

# SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

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<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	<b>Shrule</b> - Parochial House, Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon
<b>OPENING HOURS</b>	<b>Glencorrib</b> - Curates House (Sunny Days), Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - (YEAR A) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	3rd June	8.00 pm	<b>Raymond &amp; Mary Duddy, son Tom &amp; daughter Carmel &amp; DM Duddy Family</b>
Sun	4th June	11.00 am	<b>Sean McGuinness</b>
Tue	6th June	9.30 am	<b>Mass of Thanksgiving</b>
Wed	7th June	9.30 am	<b>Eugene Dooley, Athlone</b>
Thu	8th June	9.30 am	<b>Maura McMullin</b>
Fri	9th June	7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm</b>
		8:00 pm	
Sat	10th June	8.00 pm	<b>Mary, Tom, and May Meenaghan, Cahernabruck</b>
Sun	11th June	11.00 am	<b>Pa &amp; Mary Ryan</b>

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

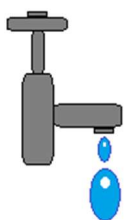
Sat	3rd June	6:30 pm	<b>Jimmy Farrell, Ballycurin</b>
Sun	4th June	9.30 am	<b>Special Intention Parish Community</b>
		3.00 pm	<b>Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 3pm to 4pm</b>
Wed	7th June	10:10 am	
Fri	9th June	6:00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm to 6.55pm</b>
		7:00 pm	
Sat	10th June	6:30 pm	<b>Nellie &amp; Willie Sheridan</b>
Sun	11th June	9.30 am	<b>Jack, Mary, Tommy Joe &amp; Peg Donoghue Special Intention</b>

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR JUNE

	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
<b>LAY READERS</b> – Vigil Mass	Maura Mullin	Lisa Moran
<b>LAY READERS</b> – Morning Mass	Geraldine Casserly	Ashling Donnelly
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> - Vigil Mass	Patricia Martyn	Monica Ryan
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> - Morning	John Muldoon	Volunteer
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Shrule/Churchfields	Moyne/Toorard



*Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation.*



### Glencorrib GWS - A Message for Members:

Water usage has increased with the fine dry weather which makes it difficult for us to find leaks, so we ask that everyone please check their own meters and land connections regularly. Unfortunately, we have to charge for excessive usage and leaks on your side of the meter. If you need any help reading your meter or want to report a leak, please contact us on; 087 7001695. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

**Sunny Days** are delighted to announce our **Family Fete day** will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday June 5th** in Glencorrib/ KiIlroe Community sports field. **Gates open 12.30pm.**

Come and join us for a great family day out.



## CHURCH RENOVATIONS:

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Glencorrib

Works planned for this year in Glencorrib are the church windows, bell tower and painting of the church both inside and outside. These works are planned to take place during the summer with the aim to have them completed by September. It is only through your continued support and contributions which make these works possible. Thank you.



### St. Joseph's Church, Shrule

Parishioners may notice works been carried out around the church in Shrule. This is the completion of works started last year regarding roof, drainage and disabled entrance. Drawings on what

the entrance will look like will be posted in the church notice board. These works got delayed due to poor weather last year, then winter, along with Easter, First Communion, Confirmation and wedding ceremonies. It is hoped to have the works completed shortly. It is only through your continued support and contributions which make these works possible. Thank you.

## A BUSY WEEK IN THE GLEN – PART 1 OF 2

**“We don't meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason”** is a famous quote used by many. On 24<sup>th</sup> April last as I was leaving the Trading Post Shop in Cloughanover, I met Alan Murphy, Woodpark coming in and we could have nodded and said a quick hello and passed by. But I asked him how things were, the family and his parents Carmel & Joe. I recalled how Carmel (and myself in the latter years) used to organise the annual Tea Day for Western Alzheimers in Glencorrib Community Centre. That evening I thought, wouldn't it be a plan to organise one for 2023. Next day, I contacted Alan who was 100% on board with it and that his wife Karen would like to help out too. I also had been thinking about all the artists in the parish who never got the opportunity to exhibit some of their work to the general public. I ran it by Alan and Karen who told me that they would help out in anyway. I put up a WhatsApp appeal for some help for 20<sup>th</sup> May. Kathleen Shaughnessy and Brid Biggins came on board with the Tea Day. Maura Finnegan and Kate Kelly said that they would look after the art exhibition side of things and a plan was born. In the days ahead, more people contacted us about helping out and others in participating in the art exhibition. People contacted us to say that they will do some home baking. Cakes, buns, apple tarts etc came from Mayo, Galway & Roscommon. People were so generous. It was totally unexpected.

**On 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, we had the honour of hosting the big day itself, the local Western Alzheimers Tea Day along with a Local Artists and a young Artists Exhibition in the community centre. So far, the event has raised an astonishing €2,123.50. We have to thank you all for that. It was way beyond our wildest expectations. We wish to thank all the local artists who exhibited a total of 55 artworks. Paintings, drawings and mixed media from Chloe Biggins, Dara Whelan, Geraldine Noone, Jack Metadger, Jimmy Farrell, Ann Murphy, Dora Muldoon, Kate Kelly, Bernie McPadden, Janine Higgins, Bridie Mulroe, Maura Finnegan, Jim Sullivan, Davina Johnson, Marie Molloy, Kelly McHugh and Clodagh Finnegan. Quilts by Teresa Fahey & Lyla McHugh and photographs by Bernie McPadden. They produced such wonderful pieces of artworks. The imagine and attention to detail was inspiring and awesome. We have to thank Geraldine Noone who donated some paintings for sale along with Bernie McPadden which raised over €500. We have to thank all those who purchased paintings. We also wish to thank all the pupils from Glencorrib, Kilroe & Shrule National Schools along with Sunny Days who took part in the young artists exhibition. They sent in over 70 paintings and drawings. We were very proud to exhibit their artwork and thank them for their time and creativity in producing such wonderful work.

As a community social event, it was great to see so many people reconnect during the evening. People who hadn't met since Covid were able to enjoy a cuppa tea and chat away for an hour or two. And lastly but not least, we have to thank you all for attending and donating to Western Alzheimers Tea Day. A charity close to many hearts. 10 years ago, we may not have known anyone who suffered from Demensia or Alzheimers. However today, we know many who suffer from it and the lonliness, confusion and anxiety that is part of it. Can I ask one thing of you, please continue to meet, sit and talk to demensia or alzheimers suffers. They may not remember the visit an hour later but they will enjoy your company while you are with them. They live in the moment and that is why were must live in their moment too. During the week, I got a lovely letter from Western Alzheimers to say that the money raised will ensure that people living with dementia can enjoy a meaningful life as an active member of the community for as long as possible and it will also help to support all their carers. Thank you again, *Kevin Flood*



### PCH uniforms:

D. Biggins, Ballinrobe, are delighted to announce that they are now official suppliers of PCH uniforms. Junior and senior cycle boys and girls uniforms will be available instore and online from early July.



### Mayo Stoma Support meeting

Mayo Stoma Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 8 next at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Please text JJ on (087) 2300580 if attending as numbers are needed for the hotel.

### A BUSY WEEK IN THE GLEN – PART 2 OF 2

**On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**, Glencorrib Kilroe Community Centre had the honour of welcoming Rory Best OBE (Irish Rugby captain), TV personality Tommie Bowe, The Cancer Fund for Children charity team including Chairperson Peter O'Brien and board member Pádraic Ó Giolláin, walkers and collectors and the Daisy Lodge charity team to Glencorrib.

Getting ready for Rory and the team was compared to getting ready for the Stations. Another WhatsApp appeal went out for help and we got a fantastic response. Our mission from organiser Mary McHugh Murphy was to make the main hall ready for a sit down meal for 50 to 60 people. Gerry Petty and Patrick Donohue had the bunting up since the Tea Day, so we set about organising the main hall again. We had to serve the cold food and refreshments to the walkers. It was a huge task for such a small community who were not used to this kind of work. Kathleen Shaughnessy and Brid Biggins were at the helm again since the Tea Day. They were joined by Terri Flynn, Joan Joyce, Colette Goonan, Una Greally, Siobhan Cottingham and Martina Biggins. Hot food was supplied and served by Frank Heneghan from the Anglers Hotel, Headford and cold food was supplied by Cillian McHugh of McHugh's Cafe, Cong. The ladies ensured that everyone was refuelled for the rest of the walk with a bite to eat and drink.



On route from Headford to Glencorrib children from Kilroe NS gathered at Rostaff crossroads cheering on Rory and the team and similarly children at Glencorrib NS waived flags and banners, cheering on Rory for his final kilometres of his 330 km trek from the Aviva Stadium in Dublin to Cong village.

Hundreds of adults and children gathered outside the community centre in the beautiful weather waiting to support and cheer on Rory and the team. Following the meal, Rory and his team thanked all those who provided and served the food and refreshments in Glencorrib. Rory & Tommie then made themselves available for photos. With photos done and refuelled again, they set off on their final leg of the long walk. We wish to thank sincerely all those who helped out in the hall and those who supported Rory's fundraiser. Thank you all. Kevin Flood

When Daisy Lodge in Cong is completed in 2025/2026, it will provide a short therapeutic break centre to children with cancer and their families so that no child will have to face it alone. Your donations will help to make that happen. So far, they have secured land at Lisloughrey in Cong which will offer families the opportunity to spend quality time together in a safe and supportive environment. Rory's final mission that day was to turn the official sod at the site. *Kevin Flood*

### Kilfraughan Cemetery Clean up: Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean up Kilfraughan Cemetery, Cross, on **Wednesday June 7th @ 7pm** in preparation for **Cemetery Mass on July 13th**. Please bring any necessary tools with you. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### Riddle me this:

*How can the number four be half of five?*

*(Last week's answer: Heroine)*

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"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."  
*(Oscar Wilde)*

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." *(Albert Einstein)*



**Headford residents**, Kieran Duddy, Noelle McDonnell and Will Merrigan are back rehearsing with **The Saw Doctors** who will play a third and final 'warm up' gig for Glastonbury on Saturday 17 June in Kilconly, Tuam. Tickets for Kilconly 3 are on sale now from the ticket web site [www.onlinetickets.ie](http://www.onlinetickets.ie)

**Knock Exam Mass** in Knock Basilica, **June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm** – Bring your pencil case and have it blessed.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY 8PM THURSDAY**

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

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Date Died</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>
<b>Ward (Frehan)</b>	Marie	Shrule	03/06/1968		Oxford
<b>Hennelly</b>	John L.	Toorard	03/06/1977	73	Moyne
<b>O'Dowd</b>	Michael	Cahernabruck	03/06/1987	70	Shrule
<b>Hughes</b>	Mary	Bullaun	03/06/2000	86	Shrule
<b>McGuinness</b>	Sean	Tobernadarry	03/06/2022		Shrule
<b>Heneghan</b>	Michael	Shrule	04/06/1933	41	Shrule
<b>Lawless</b>	Winifred	Wakefield	04/06/1958		Shrule
<b>Thornton</b>	Michael	Old Ballynalty	04/06/1951	69	Moyne
<b>Farrell</b>	Jimmy	Ballycurrin	04/06/2020		Shrule
<b>Hennelly</b>	John	Toorard	05/06/1946	72	Moyne
<b>Devaney</b>	Nellie	Cahernabruck	05/06/1992	72	Shrule
<b>Fitzgerald</b>	Martin	Mochorra	05/06/1996	80	Shrule
<b>Dooley</b>	Mary	Cloonbanane	05/06/2000	79	Shrule
<b>McDonagh</b>	Joe	Ramolin	05/06/2004	82	Shrule
<b>Langan</b>	Honor	Shrule	06/06/1925	40	Shrule
<b>Hehir</b>	Pat	Rosdaff	06/06/1963	82	Moyne
<b>McGath</b>	Barbara	Lakefield	06/06/1982	84	Donaghpatrick
<b>McGrath</b>	Peter	Inishmacatreer	06/06/2011	77	Kilmaine
<b>Mangan</b>	Mary	Boherbee	07/06/1980	81	Shrule
<b>Walsh</b>	Teresa	Brodella	07/06/2019	58	Shrule
<b>Donohue</b>	Thomas	Ballynalty	08/06/1963	81	Moyne
<b>Molloy</b>	Patrick	Woodpark	08/06/1968	71	Kilmaine
<b>Payne</b>	Josephine	Dalغان	08/06/1975	60	Shrule
<b>Sweeney</b>	Nora	Gortatubber	08/06/2017	96	Killursa
<b>McCarthy</b>	Joseph	Dalغان Road	09/06/2016	89	Shrule
<b>Thornton</b>	Brigid	Ballynalty	10/06/1952	94	Moyne
<b>Burke</b>	Michael	Woodpark	10/06/1969	83	Shrule
<b>Biggins</b>	Michael	Rosdaff	11/06/1961	79	Moyne
<b>Donohue</b>	Jack	Woodpark	11/06/1990	72	Moyne
<b>Egan</b>	Delia	Brodella	11/06/2013	98	Shrule

**Prayer for Vocations:**

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know each of us by name. Through Baptism you reach into our hearts and call us to do something special for you with our lives. We pray for vocations. Give people the courage to answer your call to follow you and serve the people of God. A vocation is a service to bring God's joy and love into a world that longs for it. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Madeleine Monaghan (née Finnerty)**

Pollnahallia, Caherlistrane, Galway/Kilconly, Galway. Funeral Mass for Madeleine took place at Corner Chapel on Sunday last 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. RIP.



**Gabriel Tuffy**

Killernan, Kilmaine, Mayo. Funeral Mass for Gabriel took place at St. Patrick's Church, Kilmaine Monday last 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023. RIP.



**Helen Kirrane (née Egan)**

Kilquire, Kilmaine, Mayo. Funeral Mass for Helen took place at St. Patrick's Church, Kilmaine Wednesday last 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023. RIP.



**Phyllis Monaghan (née Halvey)**

Galway Road, Headford, Galway. Funeral Mass for Phyllis took place at St. Mary's Church, Headford this weekend, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. RIP.



**Hospice Sunflower Days**

Galway Hospice needs volunteers to help with their Hospice Sunflower collections in Headford on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. If you can spare 2 hours on either day, please contact Galway Hospice Fundraising on 087-1933032, 091-770868 or [fundraising@galwayhospice.ie](mailto:fundraising@galwayhospice.ie)



### **HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE**

Independent pilgrimage organiser James Treacy is arranging a Galway/Mayo pilgrimage to the Holy Land for Christmas 2023, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Mount of Olives. Full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

Please contact James Treacy at 061 921470 or Email [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com) for further information.



**Galway Diocesan Rosary Group** meets every evening at 7:30pm to recite the rosary via Zoom. The Rosary Group is administered by Fr Martin Whelan, Diocesan Secretary and CC in Oranmore. If you would like to join the Rosary Group, just email [galwaydiocesanrosary@gmail.com](mailto:galwaydiocesanrosary@gmail.com).

**The Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on **June 27th to July 3rd**. The fare is €850 for 6 nights which includes transportation to and from Galway/Shannon. Insurance is optional at €39 or pilgrims may have their own travel insurance. Further information can be got from Fr. Martin Moran, Killannin, Rosscahill, - 087/2508959. Bookings - Reservations - Enquiries to: Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2; email: [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

**KNOCK**

Ireland's International Eucharistic  
and Marian Shrine

# Exam Mass

## June 5th, 7:30pm

### Knock Basilica

Bring Your Pencil  
Case to Have it  
Blessed



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## **Volunteers Needed!**

Can you give 2 hours for

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Friday 9th June | Saturday 10th June

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## A Word in Your Ear...

Some returns from 2022 emerged this week. The inexorable decline of religion in Ireland dominated the headlines (again!). This Census recorded that 14 percent of the population identified as having 'No Religion', the second largest group after Catholics. Those who identify as Catholic have fallen from 79 per cent in 2016 to 69 per cent in 2022. As Irish Times columnist Finn McRedmond noted in a perceptive article, the decline is not just in the figures. There are no longer many devoutly Catholic public intellectuals; Mass attendance has collapsed; theological literacy is certainly waning. And this is not just an Irish story. Britain and the United States are seeing the once colossal influence of religion ebb. Just watch any popular British quiz show like *The Chase* to have these suspicions confirmed. One contestant thought that the Dali Lama was pope at the moment and that St Paul came to Christianity when Jesus appeared to him on the road to Canterbury!

A King's College London study found just 49 per cent of British people believe in God, down from 75 per cent in 1981. In 2023, only 39 per cent of Americans said religion was important to them, compared with 62 per cent in 1998. The West can no longer be regarded as "The Kingdom of God."

This decline of religion has featured in every Irish Census since 1961. McRedmond asks THE important question: are we 'barrelling headfirst' into a secular Utopia? And if so, what will that Utopia be like?

She is rather skeptical on this point. True secularism -if even attainable - is a long way away. Religion is hard to avoid no matter how much we try. But should we even want to?

The forces of liberalism have enthusiastically welcomed religion's decline. It was the Catholic Church, after all, that impeded all the sacred liberal causes: gay marriage, oppression of women, abortion, the persecution of unmarried mothers. A religion-less society then would be fairer and freer, obviously.

The sea change in Ireland over the past two decades has encouraged that mode of thinking. McRedmond is not at all happy with this 'lazy' conclusion. The church may have a lot to atone for. But when we lose religion, she says, we risk losing good things too. Human beings have always turned to forces outside of themselves for inspiration and consolation. It is unlikely that we will be the first people in history to rid ourselves of the need for some kind of larger, common entity to turn towards. It is arrogant to think so.

McRedmond proposes a 'civic religion', a 'half-way house' between rigid Catholicism and flexible liberalism. Civic religion embraces communal religious values which are not tied to any one denomination. Yet these values are as relevant as ever. Moreover, it is reasonable to suggest that without parishes and shared activity such as church going, society may become coarser, more atomised, preferring individuality over community.

We can spend hours rehashing all the harms the church has wrought, and lamenting the damage done by religious extremism. But we must remember that atheism is as doctrinaire an idea as any traditional faith. And that an atomising society- where self-interest reigns - is as unpleasant as it is dangerous. Ireland more than anywhere understands the ugly consequences of overbearing doctrine. So, we should not be too quick to celebrate the decline of religion. Who knows what might replace it.

*-Dick Lyng. Ballyboden Parish.*