

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 24th OCTOBER 2021

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MISSION SUNDAY – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	23 rd Oct	8.00 pm	Nigel Dooley , Cloonamealtogue Margaret & Anthony Hyland , Brodella	23 rd Anniv 17 th & 32 nd Anniv
Sun	24 th Oct	11.00 am	Special Intention Mass	
Mon	25 th Oct	9.30 am	Furseay Heneghan , Iona, Shrule	RIP 29/08/2019
Tue	26 th Oct	9.30 am	Baby Grace Callanan	(Mass of Angels)
Wed	27 th Oct	9.30 am	Jackie Heneghan , Joyce Park	2 nd Anniv
Thu	28 th Oct	9.30 am	Special Intention Mass	
Fri	29 th Oct	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm – 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Special Intention Mass	
Sat	30 th Oct	8.00 pm	Bunny & Sean Pender , Shrule	47 th & 47 th Anniv
Sun	31 st Oct	11.00 am	Nora Mulroe, her husband Thomas and son Marty Mulroe , Brodella	7 th Anniv & Deceased

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	23 rd Oct	6.30 pm	Tom Biggins (Ballisnahina) and his sister in law Sr. Teresa (Tess) Biggins (Perth & Ballycurrin)	18 th Anniv RIP 26/09/2021
Sun	24 th Oct	9.30 am	Michael Hyland , Ballisnahina	1 st Anniv
Wed	27 th Oct	10.00 am	Special Intention Mass Ann & John Rice	
Fri	29 th Oct	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm – 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	Special Intention Mass	
Sat	30 th Oct	6.30 pm	Bill Donoghue , Glencorrib & Ballynalty Noel Meyler , Woodpark & Wexford	18 th Anniv Month's Mind
Sun	31 st Oct	9.30 am	Special Intention Mass	
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

GLENCORRIB CHURCH: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also take place on Sundays: 3-4pm All are welcome. Drop in anytime.

TYPO ERROR: Apologies for the Glencorrib Church Saturday Mass time error in recent newsletters. 7pm was on newsletter instead of the correct time of 6.30pm. Thanks for letting me know as I did not spot the error.

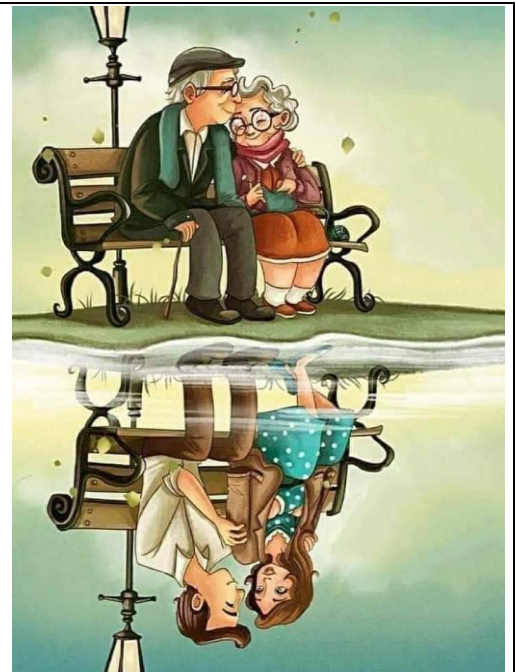
TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. As Christians we are called to minister to those in need. In Africa alone, with a population of 1.3 billion people across 54 countries, more than 74,000 religious sisters and over 46,000 priests and lay missionaries are operating 7,274 hospitals and clinics, staffing 2,346 homes for the elderly and vulnerable and educating over 19 million children in 45,088 primary schools. In many rural areas they are the only providers of healthcare and education. We are deeply proud of our history as a country that has sent countless thousands all over the world to help those in need. On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people thirsting for its saving message. For more information on the work of Missionaries and how you can help see <http://missio.ie/> **We salute all those from our parish communities of Shrule, Glencorrib & Kilroe who heard the Lord's call & volunteered their lives to the Missions and spreading God's message.** Why not follow Shrule Parish Facebook page for daily reflection with all those from the parish who have worked abroad in the missions.



JUST A THOUGHT:

Barely the day started and it's already six in the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.
.. and the month is already over.
.. and the year is almost over.
.. and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.
.. and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.
.. and we realize it's too late to go back.
So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time.
Let's keep looking for activities that we like.
Let's put some colour in our grey.
Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.
And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.
Let's try to eliminate the afters. I'm doing it after. I'll say after.
I'll think about it after. We leave everything for later like 'after' is ours. Because what we don't understand is that:
Afterwards, the coffee gets cold. Afterwards, priorities change.
Afterwards, the charm is broken. Afterwards, health passes.
Afterwards, the kids grow up. Afterwards parents get old. Afterwards, promises are forgotten.
Afterwards, the day becomes the night. Afterwards, life ends. And then it's often too late. So, let's leave nothing for later. Because still waiting to see later, we can lose the best moments, the best experiences, best friends, the best family.
The day is today. The moment is now. We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away."

It Looks Like An Eternity, But It's A Short Trip, Enjoy Life And Always Be Kind.



JUST A THOUGHT: As the long-term effects of the Pandemic and Brexit begin to bite, truck drivers find themselves in the eye of the storm. In both Ireland and the UK, there is a crisis in this profession. A spokesperson for the main driver recruitment agency in the UK claimed that between 12,000 and 15,000 EU drivers had returned home to Eastern Europe, partly because of the Covid and partly because of tax changes. However, The Financial Times doubts that domestic recruitment could fill the gaps in the short term. And, in the long term, not enough local workers will enter an industry with long hours and tough working conditions, even if pay-rates rose.

Many books have been written about 'Life on the Road'. The majority tend to glamorise the profession. The romance of the road, the cosiness of having a bed in the cab, the glamour of foreign travel seemed to make it so attractive and alluring. I picked up a book recently on this very topic called "Truck This For A Living: Tales of a UK Lorry Driver" by Gary Mottram. Mottram doesn't 'do' romance. It is the true grit, dirty end of the industry where the work is hard, the food is crap, the showers are filthy, the lay-bys stink, fellow truckers abuse you on a daily basis, the police try to catch you out at every turn, and the boss is always on the phone asking where you are. He obviously doesn't trust you. And as Gary Mottram showed, there is in fact very little glamour in spending night after night away from your family, especially when facilities for truckers are so poor and the pay for many still so low. Lorry drivers are incredibly skilled workers. Yet there has been a chronic failure to notice the damage that has been done to their lives by the expectations that people have for cheap goods and instant delivery.

But it's not just lorry drivers. Covid has been a bit like a spotlight shining into every corner of a room. It's brought to the fore a whole army of people who too often have been invisible but on whose skill and dedication we all depend. Dare anyone ever in future take for granted care workers, warehouse staff, waiters, fruit and vegetable pickers, abattoir workers, laboratory staff, and so on? A distinctive feature of the ministry of Jesus was that he noticed the people who were invisible in his day and having done so, placed them right at the centre of the community. The poorest and least educated were called to be the leaders. He listened to disabled people and gave them a voice. Little children were held up as role models of faith. The unrespectable became his trusted apostles. Jesus did all this to point out the damage that people had done to the world by denying the value and the dignity of each other.

Many churches and parishes are celebrating Harvest Festival around this time. It is customary to give thanks for the goodness of God who provides for his people from the abundance of creation. It is a perfect opportunity to place back at the centre of the community those people on whom the nation depends but who too often get taken for granted. For when we make the invisible visible, we uncover something of the gift of life.

Fr. Dick Lyng OSA.

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE FROM SHRULE AND GLENCORRIB PARISH WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS



Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Greaney	Norah	Ramolín	24/10/1929	78	Shrule
Keville	Michael	Moyne	24/10/1935	84	Moyne
Moran	John	Glencorrib	24/10/1955	55	Billypark
Murphy	Patrick	Dalغان	24/10/1987		Shrule
Murphy	Patrick	Ballybockagh	24/10/1988	77	Shrule
Cahill	John	Cloonbanane	25/10/1935	61	Shrule
Daly	Julia	Polbee	25/10/1944	85	Donaghpatrick
Higgins	Brigid	Dalغان	25/10/1944	91	Shrule
Dooley	Peter	Cullagh	25/10/1958	81	Cloughanover
Frehan	Sr. Mary David	Shrule	25/10/1986	64	Boston
Noone	Evelyn	Tubbersharave	26/10/1940	86	Shrule
Madden	Thomas	Ballynalty	26/10/1970	94	Killursa
Hughes	Anthony	Mochorra	26/10/1975	72	Shrule
Donohue	Thomas	Shrule	27/10/1917	58	Shrule
Carroll	Ellen	Cnocfada	27/10/1934	85	Shrule
Conroy	Josephine	Kille	27/10/1985	83	Shrule
Gallagher	James	Shrule	28/10/1945	76	Shrule
Casey	Brigid	Shrule	28/10/1958	85	Shrule
O'Dea	John	Dalغان	28/10/1968	80	Shrule
Murphy	Patrick	Gorthatubber	29/10/1921	84	Cong
Butler	John	Gorthbrack	29/10/1971	87	Killursa
Kavanagh	Martin	Shrule	29/10/1976	89	Shrule
Flood	Thomas	Ballynalty	29/10/2003	87	Cross
Lynott	Mary	Ballynalty	30/10/1922	80	Killursa
Lindeman	Elizabeth	Cloonbanane	30/10/1978	39	Donaghpatrick
Murphy	Brigid	Glencorrib	31/10/1930	19	Shrule
Hennelly	Catherine	Glencorrib	31/10/1965	89	Killursa
Garvey	John	Toorard	31/10/1966	75	Moyne
Donoghue	William (Bill)	Glencorrib	31/10/2003	83	Moyne

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Martin (nee Kinneavy), Lackafinna, Cong, and formerly Ard Na Gaoithe, Cong (Wife of Noel Martin ex vice principal PCH) Funeral Mass for Anne took place at Saint Mary of The Rosary Church, Cong on Thursday last 21st October. RIP



COVID UPDATE: There are no restrictions to the number of people who can attend Mass, etc. People need to continue to wear masks in church, sanitise hands and generally keep their distance. Lifting of restrictions means we need to be careful with our meetings and social contacts, (no shaking hands), stay at home if we have any symptoms, etc. Big thanks to all our ushers, cleaners, and volunteers who kept the doors open during the lockdown. Working together we can achieve a lot!

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

PARISH CONFIRMATION 2021 – PART 1: Our parish celebrated the first leg of the confirmation schedule on Tuesday last 19th October where 19 pupils from 6th class in our parish national schools gathered at St. Joseph's Church for their 4th sacrament, Confirmation. We thank Fr Vivian who stood in for the Bishop, the teachers, the parents, everyone who helped out to make it a special day to remember and most importantly, we thanks the pupils themselves for accepting the Holy Spirit into their heart. Confirmation Day is always a great day for the Parish.



PARISH CONFIRMATION 2021 – PART 2: The pupils from our parish who are in first year in secondary schools will be Confirmed on Thursday 4th November.

PERHAPS the only legacy worth having is to have been known as a kind and compassionate person.

GRIEF NEVER ENDS... But it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith... It is the price of LOVE.

NOVEMBER NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS:

Masses for the novena for the Holy Souls will start on Tuesday 2nd November and continue until Thursday 11th November at the usual times. Details of times of Masses to be decided. Special envelopes where the names of those people wish to remember and pray for during the Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls and throughout the month of November can be found in the parish box of envelopes and at the back of both churches. These envelopes can be placed in the boxes provided or given up at collection time. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



AUTUMN DUES – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

Autumn Dues envelopes are now available at the back of the church for those who do not use the envelope system. 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.

Weekly offertory collection is for the upkeep and running of the parish. It does not form any part of the priest's income or salary. Thank You in advance for your continued support and generosity in these difficult and challenging times.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

A memo was circulated round the civil service saying that staff should not spend so long looking out of the windows in the mornings; because then they'd have nothing to do in the afternoons.

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"
— Erma Bombeck

SHRULE IFA - AGM

The 2021 AGM takes place on **Wednesday 3rd November** in Cradock's Lounge from **7pm to 8pm**. Guest speaker is Roy O'Brien

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHRULE GLENCORRIB GAA UNDER 14 TEAM WHO WERE VICTORIOUS IN THE MAYO U14B SEMI FINAL in Began on

Thursday last 21st October 2021. Shrule/Glencorrib 4-18 Ardnaree 4-05 They will play Parke Keellogues Crimlin in the County Final on Thursday next 28th October @ 7.30pm in Ballinrobe GAA pitch. We congratulate them on reaching the final and wish them the very best of luck and please support the lads in Ballinrobe. Tickets can be got online at Mayo GAA website



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrile - Parochial House every Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon and
Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days) every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

Michael O'Leary, Chief Executive of Ryanair after arriving in Dublin went to a cafe and asked for a cup of coffee The assistant said, "That will be 50 cent please, Mr. O'Leary." Taken aback, O'Leary replied, "That's very cheap," and handed over his money. "We do try to stay ahead of the competition", said the assistant. "We have the cheapest coffee in Ireland".

"That is remarkable value", Michael comments. "I see you don't have a coffee cup, you'll need one of ours. That will be €2 please." O'Leary scowled, but paid up. He took his coffee and walked towards a seat. "Ah, you want to sit down?" said the assistant. "That'll be an extra €2. If you'd pre-booked it would have cost €1." O'Leary swore to himself, but paid up.

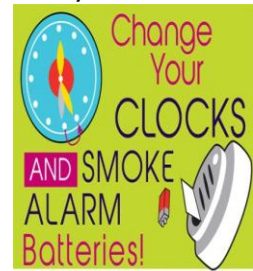
"I see you've brought your laptop" added the assistant. "That wasn't pre-booked either, that's another €3." O'Leary was so incensed and his face was red with rage. "I've had enough! I insist on speaking to a manager!" "Here is his e-mail address, or if you wish, you can contact him between 9.00 am and 9.01am every morning, Monday to Tuesday. Calls are free, unless answered, and then there is a charge of only €1 per second". "I will never use this cafe again". "OK but do remember, we are the only cafe in Ireland where you can buy a coffee for 50 cent."



FALL BACK & SHRULE GLENCORRIB COMMUNITY ALERT NEWS:

Around this time of the year, I'd always get a friendly phone call from Seamie Lohan, ex chairman of the Shrule Glencorrib Community Alert reminding me to mention a few things in the newsletter in relation to the evenings getting darker and to keep an eye on the seniors in our community and anyone who is living alone. I, for one and many will agree that his consideration for the people in the parish was beyond compare. I hope to continue his annual notices that he would write in the weekend leading up to the time change. Rest in peace, Seamus.

- As always, our Community Alert advises to change the batteries in all smoke alarms on the same day as that way you will remember when they were replaced.
- Folks, it's that time of year again where the evenings are drawing in, our community alert are asking us to keep a neighbourly eye for our senior citizens and also anyone who is living alone especially in these Coronavirus times.
- Solas Family Resource Centre in Headford provides a "Meals on Wheels" ☎ 093 36446.
- Please remember to wear your Hi-Vis jacket when out walking, jogging or cycling and if you are cycling make sure your bicycle lights are in working order. It's important to be safe and be seen.



"The scheme is all about us working together for the good of the community." Thank you.

Masses from and on **Sunday 31st Oct** will be by wintertime.

Please turn back your clocks from 2am to 1am on Sunday 31st October.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: If you are not able to come together to celebrate Mass and receive communion, please find time to pray and receive Jesus spiritually.

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.

FIADH'S FESTIVAL OF FRIGHTS takes place at Headford Community garden, from 3 to 6pm on Saturday 30th October. It's a family fun Halloween event that includes a treasure hunt, games & music. Entry is by donation, and funds raised will support the work of Headford & District Association and Headford Community Garden. Your support would be greatly appreciated. More info can be found on our Facebook pages.



ONLINE SCRIPTURE COURSE VIA ZOOM:

So many of us are afraid to open the Bible. We feel that understanding it is beyond us — without a degree or two in Sacred Scripture! Nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible is God's Word to God's people, to us, and it should always be approached from this perspective. During this introductory series we will begin to begin to deepen our appreciation of Scripture, while keeping it explainable and understandable — because without this basic understanding, how can we ever hope to hear and understand God speaking to us today as individuals, as community, as Church? The course is open to all but requires registration at galwaypastoralcentre.ie A Zoom link will be forwarded each week to all participants along with relevant notes. The series is facilitated by Fr. Gerard McCarthy, SVD. **Tuesdays: 7.30–8.30pm:** 26th October, 2nd November & 9th November 2021

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES:

If you're loved ones from the parish are not listed in our weekly list and you would like them to be remembered, then please ☎ / Text 0863782156 or email glencorrib2000@gmail.com with their details. **"To be forgotten is to die twice"**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:
Shrulle - Parochial House every Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon and **Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days)** every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon.

OUR CHURCHES are open every day not just Sundays. Drop in for some quiet time, prayer and reflection. God want full custody not just weekend visits.



COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: Alone manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties to the outbreak of Covid-19. Professional staff will be available to offer reassurance where necessary. The support line is one seven days a week, 8am – 8pm, ☎ 0818222024

MAYO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK - FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Have you booked your place yet on any of the upcoming courses!

Courses are free – booking is essential. Your group must be registered with Mayo PPN. To book your place email mayoppn@mayococo.ie . This is a first come, first serve basis and a maximum of two members per community group. Full list of courses here <https://mayoppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Training-Timetable-Autumn-2021.pdf>

Mayo PPN Team: YOUR VOICE – YOUR COMMUNITY Autumn 2021 TRAINING

	DATE	TIME
INSTAGRAM FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS: Learn how to carry out basic actions on Instagram, develop engaging posts and how to grow interaction. THIS COURSE IS RUN OVER 2 SESSIONS OF 1.5 HOURS EACH	Thursdays 28th Oct & 4th Nov	19:30 - 21:00
HOW TO MANAGE AND IMPROVE YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA: This course is for groups who already have basic knowledge of how to post on Facebook and/or Instagram, but who want to improve their posting, reach and engagement. This course is not suitable for absolute beginners. THIS COURSE IS RUN OVER 2 SESSIONS OF 1.5 HOURS EACH	Tuesdays 9th & 16th November	19:30 - 21:00

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

- o **Shrle Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrle Church Finance Committee:
IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX
- o **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.

HISTORICAL SGK

(Shrle Glencorrib Kilroe) News:

Check our website www.shrle.ie for updates and local publications. **THE ONLINE MAP** is nearly finished. However there is still a week or so to include your favourite place of interest please let us know by ☎ 0863782156. Thank You...

IRISH DANCING CLASSES are continuing in **Glencorrib Community Centre every Friday from 3 to 4pm.** Classes are been taught by World Champion Roisin Naughton T.C.R.G. All Children are welcome. Enrolments are been taken by ☎ Roisin on 087-1133730.



NEWS JUST IN: Scientists have today announced that they have invented a car that runs off of parsley. They say next they are going to try a train that will run on Thyme. ☺

RESTORATION FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR HEADFORD CHURCH: 1st prize a new Skoda Fabia. Tickets are now on sale from the parish office or by ☎ 093 35448 or on their website www.headfordchurch.com. Only a week to go.

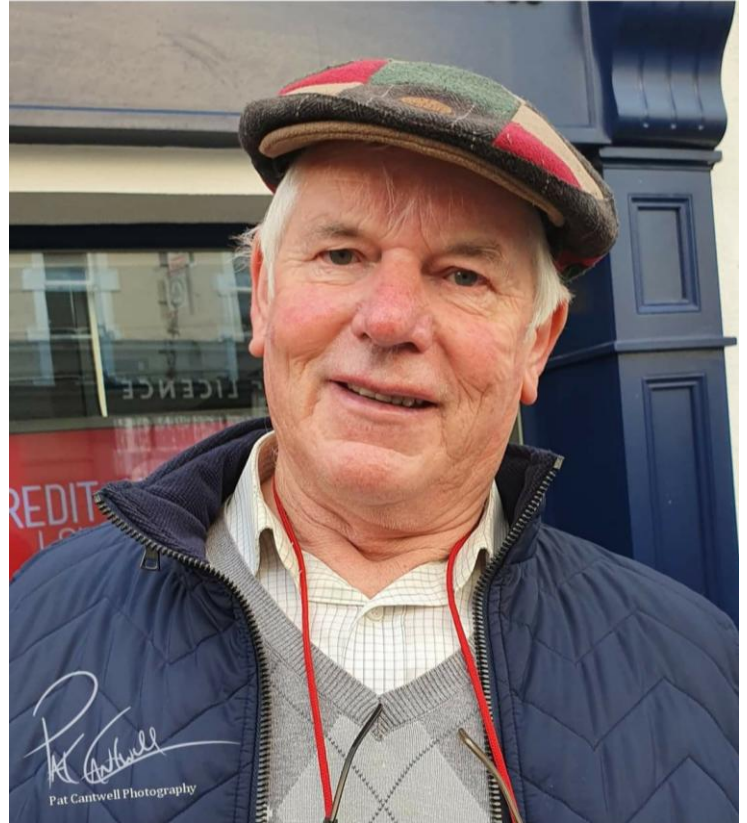
The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.
 - Pablo Picasso



Pat Cantwell

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Galway Faces Gerard Murphy!



Croagh Patrick – Oct 2021 – Mayo, Ireland FB page

A man from the city was taking a country drive when his car went into the ditch.

Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse, named Buddy.

He hitched Buddy up to the car and said loudly "Pull Nellie, pull!". Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer yelled "Pull Buster, pull!". Again, Buddy didn't move.

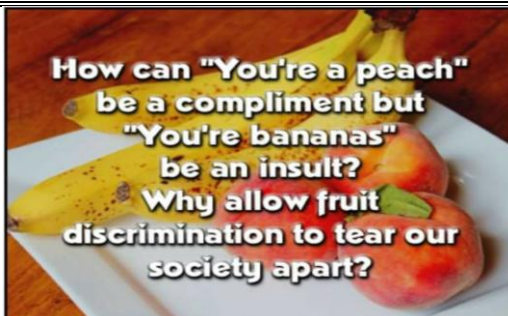
Once more the farmer hollered "Pull Coco, pull!". Buddy never moved a muscle.

Finally the farmer calmly says "Pull Buddy, pull" and Buddy easily pulled the car from the ditch.

The man from the city was very appreciative, and curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse the wrong name three times.



The farmer replied, "Oh, Buddy is blind. If he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try".



How can "You're a peach" be a compliment but "You're bananas" be an insult? Why allow fruit discrimination to tear our society apart?

I OFTEN WONDER WHO PETE IS AND WHY WE DO THINGS FOR HIS SAKE...

**A policeman spotted an elderly woman knitting whilst driving
 He shouted pullover
 She said no a scarf**

The Seven Wonders of the World

Author Unknown

Junior high school students in Chicago were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following received the most votes:

- 1.) Egypt's Great Pyramids
- 2.) The Taj Mahal in India
- 3.) The Grand Canyon in Arizona
- 4.) The Panama Canal
- 5.) The Empire State Building
- 6.) St. Peter's Basilica
- 7.) China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. To touch
2. To taste
3. To see
4. To hear (She hesitated a little, and then added...)
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. And to love

The room was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop.

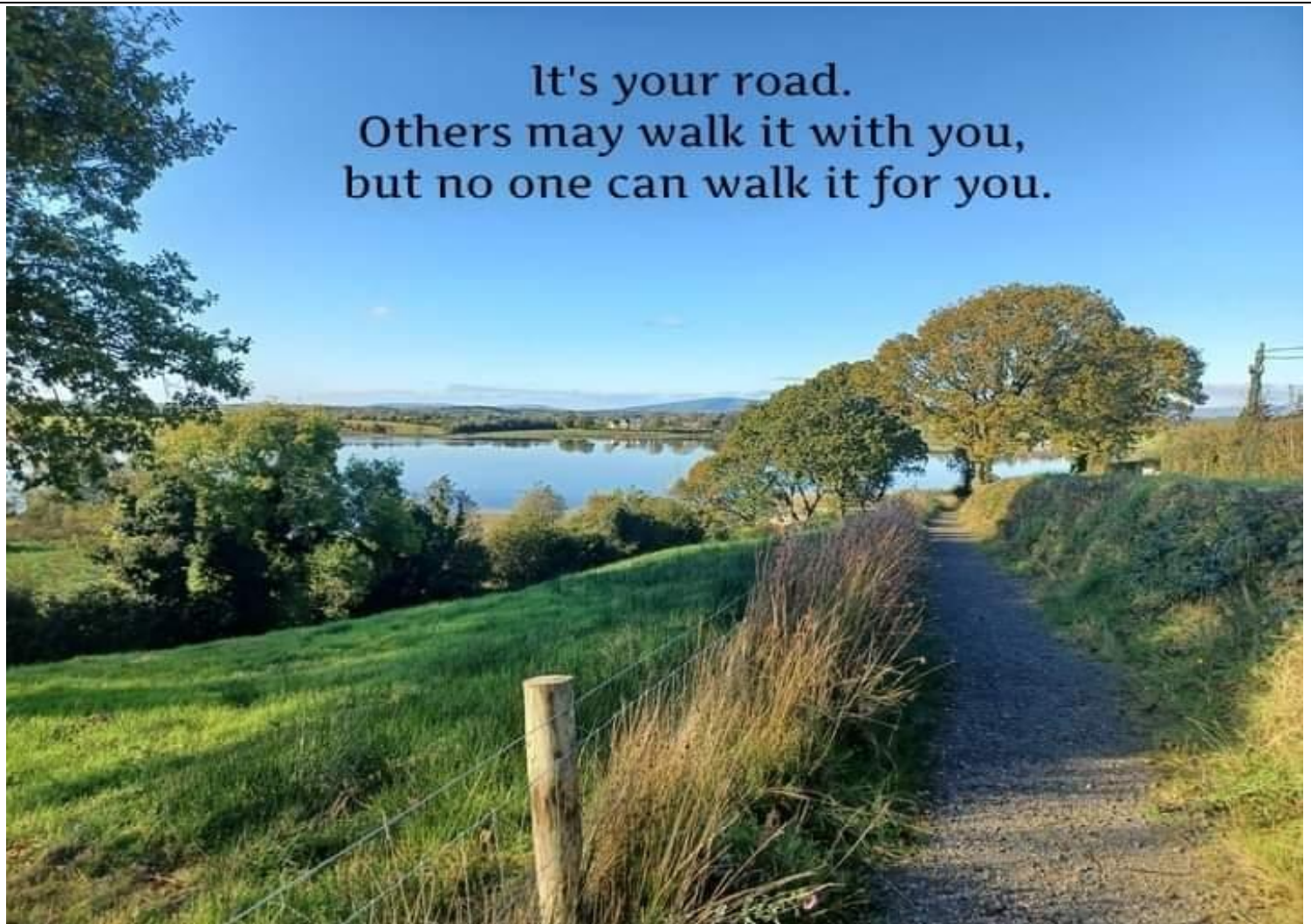
May this story serve as a gentle reminder to all of us that the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the most wonderful – and we

My Positive Thought for Today 🌹

*Grief is like the ocean;
it comes on waves ebbing and flowing.
Sometimes the water is calm,
and sometimes it is overwhelming.
All we can do is learn to swim...*




**It's your road.
Others may walk it with you,
but no one can walk it for you.**



I thought this was beautiful and something to ponder on..

You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want.
Smile, Open your heart, Love... and go on.



**People don't fake depression
they fake being okay.**

**Remember that.
Be kind.**

This is a picture of an asteroid crater in Arizona...
Look how close it came to hitting the visitors centre...



LIFE CAN BE TOUGH

Life can be tough at times. It is not easy to face the world with a smile when you are crying inside, when you are upset and distressed, when you are anxious and troubled, when your back is against the wall. It takes a lot of courage and faith and strength of character to reach down inside yourself, hold on to that strength you have and know that tomorrow is a new day with new possibilities. But if you can hold on long enough to see this crisis through and trust God, you can survive, you will come out a stronger person, as long as you don't give up. God is always with you. He is for you, not against you, so no matter how bad and hopeless things may seem, you will make it.

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Dear God
It's me again.
The only good thing in me is You. Lord, help me in my daily struggles. Help me to stay focused on You and trust You to bring me through.
In Jesus' name. Amen

QUOTE: "A SMART man makes a mistake, learns from it, and never makes that mistake again. BUT A WISE MAN finds a smart man and learns from him how to avoid the mistake altogether"

Roy H. Williams

WOMAN

When God created woman he was working late on the 6th day.....
An angel came by and asked." Why spend so much time on her"
The lord answered. "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her"
She must function in all kinds of situations,
She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time,
Have a hug that can heal anything from a bruised knee to a broken heart,
She must do all this with only two hands,"
She cures herself when sick and can work 18 hours a day"
THE ANGEL was impressed" Just two hands.....impossible!
And this is the standard model"
The Angel came closer and touched the woman"
"But you have made her so soft, Lord".
"She is soft", said the Lord,
"But I have made her strong. You can't imagine what she can endure and overcome"
"Can she think" The Angel asked...
The Lord answered. "Not only can she think, she can reason and negotiate"
The Angel touched her cheeks....
"Lord, it seems this creation is leaking! You have put too many burdens on her"
"She is not leaking...it is a tear" The Lord corrected the Angel...
"What's it for" Asked the Angel..... .
The Lord said. "Tears are her way of expressing her grief, her doubts, her love,
her loneliness, her suffering and her pride."...
This made a big impression on the Angel,
"Lord, you are a genius. You thought of everything.
A woman is indeed marvellous"
Lord said."Indeed she is.
She has strength that amazes a man.
She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens.
She holds happiness, love and opinions.
She smiles when she feels like screaming.
She sings when she feels like crying, cries when happy and laughs when afraid.
She fights for what she believes in and her love is unconditional.
Her heart is broken when a next-of-kin or a friend dies but she finds strength to get on with life"
The Angel asked: So she is a perfect being.
The Lord replied: No. She has just one drawback "She often forgets what she is worth".



UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS

Further clarification to the Government announcement on Tuesday regarding Covid -19 restrictions the current venue capacity of 50% for Places of Worship has been provided.
Changes can be put in place from Friday 22nd October keeping in mind the following cautions:
"religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place".
This is a very positive measure, however it is imperative that all other Covid-19 protective measures remain in place in order to protect all members of our congregations.
Premises should be well ventilated, hand sanitiser should continue to be provided, Places of Worship should continue to use separate entry and exit routes (if possible), and face masks should be worn.
Congregations should be encouraged to spread out as much as possible when attending Places of Worship and those experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms should be discouraged from attending.
As the capacity of Places of Worship and numbers attending varies greatly, the onus will be on each Place of Worship and community to consider what they are comfortable with and what best suits their congregation. This will be particularly relevant for funerals and special ceremonies, with large congregations. Attendees on these occasions should not be permitted to stand in the aisles or doorways and hand-shaking should continue to be avoided.
Choirs or soloists performing in Places of Worship should be limited in line with the capacity of the venue, and should adhere to 2 metre social distance from other singers, the choir master, the congregation and any other individuals in the setting (as they will not be wearing face masks during performances).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Girls and Boys, he wore big, long black boots, up to above his knee and snow-white trousers. He had a green coat and between the 3rd and 4th button he always put his right hand. On his head there was a hat that went from right to left. He was a famous general, he commanded thousands of troops with hundreds of cannon guns; he won many battles. He invaded lots of countries including Russia. He crowned himself Emperor of France and his name was Napoleon Bonaparte.



But there came a day at a place called Waterloo that he lost the battle and he was put on an island all on his own. And one day someone asked him 'Napoleon, what was the happiest day of your life?' and people thought he would say 'It was the day I won my first battle' or perhaps he would say 'It was the day I crowned myself Emperor of France' or perhaps 'It was the day I married my wife Josephine' but he didn't say any of those things. Rather Napoleon said, 'The happiest day of my life was the day of my First Holy Communion!!'

And then he was asked 'Why was the happiest day of your life your First Holy Communion Day?' Napoleon answered 'Because on that day I was close to God.'

And I tell you all that, dear boys and girls, because Napoleon died in 1821, 200 years ago this year, the year of your 1st Holy Communion. And as it was for Napoleon so too everyone here today wants today to be the happiest day of your life too.

Now you all had your breakfast this morning, hadn't you?

But imagine if tomorrow morning, when you get up and you said 'Mammy, where's my breakfast?' and your Mammy said 'You don't need your breakfast this morning again, sure you had your breakfast yesterday morning'. And you would say 'Oh Mum, I need to have my breakfast every morning'.



And you'd be right. Just the way our bodies need to be fed every day with food and drink so too our hearts need to be fed, with Jesus the Bread of Life every Sunday. And there is nothing more important than that, not sport or music or even a bouncy castle.

Daddies and Mammies and Grannies and Granddads too have to help you with this, just the way they have helped you so much to prepare for your happy day today. So today is your First Communion, Sunday must be your 2nd, and then the next Sunday your 3rd until one day it will be your 293rd Communion. That way we will stay close to God all our lives, not like Napoleon who didn't stay close to God and died a very lonely man. Happy First Communion Day dear boys and girls.

Canon Benedict Fee.

