

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 30th JANUARY 2022

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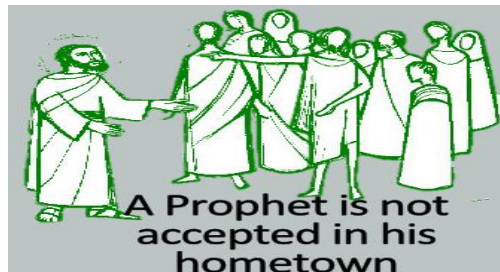
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	29 th Jan	8.00 pm	Pat Conroy & DM Conroy family , Kille	14 th Anniv & deceased
Sun	30 th Jan	11.00 am	Ann Murphy , Mochara	10 th Anniv
Mon	31 st Jan		No Mass	
Tue	1 st Feb	9.30 am	Una Martyn , Shrule	RIP 24/11/2021
Wed	2 nd Feb	9.30 am	Angela Acton , Ballycushion	RIP 24/12/2021
Thu	3 rd Feb	8.00 pm	Mary Maughan , Cahernabruick Special Intention	3 rd Anniv Special intention
Fri	4 th Feb	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm to 7.55pm	
Fri	4 th Feb	8.00 pm	Mary Joyce , Brodella	41 st Anniv
Sat	5 th Feb	8.00 pm	Edward & Sarah Brennan , Ballybockagh	21 st & 8 th Anniv
Sun	6 th Feb	11.00 am	William & Susan Kelleghan & DM of the Kelleghan family , Shrule	64 th & 29 th Anniv & deceased

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	29 th Jan	6.30 pm	Mae and Dinny Molloy , Toorard	16 th & 7 th Anniv
Sun	30 th Jan	9.30 am	Jim, Kathleen & Pat Fitzgerald , Mochara	28 th 15 th & 28 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	
Wed	2 nd Feb	10.10 am	Bibi & Johnny O'Connor	
Thu	3 rd Feb	6.30 pm	Peter Mangan , Cloghan's Hill	RIP 31/12/2021
Fri	4 th Feb	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm to 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	Jim Molloy & DM Molloy family , Ballycurrin	6 th Anniv / Deceased
Sat	5 th Feb	6.30 pm	James Feeny & DM Feeny family , Ballisnahina	37 th Anniv & deceased
Sun	6 th Feb	9.30 am	Michael & Kathleen O'Connor , Boula	5 th & 28 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

Thursday 3rd February – St. Blaise Masses: Glencorrib @ 6.30pm and Shrule @ 8.00 pm

CHURCH ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

MINISTRY	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass	Ann O'Brien	Monica O'Connor
LAY READERS – Morning Mass	Maryclare Mullin	Various
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Vigil Mass	Ann Geraghty	Frances Cotter
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Morning	Carmel Forde	Petrina Joyce
USHERS	Dalgan Park & Brackloon	Ballisnahina & Cathair Ard
ALTAR SOCIETY	Dalgan Demesne, Gurteen & Carramore	Ballisnahina & Cathair Ard

VOLUNTEER: If you wish to volunteer for any of the above ministries, please call into the sacristy after Mass or during parish office opening hours or email parishofshrule3@gmail.com Thank You ☺

ST. BRIGID'S CROSS: St. Brigid's Day will soon be upon us, and if anyone would like to make their own, there are rushes, instructions and bands available at the altar railings in Shrule & Glencorrib churches. Bring your St. Brigid's crosses to Mass on St. Brigid's Day or on Feast of the Presentation if you wish to have your cross blessed.



May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them and praises Him. Amen

AN UPCOMING EVENT takes place on Monday 31st January when Charles Sweeney MSC will be presenting '**Celebrating the Feast of St. Bridget**' on Zoom from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. There will also be a demonstration on how to make St Bridget's crosses. Details are on www.croinua.com.

The ache for Home lives in all of us, that safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.

CANDLEMAS (BLESSING OF CANDLES): February 2nd is known as Candlemas (also spelled Candlemass or Mass of the Candles) and is also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. In accordance with Leviticus 12: a woman was to be presented for purification by sacrifice 33 days after a boy's circumcision. It falls on February 2, which is traditionally the 40th day after Christmas. Traditionally, Catholics bring candles to their local church, to be blessed and then used for the rest of the year at home or in the local church. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to himself as the Light of the World in John 8:12, *'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life'* and in Matthew 5:14 referring to his followers, *'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven'*. Please leave candles you wish to be blessed in the basket, with your name on them, and if you wish to donate candles to the church for use in the coming year – please mark them 'For Church'. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Wednesday 2nd February - Candlemas Day Masses: Shrile @ 9.30am & Glencorrib @ 10.10 am
 Thursday 3rd February - St, Blaise Masses: Glencorrib @ 6.30pm and Shrile @ 8.00 pm

A NEW CHALLENGE: It all happened very quickly in the end. One minute our lives were constrained by a multitude of Covid restrictions, the next minute the restrictions were gone. After two years of limiting our freedoms, two years of learning new ways to interact with each other and two years of social distancing and hand sanitising it seemed that overnight all has changed. It will be hard getting back to 'normal'. New habits die hard. It will take a while before we become comfortable again with simple things like handshaking or coughing in public. Our new-found inclination to back away from each other in order to allow for social distancing will take time to unlearn. Feeling secure and at ease in a crowded setting will not happen overnight. Inevitably, some will find the transition more challenging than others and so it is good to remind ourselves to allow each other whatever time it takes.



The same will be true for us as we take our first tentative steps back to church. Despite the lifting of restrictions many people are still weary of large gatherings and will be cautious about their return. For those who may be a bit hesitant and would prefer to maintain social distancing that is ok too. We will, for the foreseeable future, also continue to broadcast all Masses via Facebook and churchtv.ie Despite our hankering after a return to 'normality' there is no doubt but that, post-Covid, our world will be a different place than it was before the pandemic entered our lives. Covid has changed much more than our daily habits. It has changed us and how we see the world. Covid has underlined for us our interconnectedness - that in sharing this planet with each other we have a responsibility for each other. As much as it has taught us that no one is safe from the virus until everyone is safe from it, I hope that it has forced us to appreciate that as long as there is hunger and poverty and oppression of any sort in our community and in our world that our world, and that each of us, is in a sense, diminished.

Post Covid our Church will be different. For years declining numbers attending Mass have been a reality. Covid has undoubtedly accelerated that decline. Routines have been broken; habits have been lost. Many will not return to regular Mass attendance – time, once filled by weekend Mass has been filled by other interests. Life moves on.



But our gathering as a faith community must be more than just another thing we fit into our week. It is not some place we have to go, or something we have to do, it is the place we want to go and the thing we want to do. For people of faith it is at the very centre of our week and of our lives.

Fr. Tod Nolan, PP Burrishoole

The aftermath of Covid poses questions for us as a parish. Why might people return? How are we a welcoming and an inclusive community? Is our celebration of Mass a life-giving, joy filled experience which we want to share with each other? Is it a place and time of meaningful encounter with God?

The lifting of Covid restrictions is an opportunity for us to start again, to build a more vibrant community. Let's work to build a better parish together, let's be a more inclusive parish, let's be a parish driven by the Gospel values of justice and peace. We can be a parish with Jesus at its centre.

PLEASE CONTINUE to sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church, wear your mask and maintain a little bit of social distancing for another while at least.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR: Often the difference between a successful marriage and a mediocre one consists in leaving about three or four things unsaid. (Harlan Millar)

TAI CHI CLASSES STARTING IN KILMAINE COMMUNITY CENTRE
 next Thursday 3rd February @ 7pm.
 Further info ☎ 0879567020.



**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
King	Thomas	Ballycurrin	30/01/1937	82	Killursa
Murphy	John	Mochorra	30/01/1956	82	Shrule
Joyce	Mary	Cahernabruck	30/01/1960	84	Shrule
Burke	Peter	Polbee	30/01/1966	91	Shrule
Sullivan	Mary	Parks	30/01/1979	78	Killursa
Murphy	Ann	Mochorra	30/01/2012		Shrule
Dooley	Fergus	Brodella	30/01/2015	84	Shrule
Keane	Andrew	Shrule	31/01/1951	75	Shrule
Keady	Sara	Carheens, Dalgan	31/01/1952	83	Shrule
Biggins	Mary Margaret	Ballynalty	31/01/1953	7	Moyne
Madden	John	Brodella	31/01/1955	78	Shrule
Garvey	Julia	Shrule	31/01/1963	79	Shrule
Hennelly	Michael	Toorard	31/01/1978	86	Killursa
O'Neill	Richard	Dalغان	31/01/1991	78	Shrule
Molloy	Michael	Ballisnahina	31/01/2003		Shrule
Walsh	Edmund	Ballycurrin	31/01/2005	55	Killursa
Mulroe	John	Scardane, Shrule	01/02/1922	49	Shrule
McCarthy	Edward	Dalغان	01/02/1964	84	Shrule
Petty	John	Shrule	01/02/1972	70	Ross Errily
Coyne	Norah	Old Ballynalty	01/02/1974	78	Moyne
Egan	James	Shrule	01/02/1974	72	Shrule
Hughes	Paddy	Mochorra	01/02/1996	57	Shrule
Sheridan	Paddy	Dalغان Lawn	01/02/1997	79	Shrule
Hyland	Mai	Ballisnahina	01/02/1998	84	Moyne
Duffy	Peter	Gurteen	01/02/2002	67	Shrule
Kavanagh	Mary	Cahernabruck	02/02/1931	85	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Patrick	Cahernabruck	02/02/1937	58	Shrule
Walsh	John	Ramolin	02/02/1951	75	Shrule
Conroy	John	Kille	02/02/1960	68	Shrule
Kennedy	John	Woodpark	02/02/1962	57	Shrule
Sullivan	Alfred	Gortbrack	02/02/1972	74	Killursa
Geraghty	Richard	Corrinreedra	02/02/1974		Ross
Keleghan	Susan	Shrule	02/02/1993	90	Shrule
Maughan	Raymond	Cahernabruck	02/02/1993	67	Shrule
Martyn	John	Gurteen	02/02/1994	76	Shrule
Garvey	Mary	Gorthbrack	03/02/1928	72	Killursa
Feeney	James	Ballisnahina	03/02/1985	66	Shrule
Hyland	Michael	St. Mary's Road	03/02/1994	71	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Carmel	Mochorra	03/02/1999	30	Shrule
Canavan	James	Gortbrack	03/02/2004	69	Killursa
Duddy	Redmond	Ramolin	03/02/2004	86	Shrule
Murphy	Walter	Old Ballynalty	04/02/1935		Shrule
Conroy	Michael	Mochorra	04/02/1952	75	Shrule
Flood	Michael	Ballynalty	04/02/2019	79	Cross
Burke	Michael	Cloonbanane	05/02/1941	67	Shrule
Flynn	John	Moyne	05/02/1948	24	Cloughanover
Buckley	Brigid	Moorgagagh	05/02/1951	92	Shrule
Laffey	Thomas	Mohology	05/02/1972	76	Shrule
Biggins	Declan	Dalغان	05/02/2012	42	Shrule
Molloy	Jim	Ballycurrin	05/02/2016	73	Killursa
Carr	Mary	Kilconly	06/02/1939	30	Shrule
Gibsey	Sarah	Mohology	06/02/1948	76	Shrule
Hennelly	John	Toorard	06/02/1950	80	Moyne
Mohan	Mary	Glencorrib	06/02/1978	85	Moyne
Molloy	John	Ballycurrin	06/02/1979	79	Killursa
Murphy	Susan	Polbee	06/02/1994	19	Moyne
Heneghan	Nellie	Shrule	06/02/1996	93	Shrule
Reilly	Mick	Cloonbanane	06/02/1996	76	Shrule
Reilly	Tommie	Woodpark	06/02/2014	91	Shrule
Walshe	Michael	The Parks	06/02/2015	84	Doneraile, Cork

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Ann Josephine Rice (Nee Holland) Tamlet, Tyholland, Co. Monaghan. (Sister of Vera Philbin, The Waterfall, Glencorrib) Funeral Mass for Ann took place at St. Patrick's Church, Tyholland on Tuesday last 25th January 2022. RIP



SHRULE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Shrule Parochial House Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon
Glencorrib Office Opening Hours: Curates House (Sunny Days) Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon.
SHRULE PARISH is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Church. Please see the notice boards for contact details.

GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY WALKWAY - 2022 OPERATION TRANSFORMATION WALKS:

Join us for our weekly 5km walk at Glencorrib Kilroe Community Walkway every **Sunday @ 11 am**. For info on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../5-km-walks-operation...> or WhatsApp 087 9627408.

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.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS ENROLMENT 2022/2023

GLENCORRIB NS: Enrolment forms and all other info can be found on the "Enrolment" tab of our school website www.glencorribns.ie

SHRULE NS: Please email the school office@shrulens.ie for further information. <http://www.shrulens.ie/>

KILROE NS For further information, please email the school kilroeschool@gmail.com or visit <https://www.kilroens.ie/>

BALLYCUSHION NATIONAL SCHOOL: Enrolment forms can be found on the "Enrol Now" tab on our website. <http://www.ballycushion.com> E: office@ballycushion.com

FOOTSTEPS PRESCHOOL @ Glencorrib NS, Glencorrib. ECCE preschool (2 Free Preschool Years) National Childcare Scheme available (NCS). For Enrolment / info email edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com or ☎ Ediel or Helen on 086-1717833 or

HOW TO BE MISERABLE

See yourself as the center of the universe. Focus attention on yourself. Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use "I" and "me" as often as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious. Be jealous and envious. Be sensitive to slights. Never forgive a criticism. Trust nobody but yourself. Demand agreement with your own views on everything. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favours shown them. Never forget a service you have rendered someone. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others.

(Author unknown)

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms — Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."



Parenting Expert:

"Children model the behaviour they see"

Me: "False, they see me clean, but they do not clean."

FACT ABOUT VENICE:

If they hadn't invented Venetian blinds, it would have been curtains for all of us!!!

WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY -

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas Day and a Day of Prayer for consecrated Life. The Blessing of candles for use both at home and in the church will take place at all masses. Donations of candles for use in the church are very welcome and can be left at all churches for blessing before Wednesday.

SPRING-TIME - LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE: Next Tuesday, February 1st, is the Feast of St. Brigid and also the first day of Springtime.

Now that spring has come, days will get longer. We experience new life and light as nature awakens. **We** praise God for this beautiful time of year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around. The birds will soon be busy building new nests and the snowdrops have peeped out their white heads and I've seen the daffodils too. It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life. **We** also praise God for this great woman St. Brigid - one of our heroines in the faith story. Brigid was known for her kindness and love.

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2022:

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

SAINT BRIDGET'S CROSSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH SHRLE & GLENCORRIB CHURCHES.

Also there are some rushes for anyone who would like to make their own. Crosses will be blessed as follows:
Shrle on Tuesday 1st February.
Glencorrib on Wednesday 2nd February



St. Joseph's Church, Shrle



Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glencorrib

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.

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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 open 7 days a week, 8am – 8pm, ☎ 0818222024

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"**

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN COMPUTER SKILLS FROM HOME?

If you are a beginner or want to refresh your skills. National Learning Network's free IT and Business Studies course enables you to learn online from home, do work experience locally, and come into the local Centre for tutor guidance just twice a week. Completing modules such as word processing, spreadsheets, bookkeeping and many others. A free laptop is provided for the duration of the course. If you would benefit from extra support and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you could be entitled to the free training. Flexible start dates, payments are protected, and people under 26 years can receive extra payments. Contact Sharon on 0872909064 or check us out at www.nln.ie



Tonight is St Brigid's eve so don't forget to leave a cloth or scarf outside to be blessed by the saint as she passes. Known as a 'Bratog Bride' in Irish folklore, this special garment can then be used as a cure for headaches or sore throats



St. Brigid's Blessing

- May no fire, no flame burn us.
- May no lake, no sea drown us.
- May no sword, no spear wound us.
- May no king, no chief insult us.
- May all the birds sing for us.
- May all the cattle low for us.
- May all the insects buzz for us.
- May the angels of God always protect us.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER to open and close Shrulle church at the weekends only. Please contact Fr. Vivian if you can help out. Thank you.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - CALLING ALL MEN - NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (17th January 2022 to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more.

JUST A THOUGHT

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, 'I hope he doesn't come over here.' But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

'Where are you folks from?' he asked in a friendly voice.

'Oklahoma,' they answered.

'Great to have you here in Tennessee,' the stranger said... 'What do you do for a living?'

'I teach at a seminary,' he replied.

'Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you.' And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, 'Great ... Just what I need ...another preacher story!' The man started, 'See that mountain over there? (pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, Who's your daddy?' Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?'

He would hide at recess and lunch time from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad. 'When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, 'Son, who's your daddy?'

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

'This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy.. 'Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now; You are a child of God.'

With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.' 'With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your Daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God....''

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, 'Isn't that a great story?'

The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, 'You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!' And he walked away...

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over & asked her, 'Do you know who that man was -- the one who just left that was sitting at our table?'

The waitress grinned and said, 'Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's governor of Tennessee!

'Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they're one of God's children!

'The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.' ~Isaiah

YOU'RE ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN!!!

THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID
 – a celebration of the incarnation of Christ into the all of life...

"In the milking of cows and the tending of the hearth, In threading the loom and gathering the peat, The breath of prayer blessing each movement, A naming of Creator upon each mindful deed..."
 (A Celtic moment by Joyce Rupp)

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

JOAN STAUNTON
 (née Bracken) Mote Park, Roscommon and formerly of Shrule.

Funeral Mass for Joan takes place on Wednesday next 2nd February 2022 at St. Patrick's Church, Knockcroghery Co, Roscommon at 11am. May Joan rest in eternal peace

