In the churches you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one of them as he was the father of David who lived in Bethlehem. People were awaiting the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah was their most famous prophet. He foretold the most important events. He brought them comfort and hope in the promised redeemer. He explained that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace: **Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

REMEMBER

We wore our elder sibling's clothes
not knowing it was called recycling.



TODAY
will never
come again.
So do something special.
Be a blessing. Be a friend.
Encourage someone.
Take time to care.
Let your words heal, not wound.
Be kind, be gentle, give love.



ADVICE NEEDED PLEASE: I'm lucky enough to be on holidays from 23rd December to 3rd January and would love to go to a quiet place, without crowds, and preferably in the countryside. Ideally an all inclusive type of place. I tend to spend around €10,000 to €15,000 between accommodation and food just to relax, unwind and enjoy the end of what has been a very difficult year! Does anyone know where I can get the money?





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. All welcome!

Please contact info@galwaycathedral.ie with any queries.

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.

Contact details for the organisers are E: info@galwaydiocese.ie

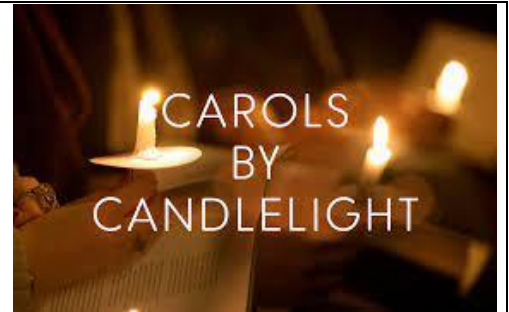
MAYO CANCER SUPPORT MEN'S GROUP

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, December 15 at 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.

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 and Headford Church Choir. Donations if desired to Music Department of PCH. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS @ THE PLAZA is a one stop shop for all your Christmas needs. This year we will hold a two day event on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December, 10am to 4pm @ The Pope Francis Plaza, Knock.

On Saturday we welcome Knock Foroige who will fundraise for their club. Sunday the big guy himself, Santa will visit all the boys and girls @ 2pm. We will also hold a monster raffle Sunday @ 3.30pm, in aid of Tidy Towns. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the market both days. If you would like to donate or sponsor a prize please leave in to Burke's Shop, Knock. Thank you.

We have fabulous handmade gifts to kick off your Christmas shopping, with over 40 traders over two days, adjacent to Knock Shrine just off the N17. Lots to see and do in the village with lovely restaurants and gift shops close by, free parking and wheelchair accessible. Christmas @ the Plaza is the market to visit this year.

We look forward to seeing you in Knock. Contact Leonie @ 086-8486924 E-mail: leoniekilroy@gmail.com Follow our Facebook page @ Knock Market & Events.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE PARTY music by Tommy Flaherty & Francis Fahy. **On 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

***"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* (John 11)**

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."

FIRST COMMUNION DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAM

We continue to welcome in a particular way this weekend 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.



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.

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

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South West Mayo Development Company CLG, Carey Walsh Building, George's Street, Newport, Co. Mayo, F28 X329. **T:** 098 419 50 **M:** 086 136 5037

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:
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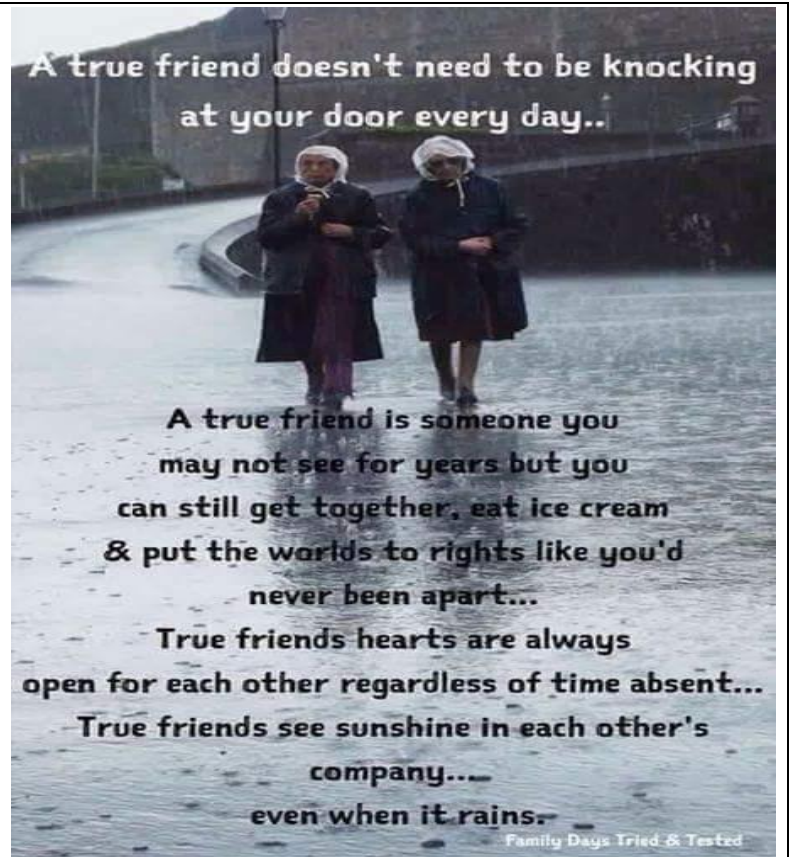
With banking online please ensure **full name is given** as reference when making the standing order or Account transfer, so the parish has a record of who has made their weekly contribution through each bank account. This is **very important** for the Charitable Donation Scheme. Thank you for your continuing 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.



THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CRIBS takes place in St Bridget's Church Liscannor from **Saturday 10th to Monday 12th**



December 10am to 7pm each day. This display is always well worth a visit and admission is free!

THE MAN FROM MOOGAGA Shrule man and Traditional Irish musician and storyteller Aindrias de Staic is having his upcoming night of stories and storytelling taking



place in The Attic in Doolin this Sunday 11th of December at 7.30pm. Aindrias gave reference to 'Cil Stuifin' a story he learned from his father about a village across from Liscannor Bay and performed live.