

**SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWSLETTER – SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022****Fr. Vivian Loughrey PP,**

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But Not A Hair Of  
Your Head Will  
Perish.

Luke 21-18

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS****ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832**

Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.00 pm	<b>Michael Joe Frehan</b> , Shrule	27 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.00 am	<b>Jackie Heneghan</b> , Joyce Park <b>Bernard McCarthy</b> , Dalgan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv 26 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
		3.00 pm 4.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the Holy Souls – 3 to 4pm</b> <b>Prayers at Shrule Cemetery @ 4pm</b>	
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	<b>Nora Concannon</b>	
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	<b>Phil Kennedy Neagle</b>	
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	<b>Carmel O'Connor</b> , Drogheda	RIP 29/08/2022
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm</b>	
		8.00 pm	<b>Patrick &amp; Delia Muldoon</b> , St Mary's Road <b>Tom Davin</b> , St. Mary's Road <b>Patsy Murphy</b> , Woodpark	41 <sup>st</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Anniv 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv RIP 04/10/2022
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.00 pm	<b>Una Martyn</b> , Shrule	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.00 am	<b>Michael, Delia &amp; Dell Flaherty</b> , Brodella	39 <sup>th</sup> & 41 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
		3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the Holy Souls – 3 to 4pm</b>	

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876**

Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30 pm	<b>Sonny &amp; Babe Murphy</b> and their sons <b>Martin, Pat &amp; Michael</b> and their daughter <b>Frances (Mohan)</b> , Glencorrib & Galway	21 <sup>st</sup> , 40 <sup>th</sup> , 46 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	<b>Dermot Flynn</b> , Ballynalty	31 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
		3.00 pm	<b>NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today as there are Prayers at Moyne Cemetery @ 3pm</b>	
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.10 am	<b>Mary Cahill</b> , Brodella	RIP 01/09/2022
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm to 6.55pm</b>	
		7.00 pm	<b>Kathleen Murphy</b> (Nee Mangan), Ballyglass	RIP 04/09/2022
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30 pm	<b>Maureen Donohue</b> and her son <b>Brendan</b> , Ballynalty	11 <sup>th</sup> & 33 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	<b>Mary Delia Mullin</b> , Glencorrib	RIP 27/09/2022
		3.00 pm	<b>Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 3pm to 4pm</b>	

**CHURCH ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

	<b>SHRULE</b>	<b>GLENCORRIB</b>
<b>LAY READERS</b> – Vigil Mass	Sean Frehan	Susan Mohan
<b>LAY READERS</b> – Morning Mass	John Heneghan	Mary McNally
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> – Vigil Mass	Colette Hughes	Mairead Geraghty
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> – Morning	Carmel Heneghan	Geraldine Donohue
<b>USHERS</b>	TBC	Woodpark / Mochara
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	TBC	Woodpark / Mochara

**MOYNE CEMETERY:** A member of the committee will call week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, for a voluntary donation towards the upkeep of Moyne Cemetery. Thank you for your support.

**CEMETERY PRAYERS:** Weather permitting, we will have the traditional prayers in both our parish cemeteries on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Moyne Cemetery @ 3pm and in Shrule Cemetery @ 4pm.** If weather is not suitable, cemetery prayers will be said in Glencorrib and Shrule Church.

**TOTUS TUUS SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE 2022** is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Speakers include Sr. Caitriona Kavanagh OP, Brian O'Driscoll (paving the way home), Fr. John McCarthy (Cloyne Diocese) and Fr. Terence Crotty OP. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland App, Saorview channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

**All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle-** St Francis of Assisi

**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. When the parish submitted the returned forms in 2017, the parish received €12,000. **To avail of the potential tax rebate for 2018, it is necessary to have the forms submitted by the end of the year. Please return your tax rebate form** if you have not already done so. The monies received are going towards the ongoing work that is being carried out in both Shrule and Glencorrib churches. Thank you for your continuing help and support.

# TaxRebate

## WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM:

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR

- **Nov 2021:** Mary Conway, Paddy Varley, Una Martyn, Victor Cathal Cawley, & Josie McDonnell
- **Dec 2021:** Joe Concannon, Maisie Kelleghan, Justin Hennelly & Angela Acton
- **Jan 2022:** John Joe Walsh, Hilda McHugh, Mary Sheridan, Thomas J. Egan, & Joan Staunton
- **Mar 2022:** Maureen Lydon, John Donnellan, Fr Greg Raftery, Kathleen Concannon & Beatrice Acton
- **Apr 2022:** Bridget Greaney Lee & Meredith Lulling
- **May 2022:** Michael Joseph Mulroe (Joe), Gabriel Molloy & Sarah Cahill
- **Jun 2022:** Sean McGuinness, Eamonn Reynolds, & Maureen Patten
- **July 2022:** Brian D. Mullin & Sharon Ryan.      **Aug 2022:** Delia Barry
- **Sept 2022:** Mary Cahill & Mary Delia Mullin
- **Oct 2022:** Vincent Murphy, Patsy Murphy, Bridget Maguire, Pearl Gunning, Christopher Kelleghan, Ann Hyland, Michael Tiernan, & Paschal Mullin      **Nov 2022:** Gerry Biggins

**And all your loved ones, family, relatives and friends who passed away during the year and in years past.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

**SYNOD POINTERS 1:** 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.



- Surprise, delight, consternation, expectation — just some of the reactions when the Irish bishops announced their intention to hold a synodal assembly of the Irish church (The synod itself will take place within the next five years)
- The synod is a tremendous initiative in which as many people as possible are encouraged to participate. Central to the synodal process is the reality that it is time **ALL OF US, THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD**, takes stock of where we have come from, where we are now, and try to imagine the Irish church of the future
- Initial meetings may be held with Parish Pastoral Councils, but a deeper involvement at parish level will be necessary. It is a wonderful experience of what the synodal process is all about when we bring together our parishioners so as to listen to their hopes, worries, expectations and dreams for the future. Ideally, this should also lead to meetings with those who feel disenfranchised or disillusioned with the Church.
- The whole ethos behind the synodal process is Vatican II. The model of Church that the Council presents us with is one where participants assume co-responsibility for decisions affecting its life **FROM THE BOTTOM UP**. The purpose of the synodal process is the active participation of **ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD**, and not just the Pope, cardinals, and bishops.
- The synod is an exciting opportunity for the Church at all levels to plan for its future under the guidance of the Spirit. God always leads us forward to a future where that same God awaits us. But we have to actively participate in the process; we have to make the journey.
- Carefully done, it can be the catalyst for renewal and reinvigoration of the Irish church at all levels



"Instead of commandments, think of them as aspiration-driven goals, going forward."

- "War doesn't decide who's right. War determines who's left."
- "The trouble with reality is that there's no background music."
- "House Guarded By Shotgun 3 Days A Week. Guess Which?"
- "Everyone is entitled to be stupid, but some abuse the privilege."
- "I doubt that art needed Ruskin any more than a moving train needs one of its passengers to shove it." - Tom Stoppard.



"It's jabs for the boys!"

**A 5K FUN RUN/WALK IN AID OF DAISY LODGE** (Cancer fund for Children) & Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation takes place on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm. Starting point is Mrs. Tea's boutique on the Ashford Castle Estate. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/YGNbmNDx8wUEQyPo9> or ☎ Geraldine Gallagher 094 9546003 Ext 6076. Join in the fun and be part of the cause.

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

Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
McDonagh	Stephen	Ramolin	11/11/1981	91	Shrule
Moughan	Margaret	Cahernabruick	12/11/1930	87	Shrule
Nolan	Brigid	Cloonbanane	12/11/1958	86	Shrule
Carroll	Michael	Longhill	12/11/1975	67	Shrule
Joyce	Martin	Brodella	12/11/1987	94	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Mrs.	Mohorra	13/11/1926	68	Killursa
O'Dea	Brigid	Glencorrib	13/11/1937	74	Shrule
Crampton	Thomas	Shrule/Carlow	13/11/1977	53	Shrule
Frehan	Michael Joe	Shrule	13/11/1995	72	Shrule
Langan	Bridie	Shrulegrove	13/11/2011	93	Shrule
Heneghan	Jackie (John)	Joyce Park	13/11/2020	89	Shrule
Corbett	Mary	Ramolin	14/11/1918	69	Shrule
Hooks	Mary	Shrule	14/11/1928	40	Cloughanover
Burke	John	Gortatubber	14/11/1943		Killursa
Dooley	Peter	Cullagh	14/11/1982	58	Donaghpatrick
Murphy	Babe	Glencorrib	14/11/1982	71	Shrule
Flynn	Dermot	Ballynalty	14/11/1991	22	Moyne
O'Sullivan	Mary Joe	Gortbrack	14/11/1991	54	Killursa
Reynolds	Nora	Shrule	14/11/2011	83	Shrule
Hyland	Anne	Ballisnahina	15/11/1953	92	Moyne
Daveron	Margaret	Glassvalley	15/11/1975	82	Killursa
Flaherty	Della	Brodella	15/11/1981	30	Shrule
Dooley	John	Cloonbanane	15/11/1982	38	Shrule
Buckley	Jim	Birmingham &Kille	15/11/1993	75	Shrule
Gannon	Margaret	Boula	16/11/1949	71	Moyne
Monaghan	Sara	Toorard	16/11/1951	65	Moyne
Sheridan	John	Mohologan	16/11/1987	80	Shrule
Maye	Anne	Woodpark	17/11/1972	66	Shrule
O'Dowd	Sarah	Cahernabruick	17/11/1972	91	Shrule
Garvey	John Francis	Gortbrack	17/11/1997	88	Killursa
Reilly	Eileen	Dalgan	17/11/2008	74	Shrule
Dooley	John	Cloonbanane	18/11/1920	72	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Mary	Cahernabruick	18/11/1928	90	Shrule
O'Connor	Catherine	Shrule	18/11/1930	75	Shrule
Davin	Tom	St. Mary's Road	18/11/2020	50	Shrule

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** Today is World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis has nominated this Sunday the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the Liturgical year be devoted to the Poor. The theme given to us by the Pope this year is "For your sakes Christ became poor" Mercy reduces poverty and increases hope. Saint Vincent de Paul said "The poor are our masters. Christ himself is among us". On this Sunday we can reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy: **To feed the hungry. To give water to the thirsty. To clothe the naked. To shelter the homeless. To visit the sick. To visit the imprisoned. To bury the dead.**

**SHRULE CEMETERY:** A meeting of **Shrle Cemetery Committee** will be held in **Shrle Community Centre** on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ 8.30pm.**

**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 ☎ 086-3782156 or email [glencorrib2000@gmail.com](mailto:glencorrib2000@gmail.com) with their details.  
**"To be forgotten is to die twice"**



**SOLAS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** is organising a **FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY** on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** in St Fursa's Hall Headford from 4-8 pm. A number of services will be there on the day, including Marie Keating Foundation, Croi Heart Foundation, Solas Counselling Service, Galway Rural Development, Mental Health Ireland, Pieta House, Tuam Cancer Care, Domestic Violence Response, HSE Quit Smoking, Chime(Deaf Hear) Sexual Health West & many other services. Have your Blood Pressure & Diabetes Tests done for free on the day. Free HIV testing provided by Sexual Health West. Advice & info on how best to look after our Mental Health from Mental Health Ireland, Pieta House staff & Solas Counselling staff.

**A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:**

- My friends asked me: "If you won ever won the lottery would we find you generous?" I replied; "If I won the lottery you wouldn't find me at all"
- I thought the tumble dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.
- It seems these days bad means good & awfully good means great, so what does awfully bad mean?



**PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Martin Joe Keane,**  
Kilcolgan,  
Husband of  
Mary  
Teresa  
Keane nee  
Biggins  
(formerly  
of



Ballisnahina) and son in law of  
Nora Biggins, Ballisnahina.  
Funeral Mass for Martin Joe took  
place St. Colman's Church  
Ballinderreen on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Gerry Biggins,**  
Dalgan  
Road,  
Shrule.  
(Brother  
of Nora  
Biggins,  
Ballisna-  
hina)  
Funeral



Mass for Gerry took place at  
St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on  
Thursday last 10<sup>th</sup> November  
2022. RIP.

**Kathleen  
Scully (née  
Finnerty),**  
Clonboo,  
Corrandulla,  
Galway.



In her 97<sup>th</sup>  
year. (Mother  
of Martina Biggins, Ballisnahina)  
Funeral Mass for Kathleen took  
place at St. Brendan's Church on  
4<sup>th</sup> October last. RIP. An  
extraordinary woman with 9  
children, 23 grandchildren and 27  
great grandchildren. RIP.

**MAYO CANCER SUPPORT MEN'S GROUP:** Mayo Cancer Support will convene a Men's Support Group at its HQ at Rock Rose House, 32 St Patrick's Avenue, Castlebar (opposite Mayo University Hospital) this Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MASS CENSUS FOR OCTOBER 2022:**

Numbers attending for the month of November will be counted as part of this process.

<b>SHRULE</b>	Oct 1/2	Oct 8/9	Oct 15/16	Oct 22/23	Oct 29/30
8 pm	82	83	83	96	55
11 am	72	92	97	95	87
<b>GLENCORRIB</b>					
6.30 pm	120	45	40	50	47
9.30 am	45	75	90	70	87

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**EXCITING NEWS FOR SHRULE**

Mayo County Council confirmed last week that a site for the Shrule playground has been deemed suitable in the lands that were acquired last year beside the Shrule Community Sportsfield.

Well done to the Development Committee along with great help by Cllrs, Michael Burke, Damien Ryan & Patsy O'Brien for making this happen.

It is the opinion of Mayo County Council that the site located within the Shrule Community Sportsfield / GAA grounds on the Dalgan Road is the only site which is deliverable. A design is being progressed for this site. Upon completion, funding will be sought through appropriate funding streams.

In some other news, Cllr Damien Ryan has asked Mayo Co. Co. to look into creating a pedestrian crossing in Shrule village from St. Joseph's Church to St. Joseph's National School.



**MORE GOOD NEWS FOR SHRULE**

Councillor Patsy O'Brien has welcomed additional funding to tarmac a gravel footpath in Shrule. He said that the path, along the Dalgan road in the village, is very dangerous and needs to be tarred. He also said that by upgrading the infrastructure, more people and their families will be able to use to road to walk to the village as it will be safer. So more good news there for Shrule village. Well done all.



**"THE OTHER ABBEY PLAYERS" DRAMA**

**GROUP** are back with their new comedy show, "**Wake in the West**" by MJ Ginnelly. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets €10 and available from Cong Post Office ☎ 094-9546001.

**ESKER:** To mark the closing days of the Redemptorists presence in Esker, there will be a Healing Mission in Esker Church from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Two sessions each day 10am & 8pm. Everybody is welcome.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all our volunteers, helpers, Lay Readers, Eucharist Ministers, Ushers and Altar Society and everyone else helping out in the Church

**HEADFORD BRIDGE CLUB** invites all Bridge players to join their club at Angler's Rest Hotel every Tuesday at 7.15 p.m. ☎ Ann at 0876007624. Would you like to learn? Then ☎ Marlene O'Connor, a wonderful Bridge teacher at 0871335830.

**COMPUTER TRAINING:** Four full-time training places are now available on the training course at the Family Research Centre in Main street, Ballinrobe. Learn word processing, spreadsheets, database, graphic design, etc. No previous knowledge required. All learning materials are provided including a laptop computer. The course is free and a training allowance is payable to those in receipt of social welfare. For more details ☎ (094) 9541214 or drop into the South Mayo Family Research Centre, Main Street, Ballinrobe.

**HEADFORD AREA THEATRICAL SOCIETY, H.A.T.S.** are holding a meeting for anyone interested in Theatre in the function room of the Anglers Rest Hotel on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November @ 8pm. Up to the early 2000s there was a very strong and vibrant theatre scene in Headford and we are reviving it again after a 20 year lapse. We are looking for people interested in any and all aspects of theatre, full training will be given. At the moment we are only accepting people over 18 years of age. Further info ☎ 086 866 2126



**JUST A THOUGHT - 'BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN'**

Despite the pomp that has often surrounded popes over the centuries, Francis is famous for his obvious humanity. Usually this expresses itself in warmth, though every now and then we also get a glimpse of grumpiness, as happened on New Year's Eve when Francis slapped away an overly clingy woman in St. Peter's Square.

More rarely still, we also see this pope showing another classic human emotion - grief. Ironically enough, the most recent case in point also came on New Year's Eve, although it didn't generate anything like the same publicity as the slapping incident.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December, Pope Francis attended the funeral Mass of a friend, Italian laywoman Maria Grazia Mara, nicknamed "Nella," who died at the age of 95 the day before. The pope showed up at the Church of St. Joseph on Rome's Via Nomentana at roughly 3:00 p.m. unannounced, placed some flowers on the casket, and then took a seat in the front row to the right of where the body was lying in repose.

When the celebrant was informed of the pope's presence, he sent somebody out to ask if the pope wanted to preside himself. Francis said 'No', because he simply wanted to mourn the loss of his friend. When the time came for communion, the pope simply got in line with everyone else in the church. Communion was administered to him in his row.

After the Mass ended, while the concelebrants were still in the sacristy taking their vestments off, Francis left the church without any formal greeting, the same way he arrived. He stopped to greet some of the other mourners on his way out.

And what of the woman herself, Maria Grazia Mara? She was a distinguished Church historian and professor of ancient Christian literature. She wrote books on Augustine and Erasmus. She lectured at the Augustinian Patristics Institute, just across from St. Peter's Square. Maria and Francis became acquainted with one another and at one point shortly before her death Francis paid a private and unannounced visit to her house. When asked by another friend about the difficulties of entertaining a pope, she brushed it off, saying it was "a duty of justice ... to thank him for the good he has done, and is doing, for the Church." - John L. Allen in 'Cruz'



Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted (Matthew 5:4).



**CROSS 25 CARD GAME** continues every Monday in Cross Community Centre @ 8.30pm

**CLOUGHANOVER COMMUNITY CENTRE:** 25 Card Drive every Tuesday night at 8.30pm

**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.





### A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Russia marked its annual 'Remembrance Day for the Victims of Political Repressions'. There is something wildly ironic about honouring the victims of oppression while waging a war of oppression.

However, the 30<sup>th</sup> of October has been officially observed since 1991. Established by genuine political dissidents in the 1970s, it has in more recent times been hijacked by Putin and his military henchmen for their own purposes.

The dissidents, now critics of Putin, said that "current political prisoners in Russia deserve our help no less than the victims of the Soviet regime deserve respect."

As numbers of prisoners of conscience grow in today's Russia, this distinction between various categories of prisoners becomes increasingly blurred.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> the citizens assembled at various locations to honour the millions of victims of Soviet terror. Inevitably, the war in Ukraine loomed large this year. Many Russians will again fear for the welfare of their young men after President Putin's recent mobilization order. In the first four days after the announcement, some 260,000 men fled the country.

While the Soviet system was still in the process of crumbling, I visited Russia in 1990. I was accompanied by an Irish army officer who had a thorough knowledge of Russia, its history and its language. We travelled extensively over this vast country the course of three weeks. We witnessed history being made and broken! I was left with an overwhelming sense of the suffering endured by the Russian people over such a long time and on such an intense scale.

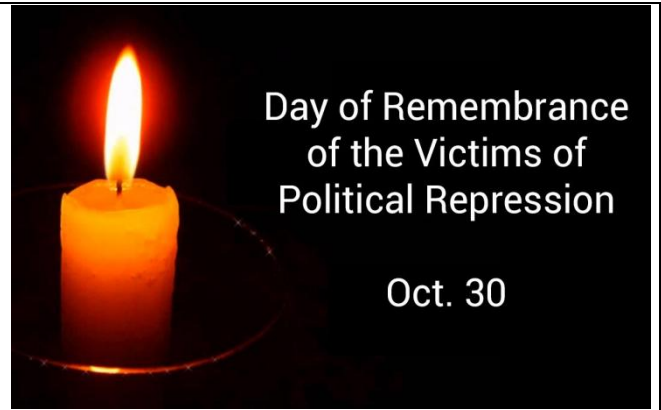
In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the Mongols totally devastated the country, burning its major cities. Then for centuries under the Tsars the vast majority of the people were serfs, hardly better than slaves. Under Stalin, conditions became even worse with some 20 million perishing through famine, forced labour, and executions. Finally during World War II the Soviet Union lost 27 million people. But alas it was not the end, for once again ordinary people are becoming victims of a callous, murderous regime.

Every day the Christian Church prays the Lord's prayer with its lines 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'.

When we relate that to the situation in Ukraine, we pray first for the people fighting to defend their homes and families, the soldiers fighting for a just peace and the civilians longing for an end to the bombing. But we remember also the Russian soldiers, also victims in their way, going to fight ...poorly trained and badly equipped for a cause they hardly believe in. Casualties in war are notoriously difficult to estimate. The Russians admit to 6,000 soldiers killed but a more likely figure is a multiple of that. Whatever the exact number, the tragic fact is that once again so many ordinary Russians are suffering, and not just the soldiers but their bereaved families too.

Another phrase comes to mind, from the Magnificat. 'He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud of heart.' I want the delusions and self-deceptions, the lies and half-truths of Russian propaganda to be shattered and scattered. Before the Divine kingdom is established in events, it has to be established in the mind, in the human imagination.

- Fr. Dick Lyng OSA.



Day of Remembrance  
of the Victims of  
Political Repression

Oct. 30

### 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](mailto:parishofshrule3@gmail.com) Thank You

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS** We are presently reorganising some of our teams of Volunteers many of which were "scuttled" by Covid. We welcome new involvement as well as thanking those faithful people who have helped us out over the past two years. 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](mailto: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 home - this may be permanent or during winter or if they are ill or sick at the moment. Please note it is hoped shortly to begin communion for the homebound, where family members and/or neighbours will be invited to bring communion to the homebound during the week and/or at weekends.

**QUOTE:** Pope Francis when he addressed the youth in one of the world youth day in Rio De Janeiro said "when you come into Mass we come in broken, alone, shattered like the disciples on the way to Emmaus. He meets us on the way. He enlightens us with His word, he sets us on fire and we recognize Him in the breaking of bread.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please help our local St Vincent de Paul conference by donating to [www.svp.ie/stfursaheadford](http://www.svp.ie/stfursaheadford).

**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. Thank You for Your Continuing Support

**SHRULE COMMUNITY CENTRE & GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY CENTRE CLOTHES BANKS:** We appreciate you continued support.  
**ROISIN NAUGHTON IRISH DANCING CLASSES FOR NS CHILDREN** resumes every Friday at Glencorrib Community Centre from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. All are welcome. For more info ☎️ Roisin 087 1133730

**SOCIAL DANCING AT THE CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTRE CONG** every Friday from 9pm to 11.30pm. Tea/Coffee served. Admission €10.  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Carmel McLoughlin  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Bernie Heaney  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Olivia Douglas  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Dermot & Fergal McConnell  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party with Carmel McLoughlin  
With lots more to follow in the New Year. Look forward to seeing lots of you there. Further info ☎️ 087 0916305

When a photographer  
can't change a scene, he changes  
his angle and lens to capture the  
best of that scene. Similarly, when you  
can't change a situation in your life,  
**CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE**  
and mindset to get the best  
out of that situation.

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