

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 8th AUGUST 2021

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I am
 the living
 bread
 that came
 down from
 heaven.

John 6:51



Weekend Masses are available on Facebook/Shrule Parish and on www.churchtv.ie Shrule Church is <https://www.churchtv.ie/shrule/> and Glencorrib Church is <https://www.churchtv.ie/glencorrib/>

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	7 th Aug	8.00 pm	Bridie Heneghan (Turin, Kilmaine) 3 rd Anniv Jacinta Heneghan (Turin, Kilmaine) 2 nd Anniv Mary & John Sweeney , their son Michael & daughter Mary Lally & John's brother Lawrence 2 nd , 45 th , RIP 11/3/21 & 13 th Charlotte Keady (Dalgan Road) & her 14 th Anniv & deceased grandparents Rose & John Walsh (Claran)
Sun	8 th Aug	11.00 am	Missa Pro Populo – Mass for the people of the parish
Mon	9 th Aug	9.30 am	Mick Hughes (Huntstown, Dublin & Kilmaine) RIP 01/07/2021
Tue	10 th Aug	9.30 am	Sean Acton
Wed	11 th Aug	9.30 am	Special Intention Mass Special Intention
Thu	12 th Aug		No Mass
Fri	13 th Aug	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm - 7.55pm
Fri	13 th Aug	8.00 pm	Sean & Mary Columb (New Jersey & Shrule) 4 th & 1 st Anniv
Sat	14 th Aug	8.00 pm	Enda & Sean Heneghan (Dalgan Rd & Shrule) 23 rd & 21 st Anniv
Sun	15 th Aug	11.00 am	Jackie Walsh (Brodella) RIP 21/02/2021 Mary Curran (Née Joyce) (London & Shrule) 9 th Anniv

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	7 th Aug	6.30 pm	Missa Pro Populo – Mass for the people of the parish
Sun	8 th Aug	9.30 am	Patrick Murphy (Fountain Hill, Kilmaine) 2 nd Anniv
Wed	11 th Aug	10.00 am	Cormac Garvey (Gortbrack) RIP 20/06/2021
Fri	13 th Aug	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm- 6.55pm
Fri	13 th Aug	7.00 pm	Cormac Garvey (Gortbrack) RIP 20/06/2021
Sat	14 th Aug	6.30 pm	John & Mary Daly (Glencorrib) 9 th & 7 th Anniv
Sun	15 th Aug	9.30 am	Pat & Mary Connelly Anniv & deceased

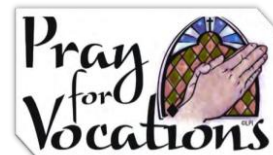
AUGUST 2021 CHURCH MINISTRIES

		SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
EUCCHARISTIC	Vigil	Claire McGuinness	Vera Biggins
	Morning	Carmel Heneghan	Kathleen Shaughnessy
LAY READERS	Vigil	Donagh Greaney	Volunteer required
	Morning	Maura Mullin	Volunteer required



PARISH OFFICE TIMES

Shrule Parochial House every Tuesday (10.30am–12noon)
Glencorrib Curate's House Wednesdays (10.30am–12noon)
 You are welcome to call outside these times, and if Fr. Vivian is not available, please leave a message ☎ 093-31262.



- God doesn't care if you pray with fancy words; He just wants you to talk to Him.
- Being a Christian doesn't mean I won't fall... It means Jesus will catch me when I do...
- We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some boats and some canoes and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.
- Your word Lord is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- Rule number One: Never make God number two.
- We make a Living by what we get; we make a Life by what we give.

VOLUNTEER READERS REQUIRED FOR GLENCORRIB CHURCH for the month of August. Please let Fr. Vivian know if you can help out. Thank you.

JUST A THOUGHT: When Nelson Mandela was studying law at University, a white professor, Mr Peters, disliked him intensely. One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room when Mandela came along with his trays and sat next to the professor. The professor said, "Mr Mandela, you do not understand, a pig and a bird do not sit together to eat". Mandela looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not worry professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table. Professor Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge.



The next day in class he posed the following question: "Mr. Mandela, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with money, which one would you take?" Without hesitating, Mandela responded, "The one with the money, of course." Professor Peters, smiling sarcastically said, "I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom." Nelson Mandela shrugged and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Professor Peters, by this time was about to throw a fit, seething with fury. So great was his anger that he wrote on Nelson Mandela's exam sheet the word *"IDIOT" on it and gave it Mandela.

Mandela took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move. A few minutes later, Nelson Mandela got up, walked up to the professor and told him in a dignified polite tone, "Mr. Peters, you signed your name on the sheet, but you forgot to give me my grade." Don't mess with intelligent people...

It's hard to throw stones when you're busy washing feet.



WHY I WEAR A MASK TO CHURCH

- Jesus has called me to love my neighbour.
- There are vulnerable people in my congregation
- The virus is real and its dangerous
- If I'm wrong, there is no harm. If you're wrong and choose not to wear a mask, people could possible get sick and die.
- So I relinquish my "rights" in order to serve others.

Our devotion to God is demonstrated, illustrated and authenticated by how we treat people.

WHAT THE CUSTOMER WANTS

The manager of the garden centre overhears one of his workers talking to a customer.

"No, we haven't had any of that in ages," says the employee. "And I don't know when we'll be getting any more."

The customer leaves and the manager walks over to give him a telling off. "Never tell a customer we can't get them something," he says. "Whatever they want we can always get it on order and deliver it. Do you understand?"

The employee nods. "So what did he want?" asks the manager.

"Rain," replies the employee.

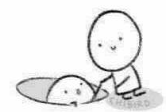
DID YOU KNOW:

More Americans have died from Covid-19 than on the battlefields of World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War combined. Worldwide deaths from this virus are more than 4.2 million. Let that sink in!

ALL IRELAND SEMI FINALS

Next Saturday (Aug 14th) both our ladies and our men compete in the All-Ireland Football Semi Finals in Dublin. We wish them both the best of luck and any supporters who were lucky enough to get tickets, safe travelling.

Helping one person might not change the world



but it could change the world for one person.

In the end we will not remember the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends. *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Pick your battles, you don't have to show up to every argument you're invited to.

A BALLYNALTY FROG DECIDED TO CLIMB TO THE TOP OF A TREE. All his friends shouted up to him "It's impossible. It's impossible..." However he continued slowly climbing and reached the top of the tree. How? Because he was deaf and he thought everyone was encouraging him to keep going and reach the top. Moral: Be deaf to negative thoughts if you aim is to reach your goal.

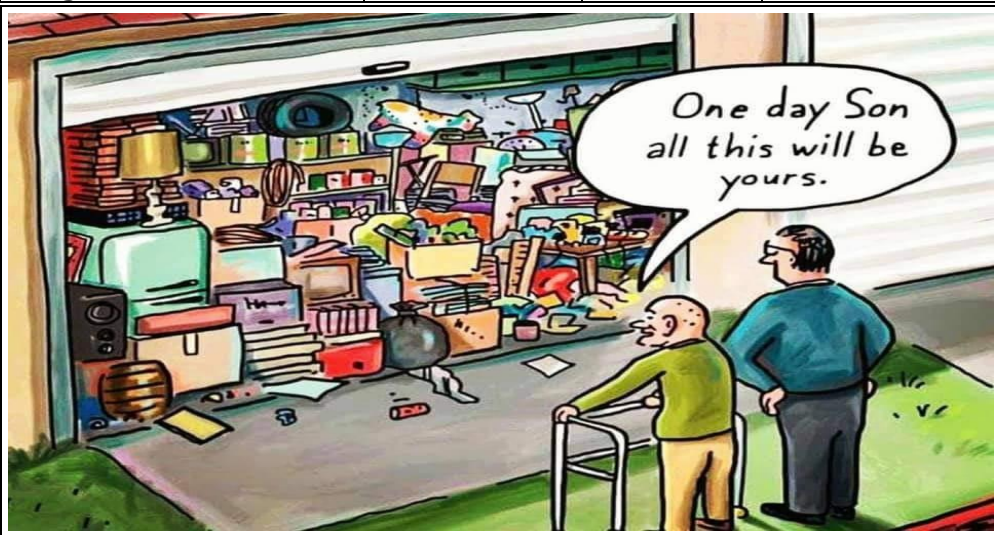
PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE FROM SHRULE AND GLENCORRIB PARISH WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS



Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Byrne	Peter	Tubbersharave	07/08/1917	88	Shrule
Keady	Charlotte	Dalgan Road	07/08/2007	31	Shrule
Farragher	Martin	Kille	07/08/2018		Shrule
Martyn	Thomas	Shrule	08/08/1939	73	Shrule
Hyland	Michael	Brodella	08/08/1975	29	Shrule
Sweeney	John	Gortatubber	08/08/1991	73	Killursa
Donnellan	Delia	Shrule	08/08/2000	84	Shrule
O'Connor	Breda	Kilroe	08/08/2009	40	Moyne
Furey	Martin	Anlacca	09/08/1937	73	Shrule
Garvey	Honor	Boula	09/08/1961	101,8mths	Killursa
Flynn	Martin	Ballynalty	09/08/2011	79	Moyne
Murray	Kitty	Burtonport	10/08/1954	30	Shrule
O'Connor	Michael	Rostaff	10/08/1959	45	Moyne
Moughan	Thomas	Cahernabruck	10/08/1963	82	Shrule
Hughes	Leah Maria	Kille	10/08/2004	1 day	Shrule
Dooley	Honor	Cullagh	11/08/1928	84	Cloughanover
O'Sullivan	Frederick	Ballycurrin	11/08/1947	63	Killursa
Garvey	Michael	Gortatubber	11/08/1962	88	Killursa
Ennis	Jim	Claremorris/London	11/08/1989	33	Moyne
Maloney	Martin	ex. Laragan	11/08/2003	83	Shrule
O'Connor	Margaret	Kilroe	12/08/1959	80	Ross Abbey
Gibbons	Catherine	Shrule	12/08/1971	77	Shrule
Crampton	Julia	Ballybane	12/08/1991	73	Shrule
Dooley	Peter	ex. Cloonbanane	12/08/2002	51	Shrule
Mohan	Mary	Cahernabruck	12/08/2007	87	Shrule
Frehan	Brigid	Cloonbanane	12/08/2007	90	Shrule
Sweeney	Brigid	Glasbally	13/08/1923	64	Killursa
Mortimer	Austin	Shrule	13/08/1959	82	Murrisk Abbey
Payne	Peter	Dalgan	13/08/1992	81	Shrule
Davin	Nora	Brackloon	13/08/1998	81	Shrule
Heneghan	Enda	Dalgan Road	13/08/1998	66	Shrule
Petty	John	Ballisnahina	14/08/1942		Ross Erilly
O'Hara	Barbara	Shrule	14/08/1947	77	Shrule
Flood	William	Ballynalty	14/08/1953	72	Cross
Corbett	Mary	Anlacca	14/08/1972	82	Shrule
Concannon	Aidan	Headford	14/08/2010	45	Shrule
Hennelly	Mrs.	Lodge, Glencorrib	15/08/1936		
Mc Donagh	Margaret	Shrule	15/08/1951	72	Shrule
Kenny	Mary	Toorard	15/08/1951	39	Moyne
Tierney	Brigid	Shrule	15/08/1954	64	Shrule
Barrett	Thomas	New Ballynalty	15/08/1963	77	Shrule
O'Neill	Dick	Dalgan	15/08/1989	34	Shrule

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

BOHERMORE CEMETERY MASS: Sunday 15th August, 2021 @ 11 am. In agreement with the Diocese this mass will be held behind closed doors and will not be open to the public. However, this mass will be streamed live via <http://studiorove.ie/graveyardmass>



LOCAL VOLUNTEER TEAM COORDINATOR/OFFICE LIAISON FOR GALWAY AREA



I am writing to you today to seek your assistance in our Christmas Shoebox Appeal in your area of Galway. As you may know Team Hope is an Irish, Interdenominational Christian Development Aid Charity, working with children, their families and communities in Africa and Eastern Europe. Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign through which Team Hope sends gift filled shoeboxes from thousands of individuals in Ireland to children in other countries who otherwise would not receive a present. We work with people facing poverty irrespective of race, religion, ethnicity or background.

We rely on volunteers in 46+ local teams across the country who promote the campaign at a local level and collect and check donated shoeboxes before packing them for shipping. We are now currently seeking a Local Volunteer Team Coordinator/Office Liaison for some of these teams including the team in your area of Galway. We would appreciate any help you can give in helping us find someone who might be interested in this exciting opportunity to help children affected by poverty.

We're looking for a person with a passion for helping children and a love of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This person would help lead the current team of volunteers to make the Christmas Shoebox Appeal happen where you live. From September to early December the local team coordinators, together with their team, promote the Christmas Shoebox Appeal within their local area through promotional materials, liaise with local schools and drop off points, collect shoebox gifts and ensure they are checked and packed ready to be delivered to a child affected by poverty. The Local Team Coordinator acts a point of contact for the Team Hope office, reporting to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal Manager (myself) providing regular updates on the status of your area's particular checking centre. If you know of one or more individuals that may fit the criteria of this role we would so grateful if you would pass on this information and the attached role description. If you would like you are also welcome to advertise the role in your weekly Sunday services.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. I would be delighted to answer any questions there are with this volunteer role.

You can also view our website on www.teamhope.ie/csa

Thank you for your time and your assistance. **Jonathan Douglas**, Christmas Shoebox Appeal Manager
Team Hope, 5 Leopardstown Business Centre Dublin 18 D18CF67 ☎ (01) 2940222

CHOOSING A BISHOP: This year, our current Bishop Brendan Kelly along with the Archbishop of Tuam Bishop Michael Neary having reached the age of 75 are required to send a letter of resignation to Rome. The process of choosing a new Bishop is strange and surrounded in great mystery. Although each priest is asked to suggest three possible candidates, these names are in fact merely suggestions. Recent practice of appointing bishops from outside of the diocese to which they are appointed would seem to make the suggestions redundant.



Regardless of the process of selection the role of Bishop is not one which will prove attractive to many. Every Irish diocese today faces the same ongoing challenges – none more pressing than an ever dwindling and aging clergy. This year in Ireland there will actually be more Bishops ordained than there will be priests - one new bishop is in fact the youngest member of the clergy in his new diocese! Less priests mean that more and more parishes will find themselves without the services of a resident priest. Bishops will have very difficult decisions to make.

On a more practical level Covid 19 has highlighted the outdated financial structures of many dioceses. Dioceses traditionally depend on parish contributions to run diocesan services: Accord, Safeguarding Children, care of retired clergy, formation of seminarians, financial oversight of parishes etc... but with many parishes now struggling to support themselves a new financial structure is needed.

But perhaps the greatest challenge facing any new bishop is neither one of personnel nor finance but rather one of faith. How can we as a church inspire a whole new generation to form life-giving relationships with Jesus Christ, how can we make the message of Jesus, the Gospel, relevant to our times, how can we present and offer faith in the Risen Jesus to our world as something essential to human flourishing? The Church of tomorrow must have at its centre the person of Jesus Christ. It will be a prophetic church – a voice crying in the wilderness calling out injustice and inequality of every kind, standing with and for the poor and the powerless, speaking for the marginalised and the voiceless. Inspired by the Gospel the Church of tomorrow will be a church of mission rather than maintenance which will speak truth even when it is unpopular, it will offer forgiveness rather than judgement, it will be a place of welcome and refuge for the outcast and the broken. **The church of tomorrow will be a dynamic Church with Jesus at its centre.**



Fr. Tod Nolan, Burrishoole

JUST A THOUGHT:

What did Christ mean when he said **'I am the living bread that comes down from heaven'?**

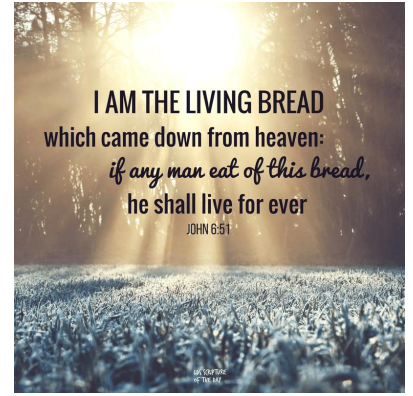
That question is difficult. Pope Francis reminds us that theology can only be done in prayer; we can only understand our faith through our friendship with Christ. Our understanding of our faith will only be complete when we are fully united with Christ.

But even now on our journey through life, we catch glimpses of what the Eucharist means. At the Last supper, the Lord invited his disciples; he invited us, to **'Do this in memory of me'**. This is an invitation to live out the words and actions of Christ. Liturgy and life, prayer and action are two sides of the same coin. They both flow from the same wellspring of saving love that Christ poured out on the Cross.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and prayer of Christians. It is our greatest treasure. It is the sacrament that we celebrate most often during our lives. It is food for the journey that leads us towards eternity. The Eucharist unites us to the Lord and to each other. Any differences that might exist between us mean very little when we consider them in the light of the love and goodness of God in which we all share.

The Eucharist brings us together as a community gathered around Christ. We hear God's word in scripture. We bring our needs and prayers. We present the gifts of bread and wine as well as our contribution towards the needs of the Church, God's people and the poor.

In Holy Communion we receive the Body and Blood of Christ who offered himself for the life of the world. The gifts of bread and wine that we offer during Mass are taken, blessed, broken and given. There are no observers at Mass, we all come together so that we may be transformed into what we receive, the Body of the Lord.



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.

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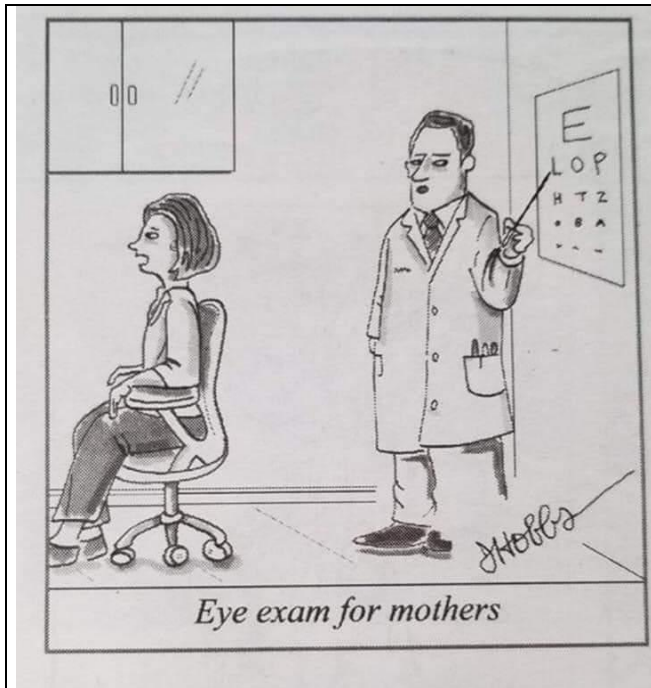
OUR CHURCHES are open every day not just Sundays. Drop in for some quiet time, prayer and reflection. **God want full custody not just weekend visits.**

JESUS didn't die so that we would come to church. He died so that we would become the church.

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"**

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.



Eye exam for mothers

MY LIFE must be the funniest thing that ever happened. I will be doing something and just burst into laughter of pure joy. At 46 I was told by my doctor that because of the drugs and alcohol, I would be "dead in 6 months time". And then God stepped in and did with me what I couldn't do on my own. At 65, I am a sober living, drug free, Jesus' loving, outrageously happy person. So if you meet me and see a bloke who tears up for no reason or bursts into laughter for no reason, well that's what God's love has done for me.

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, by ☎ 0818 222 024

THIS WEEK HAS ALREADY BEEN A LOT ON ME.

But today at work, I'm waiting on my tables -- the same as I always do. I proceeded to check this table out and the lady asks...

Lady: How much would you like for a tip?

Me: Whatever you give me is fine.

Lady: What do you need?

Me: Nothing

Man with the lady: How old are you?

Me: 24

Him: You have kids?

Me: Yes, a son. He's 4.

Her: If he needed anything, how much would it be?

Me: He needs a lot. I'm not sure. (I smile and walk away.)

Her: You pay all your bills?

Me: Yes ma'am.

Her: If you had to pay a bill today, what would it be?

Me: Rent.

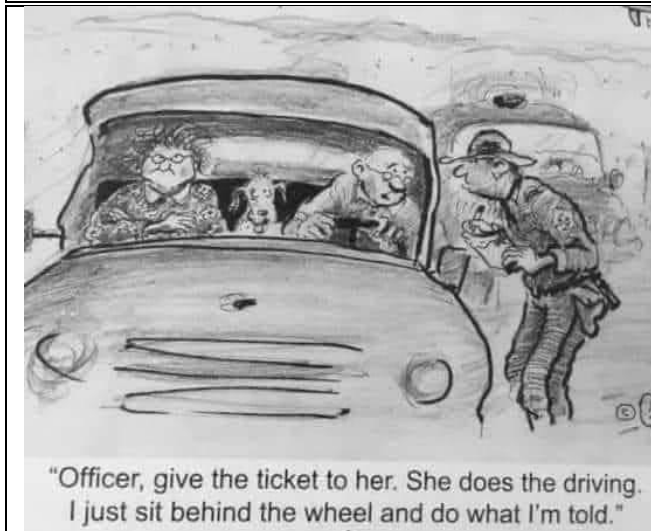
Her: How much is your rent?

Me: \$375

Her: Okay, I'm leaving you a \$375 tip. I'm paying your rent for August.

Y'all I couldn't do anything but cry!!! This was a blessing in disguise!"

#LoveWhatMatters Credit: Kiara Brown



"Officer, give the ticket to her. She does the driving. I just sit behind the wheel and do what I'm told."

Dear God,
I just want to take a moment not to ask for anything, but to simply say:

"How great thou art"

"When the Covid19 pandemic started, the phones stopped ringing. We all stopped being in a hurry. We all stopped wondering what we were missing out on. I am lucky to live in a rural area, where we have space. The pace of life slowed right down, and I don't think it did too many of us harm."

Ruby Walsh RTE

KNOCK SHRINE

There are various things to consider when planning a day out with children. It can be challenging to keep their little minds interested, engaged and happy! In the beautiful and expansive grounds of the Shrine, children will have plenty of space to walk, explore the 100 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds and gardens. There are many pathways and routes through the Shrine grounds where you can admire the stunning scenery, take in the peaceful atmosphere and spend enjoyable time together as a family. During the summer months, the grounds are covered in a wonderful display of colourful flowers as well as a wide variety of native Irish trees, including several dedicated trees and a Rose Garden.



KNOCK MUSEUM - free admission throughout 2021. Begin your day with a visit to the award-winning Knock Museum. Children will love listening to the Audio Guide (available in seven languages) that will walk them through the fascinating story of Knock. A three-dimensional Knock village model depicts the Knock village exactly as it was on the evening of the Apparition. Children will be enthralled by the incredible miniature details. *Open 10am-6pm daily*

VISIT THE CHILDREN'S SECTION AT THE BOOKSHOP

After the Museum, why not take a stroll over to the Bookshop which has a section dedicated to children's books including everything from early sensory books for small children to colourful stories from the bible, colouring and activity books, gift books and puzzles to help nurture your child's faith

See Artworks that Inspire & Uplift

In the iconic Basilica, you will see the magnificent Apparition Mosaic, made by hand with over 1 million pieces of mosaic tiles, tiny pieces of Venetian glass, *smalti*, natural marble mosaic and gold *smalti*. The mosaic represents the Apparition scene as it was described by the witnesses in 1879. Marvel at the intricate details, from the vivid colours to the raindrops that glisten in the natural lighting overhead.

MASS TIMES: 1st to 12th August 2021

Mon to Sat: 10am, 12pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

Sunday: 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Rosary at 2.30pm), 5pm & 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

MASS TIMES: 13th to 15th August 2021

Friday 13th Aug: 10am, 12 noon, 3pm and 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm).

Please note that there is no 5pm Mass on this day

Sat 14th Aug: 10am, 12 noon, 3pm and 7.30pm.

Please note that there is no 5pm Mass on this day and no Rosary at 7pm

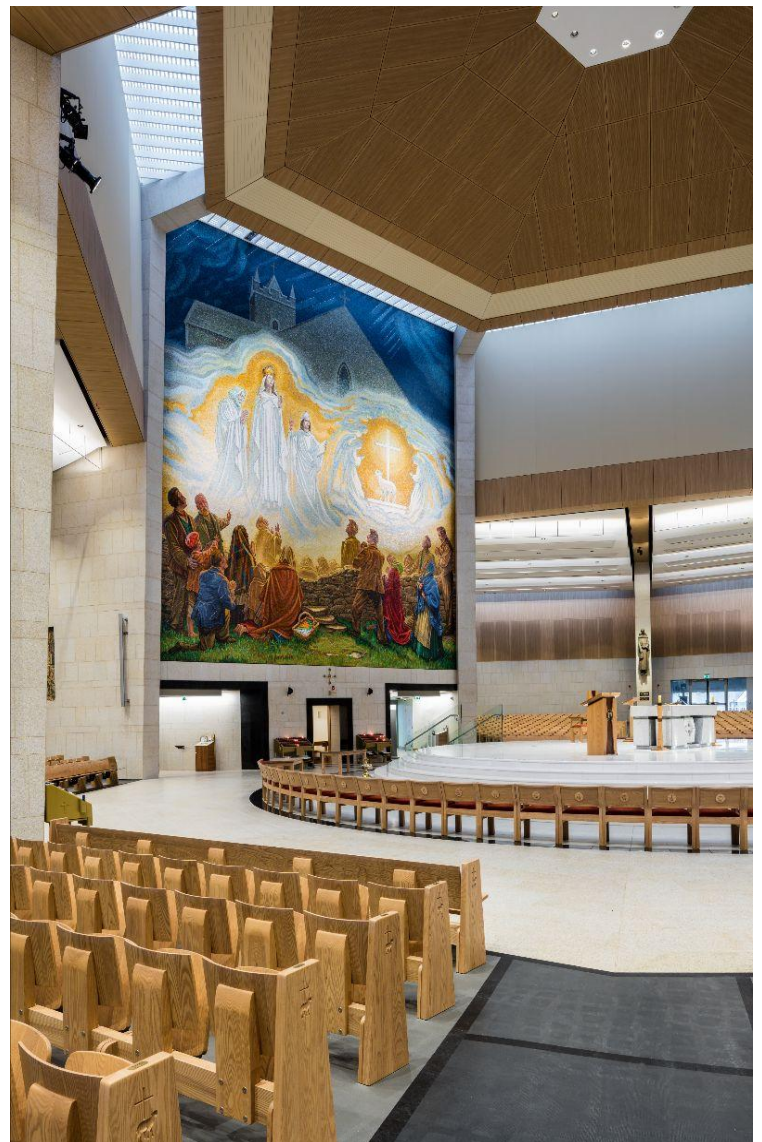
Sun 15th Aug: 6am, 10am (Eurovision Mass), 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm).

Please note that there is no Rosary at 2.30pm

MASS TIMES: August 16th to 31st 2021

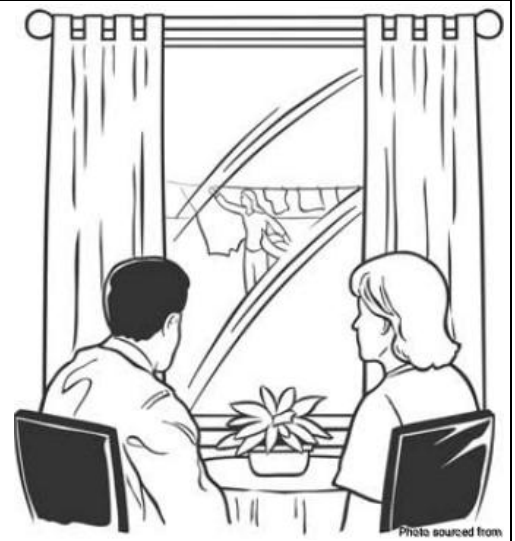
Monday to Saturday: 10am, 12pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7.30pm, with Rosary at 7pm

Sunday: 10am, 12pm, 3pm with Rosary at 2.30pm, 5pm and 7.30pm with Rosary at 7pm



SOCIAL DISTANCE yourself from sin.

JUST A THOUGHT: A young couple moved into a new house. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better soap powder. Her husband looked on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbour hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments. A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned **our** windows."



And so it is with life... What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look. So don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are."

TEN THINGS YOUR DOG WOULD TELL YOU...

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be painful: remember that before you get me.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me- it is crucial to my well being.
4. Do not be angry at me for long, and do not lock me up as punishment.
5. You have your work, your entertainment, and your friends. I only have you.
6. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it is speaking to me.
7. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget.
8. Remember before you hit me that I have teeth that could easily hurt you, but I choose not to bite you because I love you.
9. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I might not be getting the right food, or I have been out too long, or my heart is getting too old and weak.
10. Take care of me when I get old; you too will grow old. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say: "I cannot bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there, even my death.

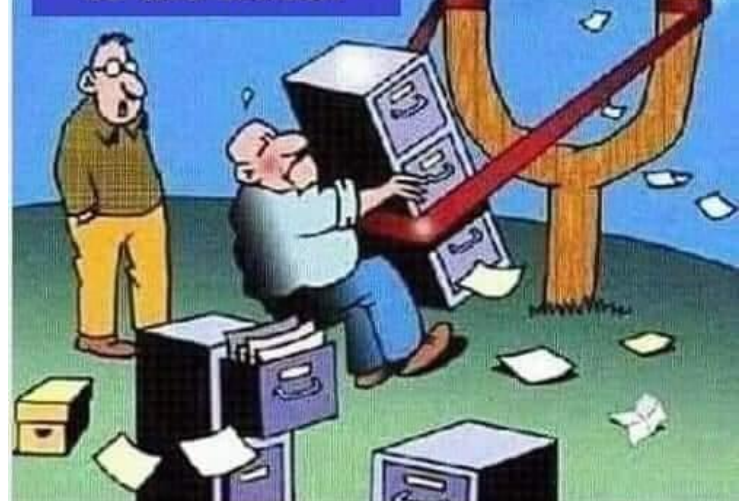


Well, it's 1 for the money, 2 for the show, 3 to get ready



4 for customer services or 5 to hear these options again

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A TRUE STORY?

A Corrinredra woman was at her hairdresser's in Galway getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded: "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty... You're crazy to go to Rome... So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Aer Lingus" was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"Aer Lingus?" exclaimed the hairdresser... "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it..."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Aer Lingus's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a €5 million remodelling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!" "Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I bet you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand!

I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me"

"Oh, really! What'd he say?" He said: "Who the heck did that to your hair?"

untold story



THE BRIDGE

A Headford man walking along the shores of Lough Corrib was deep in prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head, and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to from Kilbeg to Moycullen so I can drive over anytime I want to."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the lake! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honour and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

After a few minutes God said, "You want two or four lanes on that bridge?"



Helping grandma
with the controller

8 RULES TO A BETTER LIFE

1. Hate no one
2. Don't stress
3. Live simply
4. Expect little
5. Give a lot
6. Let love lead
7. Smile always
8. Best of all, have God in your life

 A company owner was asked a question. "How do you motivate your employees to be punctual?" He smiled and replied, "It's simple. I have 30 employees and 29 free parking spaces. One is paid parking."

 I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It all about raisin awareness.



Oh, Lord, when I grow weary please help me to remember each and every day.

To count my blessings and not my crosses;
 to count my gains and not my losses;
 to count my laughs and not my tears;
 to count my joys and not my fears;
 to count my health and not my wealth;
 and most of all...
 to count on God and not myself.

**LORD, PLEASE,
 CORRECT ME WHEN I'M WRONG.
 GUIDE ME WHEN I'M LOST.
 STRENGTHEN ME WHEN I'M WEAK.
 AND GIVE ME A PUSH
 WHEN I START TO GIVE UP.
 JESUS, I NEED YOU EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY.**

Details confirmed for All-Ireland Semi-Final.

We wish the best of luck to both our men and our ladies teams competing in the All-Ireland Football Semi Finals next weekend. If you're lucky enough to have a ticket, safe travelling.



TOKYO 2020



A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

The most controversial Olympic Games in modern times will draw to an end this weekend. When commenting on the games one writer remarked: 'If cynicism were a sport, the battle for gold would be a close one.' The games could never work in a world immersed in a contagious pandemic. In addition, the vast majority of the host nation opposed the games, we were told. 'It's madness to hold these games at a time when Covid 19 is on the increase in Japan' the keyboard warriors screamed in media outlets.

It's easy to see how this negativity emerged. In this contaminated world in which we live today, mass gatherings are synonymous with disease, danger and death. But, against this most unpromising of backgrounds, the Tokyo Olympics triumphed. There are no cheering crowds, but the unbridled joy of an athlete winning gold is still palpable. Social distancing measures do not prevent athletes from embracing each other in victory and in defeat. In fact the 2020

Olympics have emerged as a perfect mirror of the complex, ambiguous world we inhabit today. Yet joy and triumph featured more centrally in that stadium than doom and gloom because the human spirit knows no bounds!

Even a small little country like our own could harvest a modicum of joy through athletes like Killie Harrington, and the men and women rowers. But it was in the plight of Simone Biles, (pictured right) the world's most decorated gymnast that the games took on a new resonance. Try to imagine Simone's plight: you're upside down, mid-air, fifteen feet above the ground, trying to execute a move which, even for you - the best gymnast of all time - is incredibly hard, when suddenly you don't know where you are or what you're doing. It's a momentary lapse, but in gymnastics, momentary lapses can be dangerous, even fatal. Gymnasts call them 'The Twisties', or a potentially lethal stage fright. This is something akin to the horror that Simone Biles experienced midleap. Afterwards she withdrew from the Olympics on the grounds of needing to protect her mental as well as physical health.



Some immediately accused the athlete of letting her team mates down just because she'd made a bad jump. But they'd forgotten there was a human being behind the gold medal winning sensation. It turned out she had been experiencing the jitters for weeks. The expectations and pressure on her was immense. Given all this, her decision to keep body and soul together seemed courageous. When she said there is more to life than gymnastics, she displayed her courage, her resilience and her good sense.

These Olympics have been notable for showing us that behind every competitor there is a story. It's usually a story that involves sacrifice, adversity and pain, for the athletes and their families. What seems different, thanks to the likes of Biles and others speaking out, is that some athletes are not prepared to sacrifice a loss of self in the pursuit of their goals, recognising that winning at all costs is itself a kind of losing. **In Mark's gospel Jesus puts an identical question to the crowd: 'What shall it profit a person if they gain the whole world, and lose their very souls?'**

Fr. Dick Lyng OSA

CONGRATULATIONS

to Kellie Harrington on winning her Olympic Gold medal this Sunday morning 8th August 2021. President Michael D Higgins and many others have congratulated Ireland's Kellie Harrington on her triumph in the women's lightweight boxing Olympics final. She defeated Brazilian fighter Beatriz Ferreira this morning on the final day of the Tokyo 2020 games to join Katie Taylor and Michael Carruth as the nation's Olympic gold medalists in boxing.

