

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 29th MAY 2022

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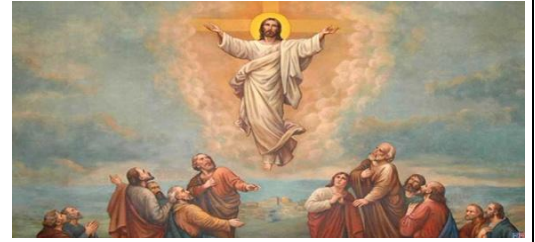
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

Jesus ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. If you are placing flowers on your loved ones grave, please look around and see if there are any neglected graves sites who don't have family to care for them. Place an extra flower there so that no one is forgotten

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	28 th May	8.00 pm	Raymond & Mary Duddy , their son Tom and daughter Carmel & DM Duddy family Paddy, Patrick & Margaret Sheridan , Dalgan Park	18 th , 24 th , 10 th , 5 th Anniv & deceased 24 th 5 th & 25 th Anniv
Sun	29 th May	11.00 am	Hilda McHugh (Née Heneghan), Galway City Mary Sheridan (Née Heneghan), Galway City	RIP 10/01/2022 RIP 13/01/2022
Tue	31 st May	9.30 am	Pat & Julie Frehan & DM Frehan family , Shrule	43 & 62 nd Anniv
Wed	1 st Jun	9.30 am	Dick & Kathleen Murphy & DM Murphy family , St. Mary's Road	8 th & 25 th Anniv & deceased
Thu	2 nd Jun	9.30 am	Special Intention Mass	
Fri	3 rd Jun	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Tommie, Bridie & Fr. Sean Heneghan , Churchpark	55 th , 41 st & 20 th Anniv
Sat	4 th Jun	8.00 pm	Frank Mortimer , Shrule	RIP 11/01/2021
Sun	5 th Jun	11.00 am	Delia & Charles Cherry & DM the Donnellan and Cherry families , Shrule & USA	15 th Anniv & deceased

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	28 th May	6.30 pm	Thomas & Mary Mellett and DM of the Mellett family , Mochara	40 th & 71 st Anniv & deceased
Sun	29 th May	9.30 am	Carmel & Martin Fitzgerald , Mochara	23 rd & 26 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	
Wed	1 st Jun	10.10 am	Noreen Murphy	Deceased
Fri	3 rd Jun	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30 to 7.00 pm	
		7.00 pm	Kevin McCann , England	Deceased
Sat	4 th Jun	6.30 pm	Jimmy Farrell , Ballycurrin	2 nd Anniv
Sun	5 th Jun	9.30 am	Mass for all the students sitting exams in the coming weeks	
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS' DAY.

We live in the technological age. The day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 and it emphasises how the media can promote Gospel values and to promote the truth at all times.

UPCOMING CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sunday 29th May: Ascension of the Lord
- Sunday 5th June: Pentecost Sunday
- Sunday 12th June: The Most Holy Trinity
- Sunday 19th June: Corpus Christi

CHURCH ROTAS FOR JUNE 2022

	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass	Maura Mullin	Monica O'Connor
LAY READERS – Morning Mass	Geraldine Casserley	Aisling Donnelly
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Vigil Mass	Bernie Lydon	Volunteer Required
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Morning	Sheila Ronaldson	Mary Newell
USHERS	TBC	Glassvalley
ALTAR SOCIETY	TBC	Glassvalley

FIRST COMMUNION: 9 pupils from Glencorrib & Kilroe National Schools received their First Holy Communion this weekend in Glencorrib Church. Congratulations to them, their families and their teachers for their hard work and to Fr. Vivian who made it all possible.

THE WAY IT IS: Computers have now started asking humans to prove that they aren't a robot.

DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR NEIGHBOUR DAY – TUESDAY 31st MAY 2022

Our parish group SGK is designating Tuesday 31st May 2022 as 'Do something good for your neighbour day.' Individuals, clubs, group and organisations alike in our parish and community are encouraged to be neighbourly to one another. This day is a reminder that we are all neighbours and that we should treat each other with love, respect and dignity. Celebrate the day by displaying acts of kindness to your neighbours, friends and anyone who crosses your path. It's simple to do. By being mindful of other's needs we become more aware of the world around us.

Neighbors helping neighbors.



BE THE REASON
someone smiles today

Kevin

- Help a neighbour bring their refuse bin to the footpath on bin day.
- Offer to weed a flower bed.
- When running errands, ask if there's anything a neighbour needs.
- Invite them over for a cuppa tea or coffee. Visits are important.
- Drop a note in the postbox just letting them know you're thinking about them.



MY PRISTINE MIND: James Monaghan (My Pristine Mind) & Helen from (@revive.coaching) are holding a 2-hour workshop on Sunday 29th May at Glencorrib Community Sports Field. You can expect breath work, cold therapy experience, meditations, visualisations and as always a nice cuppa tea and refreshments. Tickets are on sale from James @ 0879573404 or by emailing him at mypristinemind@gmail.com Places are limited to 9 people at their first workshop this weekend. We wish them well in the new business and watch out for more updates on Facebook etc.



SHRULE GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY GAMES:

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our track & field events on Sunday 29th May 2022 @ 6pm at Glencorrib - Kilroe Community Sportsfield. Age guideline

- U8 & O6 Born 1/8/2014-31/7/2016
 - U10 & O8 Born 1/8/2012-31/7/2014
 - U12 & O10 Born 1/8/2010-31/7/2012
 - U14 & O12 Born 1/8/2008-31/7/2010
 - U16 & O14 Born 1/8/2006-31/7/2008
- List of Events

- Boys & Girls:
- U8 & O6 60m, 80m.
 - U10 & O8 100m, 200m.
 - U12 & O10 100m, 200m, 600m
 - U14 & O12 100m, 800m.
 - U16 & O14 100m, 200m, 1500m

Long puck:
Boys U12 & O10 Girls U14 & O12
Ball throw: Boys & Girls U12 & O10
Registration details later.
Looking forward to a great evening



QUIT SMOKING CLINIC

at Tacú Family Resource Centre, Main Street, Ballinrobe are teaming with the HSE Health Promotion and Improvement team at Community Healthcare West to provide a **Quit Smoking clinic at Tacú every Wednesday from 9.30 am to 3.30pm.**

If you are interested in giving up cigarettes and/or vaping, and would like to make an appointment then please ☎ 091 737262

HEADFORD DEMENTIA CAFÉ: Headford's first Dementia Café will take place on Monday 30th May from 11am -12:30pm in Headford Hall.

The Dementia Café is free and open to all people with dementia and their families. It is a relaxed space for people with dementia and their families to meet, chat and have a laugh. There will be a guest speaker, Maureen Mannion, Dementia Advisor with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland who will talk about dementia services and supports in Galway. Refreshments will be provided. More info ☎ Solas FRC @093-36446

ESKER SOLEMN NOVENA 2022

31st May – 8th June, 2022:
'Let us Dream' (Pope Francis)
Weekdays

8am, 10am, 4pm, 6pm & 8pm

Sundays:

8am, 10am, 12 noon, 6pm & 8pm

This will be the last Esker Novena as sadly the Redemptorists are leaving Esker in November 2022 after 121 years there. It was originally a Dominican monastery since the late 1600's. The Redemptorists took over in 1901.



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

Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Corbett	Richard	Anlacca	28/05/1917	77	Shrule
Higgins	Patrick	Dalغان	28/05/1933	91	Shrule
Corbett	Patrick	Anlacca	28/05/1936	64	Shrule
Davin	Delia	Dalغان	28/05/1979	74	Shrule
Lydon	Martin	Dalغان Park	28/05/1994	74	Shrule
Canavan	Mary	Ballycurrin	28/05/2008	84	Killursa
Mullin	Edward J.	Shrule	29/05/1945	71	Shrule
Crampton	Ann	Shrule	29/05/1975	82	Shrule
Duddy	Mary	Ramolin	29/05/1980	61	Shrule
Mangan	Michael	Boherbee	29/05/1997	22	Shrule
Petty	Baby Gerald	Ballisnahina	30/05/1949		Ross Erilly
Sheridan	Patrick	Dalغان Park	30/05/2017	69	Shrule
Connelly	Martin	Brodella	30/05/1985	82	Shrule
Burke	Margaret	Wakefield	31/05/1995	86	Shrule
Murphy	Anne	Ballycurrin	31/05/2015	49	Cross
Casey	Michael	De Clifford St.	01/06/1921	72	Shrule
Biggins	Thomas	Pulbee	01/06/1927	75	Moyne
Martyn	Mary	Shrule	01/06/1947	79	Shrule
Carroll	Mary	Longhill	01/06/1969	88	Donaghpatrick
Egan	Seamus	Shrule	01/06/1998	57	Shrule
Mangan	Patrick	Boherbee	01/06/2007	70	Shrule
Clabby	Marcus	De Clifford St.	02/06/1921	86	Shrule
Murphy	Mary	Shrule	02/06/1932	3	Shrule
Bodkin	James	Shrule	02/06/1971	69	New Quay
Flynn	Bridie	Glassvalley	02/06/2019	85	Killursa
Ward (Frehan)	Marie	Shrule	03/06/1968		Oxford
Hennelly	John L.	Toorard	03/06/1977	73	Moyne
O'Dowd	Michael	Cahernabruک	03/06/1987	70	Shrule
Hughes	Mary	Bullaun	03/06/2000	86	Shrule
Heneghan	Michael	Shrule	04/06/1933	41	Shrule
Lawless	Winifred	Wakefield	04/06/1958		Shrule
Thornton	Michael	Old Ballynalty	04/06/1951	69	Moyne
Farrell	Jimmy	Ballycurrin	04/06/2020		Shrule
Hennelly	John	Toorard	05/06/1946	72	Moyne
Devaney	Nellie	Cahernabruک	05/06/1992	72	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Martin	Mochorra	05/06/1996	80	Shrule
Dooley	Mary	Cloonbanane	05/06/2000	79	Shrule
McDonagh	Joe	Ramolin	05/06/2004	82	Shrule

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sarah Cahill (Née Ryan) (92) Liverpool, England and formerly of Dalغان Road, Shrule. (Wife of the late Fursey Cahill, Caherlitrane and sister of the late John Ryan, Dalغان Road) Sarah passed away on Wednesday last 25th May 2022. RIP. Funeral arrangements in the UK at a later stage.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

"Were not our hearts burning while He spoke to us on the way." These are wonderful words are taken from St. Luke's Gospel. Please consider spending some time in either Shrule (Friday evenings) or in Glencorrib (Friday evenings or Sunday afternoons)

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

At the first date, she said "it's the guy's duty to pay the bill at the restaurant that's why it's called MEN'U." I said naw, "it's both our responsibility that's why it's called ME'N'U."



A PAINTING OF ST CLARE AND COMPANION on auction for Ukrainian refugees in Ireland has sold for €11,000, nearly 30 times the starting price. It is one of 600 lots being auctioned from Clonliffe. Clonliffe has also been approved to house 150 Ukrainian refugees, due to move in over the next four weeks.

GLENCORRIB NS NEWS: This year the Glencorrib NS Annual School Fundraiser will be an **"All Day Relay"** with donations being collected online via iDonate.ie at the following link <https://www.idonate.ie/glencorribnationalschool17>

For the All Day Relay our pupils and staff will be making use of our wonderful new Community Walk way and we will ensure that from **9.30am to 2.30pm** there will be a number of our pupils walking on the track at all times (class groups will take it in turns to keep the relay going.) **Parents, past pupils and members of the community are welcome to join us for a lap or two throughout the day if they wish to do so.** We hope to hold this relay the week of the 13th June but, to ensure we have a dry day for this activity, we will confirm the date closer to the time. Your support with the annual fundraiser is greatly appreciated.



GLENCORRIB NS - NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: The staff, pupils and Board of Management of Glencorrib NS would like to welcome you all (parents, relatives, past pupils, members of the community) into the school on **Friday 10th June at 10.30am** to celebrate the raising of our 5th Green Flag and to officially open our **BEAUTIFUL NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM** which is shared with our preschool, Footsteps Glencorrib. Tea and refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day!

LETTING GOD CARE FOR OUR TROUBLES – THE TREE

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree." He replied "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

God Bless, Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance. We all Need a Tree! - Author Unknown

God sees everything
but the neighbours miss nothing

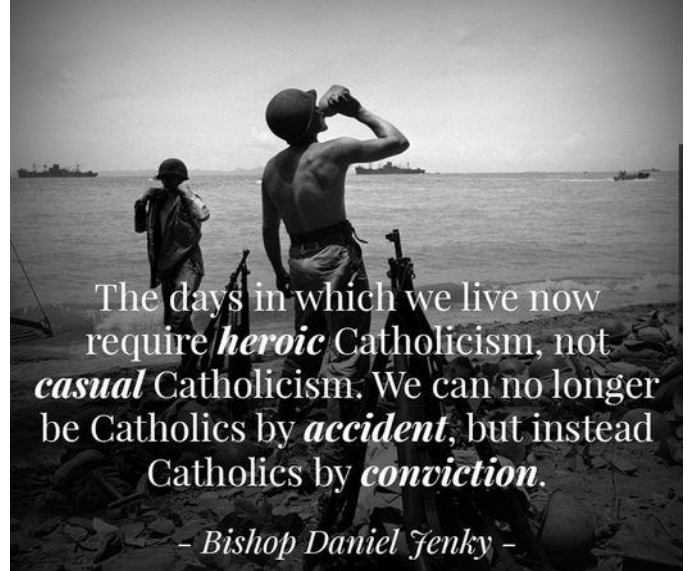


PASSPORT TO HEAVEN

One day we will all depart on our final journey from this life.

- It will be cost free.
- No need to worry about reserving a seat. It's already reserved.
- The flight will be on time. We're guaranteed that.
- Our good deeds and our acts of kindness will be our luggage.
- Helping the poor and homeless and the hungry of the Third World will be our visa. "As long as you did it to one of these you did it to me."
- And charity will be our passport.
- All we need do is to make sure we travel economy class.
- On this kind of journey it's much safer than business class.

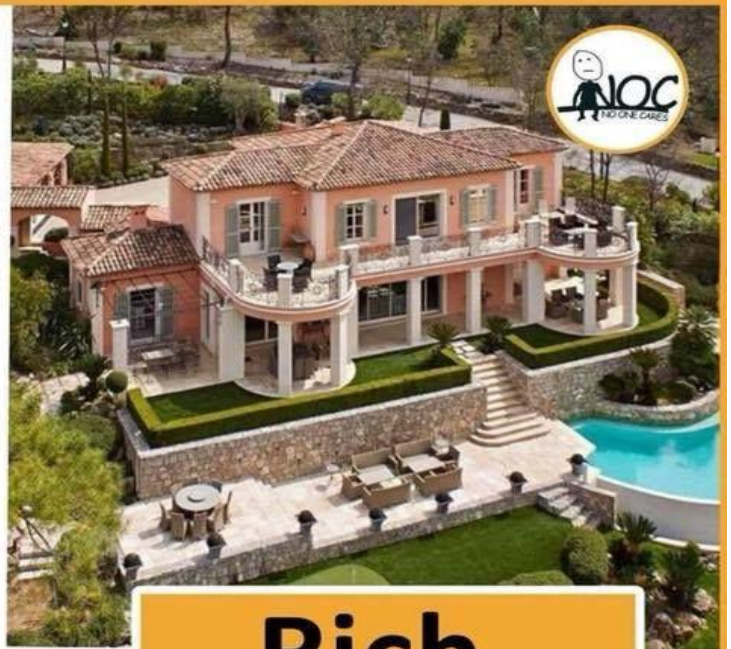
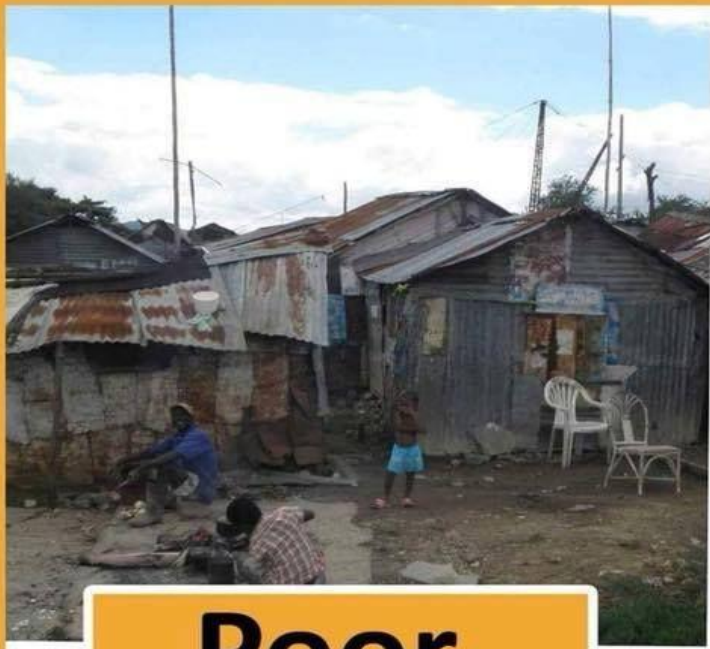
THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN



The days in which we live now require *heroic* Catholicism, not *casual* Catholicism. We can no longer be Catholics by *accident*, but instead Catholics by *conviction*.

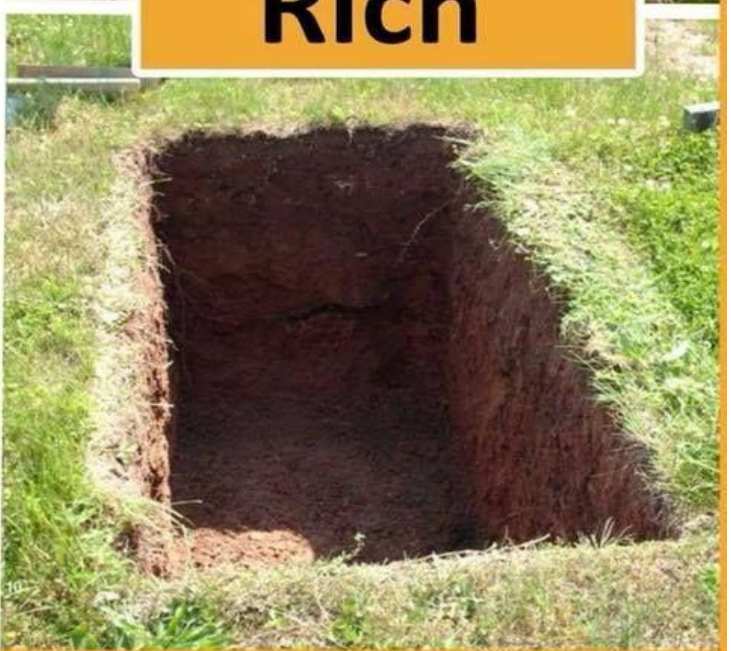
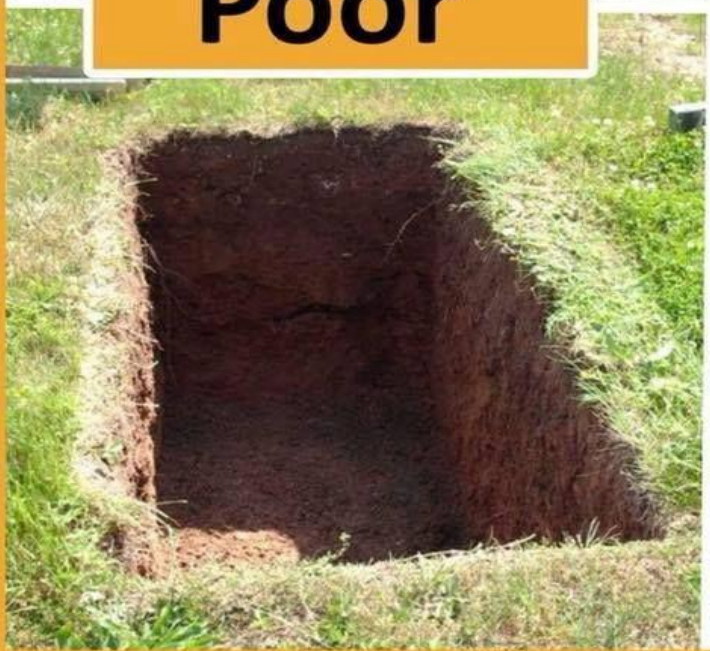
- Bishop Daniel Fenky -

No matter how big your house is, or how recent your car, or how big your bank account, in the end our graves will be the same.



Poor

Rich



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



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"**



GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

To book the community centre please



☎ **Dell Mays on 087 7542740.** It is now mandatory to book the hall before any meeting takes place. Thank You.

STAMP DONATIONS: You may have seen the box of stamps in Shrulce post office, or the box in Glencorrib church porch? These used stamps are collected by a religious order based in Dublin called 'Handmaids of the Sacred Hearts' who recycle the stamps so they can be sold to stamp collectors. The money raised from this is used to give financial support to various projects the order is involved in around the world. They have sent some booklets which are available in the church porches with information on the work they are able to do as a result of your support. Thank you for your kind support, and if you have not recycled your old stamps, maybe you will consider doing it now.



**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, Shrulce 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.

○ **Shrulce Church:**

• Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrulce Church Finance Committee:
IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

○ **Glencorrib Church:**

• Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrulce 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.

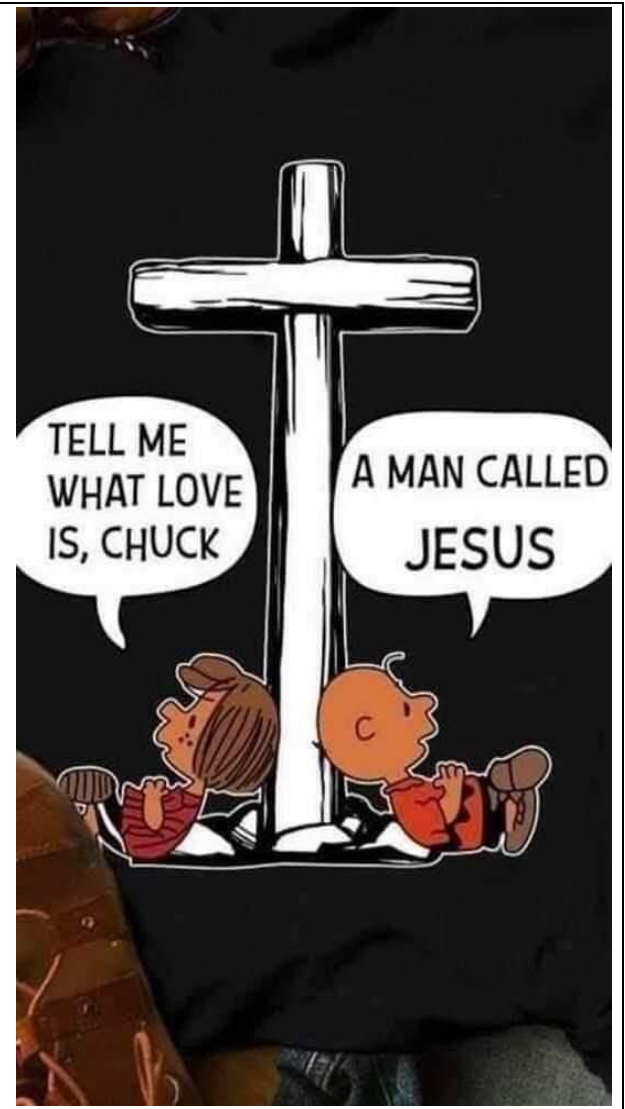
This is **very important** for the Charitable Donation Scheme. Thank you for your continuing support.

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: 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 Shrulce 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.

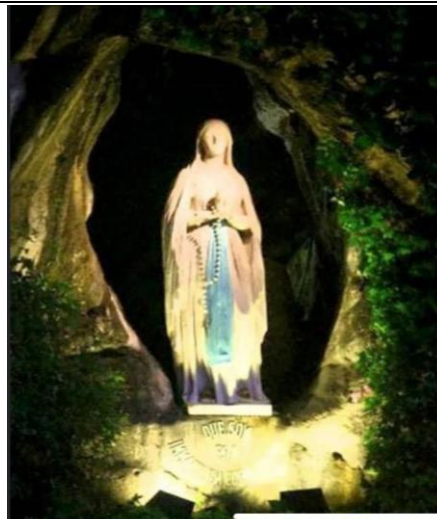
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

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.



**PRAYER OF
SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

O Lord, support us all the day long
Until the shadows lengthen, and the
evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy,
grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and
peace at the last.
Amen.



LOURDES
GALWAY, KILMACDUAGH AND KILFENORA
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
LED BY BISHOP MICHAEL DUIGNAN

September 22nd - 27th

For further information and booking
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**WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE LINEN BURIAL CLOTH AFTER HIS RESURRECTION?
I NEVER NOTICED THIS....**

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes.

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.

The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

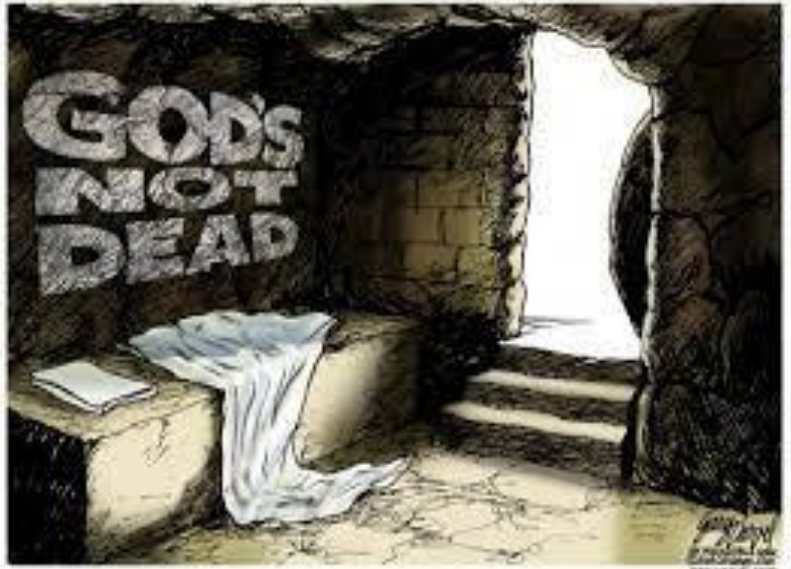
Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it.. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'.

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant,... I'm coming back!'

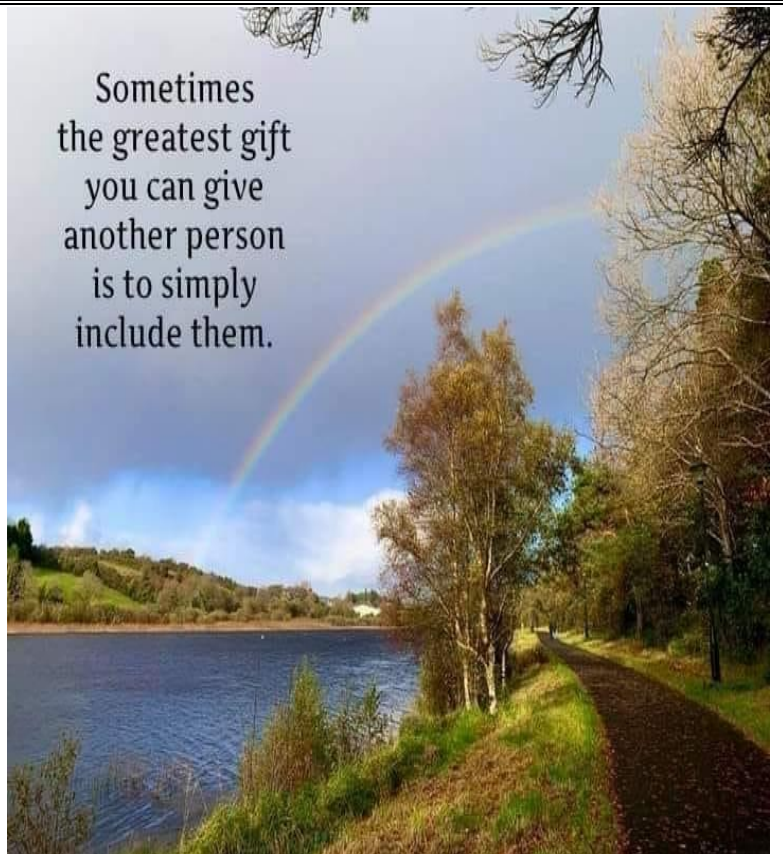
TODAY HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN BUT HE'S COMING BACK!!!!



Hope is the only thing
stronger than fear...



Sometimes
the greatest gift
you can give
another person
is to simply
include them.



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.

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

SHRULE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrule - Parochial House
Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon
Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days)
Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

NOVENA Parishioners may be interested in this nine-day Novena running from 16th to 24th June, led by the Sacred Heart Missionaries. It will be live-streamed from the Salthill church webcam. Poster attached. Please contact croinuacentre@gmail.com for any further information.

Web streamed from Christ the King Church, Salthill
(Go online to Salthill Parish Church and click on web cam)

Sacred Heart Novena June 16th-24th 2022

Led by The Team from Croi Nua
Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm daily
Saturday 10.00am & 5.30pm
Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

There will be a prayer service at 7.30pm on Sunday



Thursday 16th 10.00am & 7.30 pm : Opening of the Novena. Tom Plower MSC
Theme: 'The Call to Justice as Followers of Christ'

Friday 17th 10.00am & 7.30 pm Marie-Anne Michel, Outreach Officer Trocaire
Theme: 'The Love of God in Action'

Saturday 18th 10.00am Nick Harnan MSC
Theme: 'Celebrating Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Discovering how this title for Our Lady can give us a richer understanding of the relationship between Christ and Our Lady'

5.30pm (Vigil Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi) Nick Harnan MSC

Sunday 19^h 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm Corpus Christi: Nick Harnon MSC
Theme: 'Christ has no body now but yours'

Monday 20th 10.00am & 7.30pm : Kate Liffey Chaplain Birr Community School
Theme: 'Search for Love in the family'

Tuesday 21st 10.00am & 7.30: Charles Sweeney MSC
Theme: Forgiveness, 'Sometimes we forgive too easy and sometimes we are not able to forgive'. The teaching and example of Christ and by accepting God's forgiveness can show us a way to a fuller and happier life.

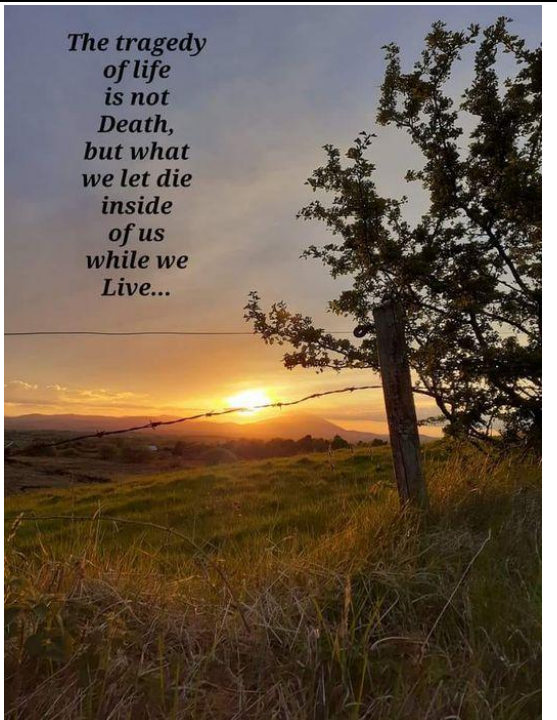
Wednesday 22nd 10.00am & 7.30pm: Lizzie Harrison Retreat Giver
Theme: 'Dealing with anxiety through faith and acceptance of God's love'

Thursday 23rd 10.00am & 7.30pm: Eileen Kelly
Theme: 'Healing after lockdown' The need for love, healing and forgiveness in the family.

Friday 24th 10.00am & 7.30pm Feast of the Sacred Heart: Tony Horgan MSC
Closing of the Novena



Time passes.
Memories fade.
People leave
but hearts
never forget...



The tragedy
of life
is not
Death,
but what
we let die
inside
of us
while we
Live...

10 THINGS YOU NEVER DO WHILST GROWING UP IN AN IRISH HOUSEHOLD....

1. Boil the kettle with no water in it... We have all been lead to believe that this will cause the kettle to explode. Nobody has ever tried it so whether or not this is true remains to be seen but the fear alone of doing this is enough to always pick up the kettle and give it a shake before you boil it.
2. Never let the fire go out.... It is seen as a sign of laziness. "You couldn't even keep the fire going". It is almost seen as an act of pure selfishness. This might seem a little dramatic but it is true. You will never be able to own your own house or live alone if you can't simply "throw a few briquettes on the fire"
3. Make tea for yourself without offering the rest of the family tea. It may not be commented on and you may think you have gotten away with it but it is noted in your family's mental notes. Irish people hold grudges that can last a lifetime. You will slowly but surely notice you are being excluded from the tea round. Unless it is your mother. Irish mothers always offer tea to their offspring (especially a son), no matter how many times they have been excluded. Ahh bless!
4. Throw your dinner in the bin... Whether it be a lot or a little. Growing up on a farm there is always a hungry animal out the back that will eat your leftovers. Whether it has fallen on the ground or didn't taste right. It is just something you don't do!
5. Let the heat get out.... You walk into a room and don't close the door behind you in the middle of winter. This kind of act can be punished with anything from a mouthful of abuse to a slap on the side of the head, depending on how close you are to the offended party.
6. Leave the curtains pulled later than 9 o'clock in the day. "They'll think we're sleeping all day". I was never quite sure who "they" were but to leave the curtains pulled late into the morning is a definite on this list. It is seen as another act of laziness (see point 1)
7. Leave the immersion on. Holy Moly, this one is just blatant disregard! Again, your parents see this as an act of pure laziness. Your parents will start to question you on where you think money comes from and informing you that money is not something that grows on trees.
8. Eat a sandwich without a bag of crisps. Whether you're a King or a Tayto kind of person. You could eat the most fulfilling sandwich ever created but it just doesn't hit the spot quite like it would if you had a packet of cheese and onion to go along with it!
9. Never question what your father is doing out in the garden. He may be digging holes in a symmetrical fashion that are exactly three foot apart but never ask why. You won't get an answer. The reason being, there is no answer! "Leave him off, sure he's happy" is the answer my mother would regularly give us!
10. Change the channel when your mother is watching Coronation Street. I have friends who are still suffering from the abuse they were subjected to when they unknowingly changed the channel in the middle of Coronation Street



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