

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 21st NOVEMBER 2021

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JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING– (YEAR B) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	20 th Nov	8.00 pm	Tom Davin , St. Mary's Road, Shrule	2 nd Anniv
Sun	21 st Nov	11.00 am	Jack & Eileen Reilly , Dalgan Park	23 rd & 13 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	
Mon	22 nd Nov	9.30 am	Ray Walsh , Ballynulty, Kilmaine	RIP 02/10/2021
Tue	23 rd Nov	9.30 am	James & Margaret Murphy and their daughter Mary (aged 3), Shrule	87 th , 40 th & 89 th Anniv
			DM of the Duddy family , Cullagh	Anniv & deceased
Wed	24 th Nov	9.30 am	Tommy & Kathleen Murphy , St. Mary's Rd	19 th & 5 th Anniv
Thu	25 th Nov	9.30 am	Ray Walsh , Ballynulty, Kilmaine	RIP 02/10/2021
Fri	26 th Nov	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm – 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Richard Cahill , Cloonbanane	RIP 11/10/2021
Sat	27 th Nov	8.00 pm	Missa Pro Populo – Mass for the people of the parish	
Sun	28 th Nov	11.00 am	Mary & Jack Craddock , Shrule	26 th & 23 rd Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	20 th Nov	6.30 pm	Maureen & Brendan Donohue , Ballynalty	10 th & 23 rd Anniv
Sun	21 st Nov	9.30 am	Dermot Flynn , Ballynalty	30 th Anniv
			Seamus & Eileen Flood , Ballynalty	2 nd Anniv & RIP Apr 2020
		3.00 pm	NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today	
Wed	24 th Nov	10.00 am	Celia O'Sullivan , Monivea Road, Galway city	RIP 14/10/2021
			Special Intention Mass	
Fri	26 th Nov	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm – 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	Noel Meyler , Glencorrib & Wexford	RIP 29/09/2021
Sat	27 th Nov	6.30 pm	Noel Meyler , Glencorrib & Wexford	RIP 29/09/2021
			Johnny Mohan , Glencorrib & his son	RIP 30/04/2019 &
			John David Mohan , Essex UK	9 th Anniv
Sun	28 th Nov	9.30 am	Thomas & Bridget Byrne & DM of the Byrne family , Woodpark	37 th & 48 th Anniv & deceased
			Paddy and Mary Flanagan and their daughter Veronica and the DM of the Flanagan family , Rusheen, Clonbur	32 nd , 2 nd 12 th Anniv & deceased
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

NO ADORATION IN GLENCORRIB CHURCH THIS SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER DUE TO THE PRAYERS IN MOYNE CEMETERY

SHRULE CEMETERY COMMITTEE would like to acknowledge the very positive response to their recent appeal for funds and express their sincere thanks to those who have contributed very generously to date. Thank you all.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Weather permitting, we will have the traditional prayers in both our parish cemeteries this weekend **Sunday 21st November: Moyne Cemetery @ 3pm and in Shrule Cemetery @ 4pm.** If weather is not suitable, cemetery prayers will be said in Glencorrib and Shrule Churches.



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



SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS: Yesterday evening at 5.30pm was cold, damp and dark. I picked up a Dublin Bike in Kevin Street as I normally do to cycle the 5km home. When I was getting off the bike at the bike station in Ringsend, I suddenly realised that my wallet was missing – it had obviously fallen out of my back pocket. Cursing my bad luck, I got back on the bike and retraced my route all the way back to Kevin Street, and then to the office, and then all the way back again, scanning the roads and cycle paths for the small black leather wallet. Not surprisingly, I found nothing. So, having wasted a good hour and a half, I resigned myself to my loss and went home to cancel my cards and start the process of sorting out the inevitable admin mess. Then, ping! An email popped up on my phone with the subject line “You’re in luck!” I thought it was spam, and was about to delete it, but opened it to find it was from the guy who bought my old house 4 years ago. He still had my email somehow, and wrote that he had just answered a knock on his door to find a young Spanish woman standing there, drenched wet, holding my wallet. She said she had found it near Stephen’s Green, got the address from my driver’s licence (my old address), and then went all the way to Ringsend to give it back. She wouldn’t leave her name or number, and having handed over the wallet, disappeared off into the night. This morning I collected my soggy wallet with all the cards, cash, and ID still in there. I am blown away by the unbelievable act of kindness shown by that young woman. It really affirms my belief in humanity, and reminds me to appreciate the friendly, multi-cultural city we are lucky to live in. *Gary Purcell - Founder & CEO at Allgo*



JUST A THOUGHT: I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP

Last August three young Irish lads were on a hiking holiday in Wales. Near the end of an 18-mile hike Paul’s mobile ‘pinged’, informing him that his recent Covid test was positive. They couldn’t stay anywhere. They couldn’t travel by sea or air. They posted a baleful tweet, asking for advice. They were overwhelmed by helpful replies, including an offer of a caravan. So they isolated in the vacant property in Cheshire, where they played a lot of Monopoly.

If we look over the last 20 months, a consistent theme for most of us has been powerlessness. We feel powerless in the face of the public health situation, powerless to function amid regulations about travel or social contact. That dreaded ping on the mobile phone sums up our perpetual vulnerability. In an instant, plans and hopes are crushed, and we feel imprisoned and paralysed.

In my 45 years of being a priest, I’ve found powerlessness a consistent theme. Almost everyone feels powerless to some degree. The pandemic has multiplied that by ten. So it’s incredibly liberating to say, ‘***I think I might be able to help.***’ For 18 months it’s been so hard to utter those simple words. We’re all shy of being an imposition, but the truth is, most people are pining to feel useful, and know they can help. We’ve been deprived of those opportunities for a long time. Why was I so amazed that so many volunteered to help by delivering meals to housebound during the pandemic?



For me, this demonstrates two dimensions of what Christianity is all about. On a simple level, the Bible portrays Christians as the three hikers - lost and hungry, needing the help that only God can give. On a deeper level, the gospels show us how Jesus himself becomes vulnerable, sharing the profound powerlessness of the hikers. He says the way we respond to those in greatest need is a measure of how we respond to him.

The pandemic has thrown up moments of truth, confronting us with our own powerlessness. But that vulnerability may increase our awareness of something deeper. That is, how profoundly we each long to find moments when we can actually say, ‘I think I may be able to help.’ ***Fr Dick Lyng.***

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRENDAN KELLY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF GALWAY, KILMACDUAGH AND KILFENORA AND THE DIOCESE OF CLONFERT:

We have been informed by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, that in the near future the Holy Father Pope Francis intends to appoint a single Bishop to the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and the Diocese of Clonfert. This form of union of two dioceses under one Bishop is not an amalgamation and does not suppress either of the two dioceses. Both dioceses will continue to maintain their own integrity and autonomy as is. But will work closer together, where possible, through the person and ministry of a single Bishop (in persona episcopi).*



As the Holy See continues its consultations on the matter, we will be organising meetings at various levels in each diocese to inform the People of God and talk to them about it. We pray God’s blessings on our respective dioceses at this important time and we look forward to a closer working together towards a new springtime of faith within each of our diocesan and parish communities.

**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
Gavin	Ellen	Longhill	20/11/1982	91	Shrule
Mellet	John	Mochara	20/11/2014	89	Shrule
Meenaghan	Winifred	Cahernabruck	21/11/1915	52	Shrule
Walsh	William	Ballycurrin	21/11/1942	71	Killursa
Naughton	Thomas	Rostaff	21/11/1977	75	Moyne
Corbett	Michael	Anlacca	21/11/1978	74	Shrule
Reid	Eileen Canavan	Gortbrack/London	21/11/2017		London
Monaghan	Thomas	Gorthbrack	22/11/1924	55	Killursa
Burke	Mary	Cloonamealtogue	22/11/2014	85	Shrule
Murphy	Patrick	New Ballynalty	23/11/1925	26	Killursa
Kyne	John	Old Ballynalty	23/11/1929	63	Moyne
Keane	Mary	Gortbrack	23/11/1943	73	Donaghpatrick
Murphy	Margaret	St. Mary's Road	23/11/1981	83	Shrule
Browne	Dr. Francis	Shrule	23/11/1988	76	Shrule
Sweeney	Thomas	Ballycurrin	24/11/1915	88	Killursa
Murphy	Kathleen	St. Mary's Road	24/11/2016	92	Shrule
Derrig	Padraig	Gurteen	24/11/2020	87	Shrule
Ruane	Bernard	Gorthatubber	25/11/1916	69	Killursa
Hyland	John	Ballisnahina	25/11/1918	25	Moyne
Craddock	John	Shrule	25/11/1981	73	Shrule
Derrig	Anthony(Sonny)	St. Mary's Road	25/11/2000	78	Shrule
Dooley	Malachy	St. Mary's Road	25/11/2013	89	Shrule
Garvey	Michael	Gorthbrack	26/11/1927	71	Killursa
Geraghty	Martin	Parks	26/11/1944	90	Ross Abbey
Burke	Margaret	Cloonbanane	26/11/1972	82	Shrule
Pender-O'Brien	Bunny	Shrule	26/11/1974	44	Los Angeles
Walsh	Edward	Shrule	26/11/1983	72	Shrule
Mc Donagh	Martin	Scardane	27/11/1924	68	Shrule
Meah	Patrick	Tubbersharave	27/11/1944	75	Shrule
Gallagher	Brigid	Shrule	27/11/1947	74	Shrule
Gavin	Ellen	Cnocfada	27/11/1949	91	Shrule
O'Sullivan	Agnes	Parks	27/11/1952	68	Killursa
Biggins	Mary	Rostaff	27/11/1962	70	Moyne
Biggins	Michael	Glencorrib	27/11/1986		Moyne
Geraghty	Thomas	Corrinreedra	27/11/1995	58	Moyne
Lane	Pat	Cloonbanane	27/11/1996	68	Cargin, Claran
Walsh	Michael J.	Ballybockagh	27/11/1996	84	Shrule
Walsh	Brigid	Ramolin	28/11/1918	73	Shrule
Cahill	Brigid	Cloonbanane	28/11/1931	62	Shrule
Higgins	Sara St. Leger	Shrule	28/11/1953	86	Shrule
Ryan	Martin	Dalgan	28/11/1957	70	Shrule
Greally	John	Cloonbanane	28/11/1963	69	Shrule
Mullen	Margaret	Shrule	28/11/1979	88	Shrule
Frehan	Delia	Shrule	28/11/1982	84	Shrule

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Nora Kelly (Née Walsh)

Athlone and formerly of Headford. (Sister of Una Heneghan, St. Mary's Road)) Funeral Mass for Nora took place at St. Mary's Church, Athlone on Friday last 12th November 2021. RIP



THE PRIORY INSTITUTE:

Online Theology Open Evening, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Go to <https://prioryinstitute.com> or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about their Online Open Evening on Thursday 2nd Dec @ 7pm

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH & QUMEN



ARRIVING IN THE CHURCH

Usually when we come into God's house, we bow our heads or go down on one knee. This is called '**genuflection**'. It shows respect and love for Jesus. We genuflect or bow in front of the tabernacle, the special place where Jesus is present at all times. The **tabernacle** may be behind the altar or to one side of it. There will be a red light near the tabernacle, called the **Sanctuary Lamp**. This light tells us that Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is present inside. The Blessed Sacrament is another name for Jesus. **Can you spot the tabernacle & sanctuary lamp in the church?**



WHAT THE PRIEST WEARS

The special clothes that the priest wears for Mass are called vestments. There are three different pieces which he needs to put on. Over his ordinary clothes the priest puts on a white or cream coloured tunic called an **alb**. Then he puts on a long piece of coloured cloth which looks like a scarf and is called a **stole**. Over the alb and the stole he puts on his **chasuble**. The colour of the stole and the chasuble is very important. It tells us what season we are in or what special occasion we are celebrating in the Church year. There are four main colours worn during the year: green, purple, red and white. **What colour vestment was Fr. Vivian wearing this weekend?**



CHRISTMAS CARD PICTURES

It is this time of year again, and Christmas cards for Triduum of Masses will soon be on sale after weekend Masses in Shrile & Glencorrib as well as in Shrile post office. Remember all proceeds from these sales goes towards renovations works currently underway and planned for both churches. This year the Christmas cards for will feature a photo taken by John McMahan a few years ago. Unfortunately, there is none for Shrile church. If anyone has what they believe is a suitable photo that could be used for parish Christmas card, please email the photo to parishofshrile3@gmail.com along with name of photographer. It would take a number of weeks for the cards to be ready, so please email any photo you may think is suitable as soon as possible. **Christmas Cards are now available at all weekend Masses in Glencorrib Church**

PARISH PUBLIC LITURGIES & COVID19 PROCEDURES:

Please note the following in regard to public liturgies for our parish: Face masks are to be continued to be worn in both churches.

Please use hand sanitizer as you enter/leave the church.

Hand sanitizing at communion time is optional.

The 'Sign of Peace' will not be used in liturgies.

Collection boxes will continue to be used at church doors for weekly, dues and special collections to avoid handling & using baskets across various pods.

Mass leaflet & newsletter continue to be distributed by ushers and will be available at church doors after Mass. Please dispose of after use.

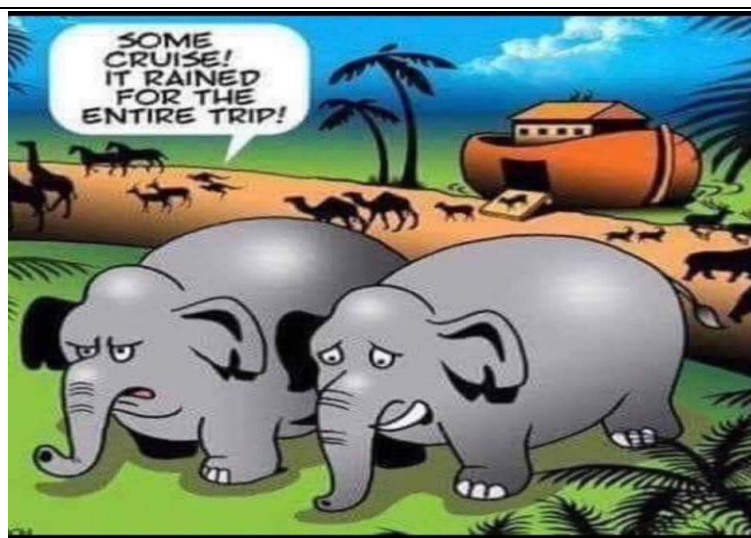
Churches continue to be sanitized on a regular basis, and those attending public liturgies in Shrile are asked to exit via side aisles to avoid congregating in centre aisle.

Ventilation is considered a key prevention component of Covid19 – for this reason, doors of both churches remain fully open throughout the week and closed only for liturgies. Heating in both churches as a result is curtailed to limited times.

To ensure individuals /pods keep adequate social distance, the policy of remaining seated during the Eucharistic Prayer will continue. If anyone wishes to kneel, please ensure a social distance of 1m between you and nearest individual /pod. Thank you for your continuing help and support.

BBC BREAKING NEWS:

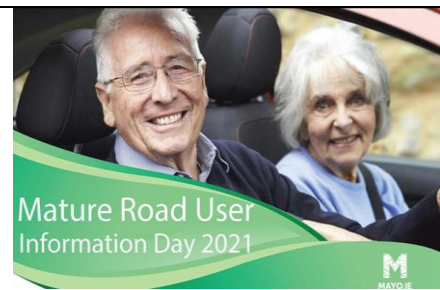
South Yorkshire. Police have found £12 million worth of drugs, 4 AK47 rifles and 200 live hand grenades at a house behind the library in Rotherham. Residents are said to be in shock as they didn't know there was a library in Rotherham.



POSTPONEMENT- MATURE ROAD USERS INFORMATION DAY:

Following recent changes in public health advice, the Mature Road Users Information Day, which was to take place in Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar on Tuesday next, November 23rd 2021 is being postponed to Spring 2022. It is intended to re-schedule this Information Day, which aims to improve mature road users experience of driving, in Spring 2022 when the public health situation will have improved. No firm date has been decided upon yet.

Mayo County Council says it looks forward to welcoming mature road users to the rescheduled event, details of which will be published in local press and on Midwest



EXERCISE WITH SALLY: Every Wednesday evening @ 7.30pm in Shrule Community Centre. Body weight exercises for all fitness levels. €10 per class pay as you go. Please bring own mat and water bottle.

DANCEFIT WITH SALLY: Every Thursday evening @ 7.30pm in Shrule Community Centre for the month of November. €10 per class. More information / details, please see our online parish newsletter

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ,
gentle shepherd,
you know your sheep and
you know how to reach their hearts.
Give to the people of the
Diocese of Galway,
hearts that are open
to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Speak to the hearts of the young men of our Diocese, that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people as priests of our Diocese.

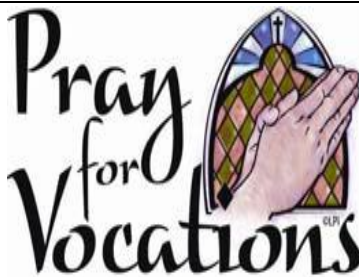
"Here I am Lord, send me"

St. Joseph, pray for us

St. Coleman, pray for us,

St. Fursa, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

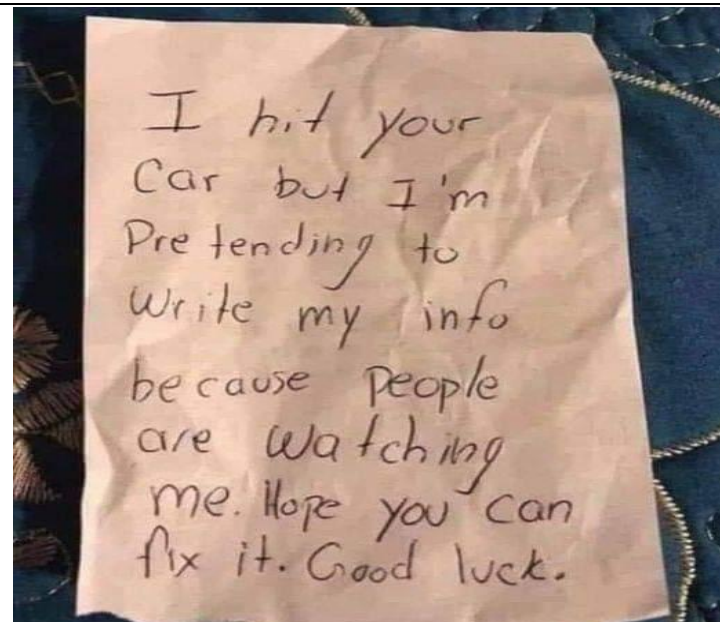


ON PASSING A GRAVEYARD

John O'Donohue
May perpetual light shine upon
The faces of all who rest here.
May the lives they lived
Unfold further in spirit.
May all their past travails
Find ease in the kindness of clay.
May the remembering earth
Mind every memory they brought.
May the rains from the heavens
Fall gently upon them.
May the wildflowers and grasses
Whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of
presence In the stillness
of this silent field.

SOLAS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE is organising a **FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY** on **Wednesday 24th November 2021 in St Fursa's Hall Headford from 10 am – 2 pm.**

A number of services will be there on the day, including Marie Keating Foundation, Croi Heart Foundation, Solas Counselling Service, Galway Rural Development, Pieta House, Domestic Violence Response, Sexual Health West and numerous other services. Have your Blood Pressure and Diabetes Test done for free on the day. Free HIV testing provided by Sexual Health West. Advice and Information on how best to look after our Mental Health from Pieta House Staff and Solas Counselling staff. A raffle that will allow six women free membership to one of the Gyms in Headford/Caherlistrane area. For more info ☎ Solas at 093-36446.



I hit your
Car but I'm
Pre tending to
Write my info
because people
are watching
me. Hope you can
fix it. Good luck.

WESTDOC: From November 1st the new Westdoc phone number will be 0818 360 000. Please save the new number to your mobile phone or keep it near your landline. Please remember when phoning Westdoc to have your Eircode close to hand and your Medical Card Number if applicable.

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

IRISH DANCING CLASSES are continuing in **Glencorrib Community Centre every Friday from 3 to 4pm.** Classes are been taught by World Champion Roisin Naughton T.C.R.G. All Children are welcome. Enrolments are been taken by ☎ Roisin on 087-1133730.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: If you are not able to come together to celebrate Mass and receive communion, please find time to pray and receive Jesus spiritually.

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.

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"**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrulle - Parochial House every Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon

Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days) every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon.

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.

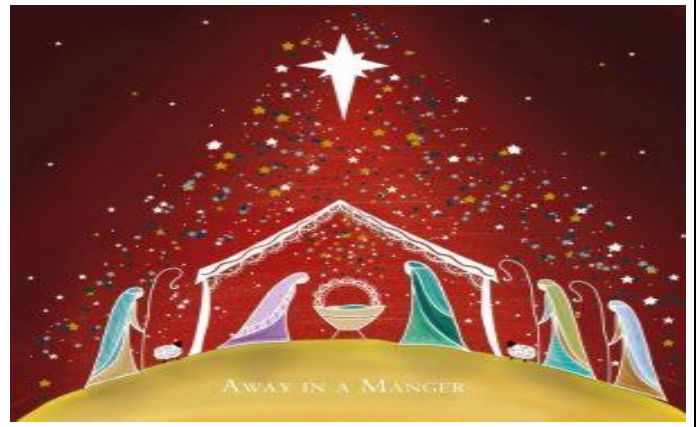


COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE:

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, ☎ 0818222024

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Sometimes it's very difficult to find Christmas greeting cards with a religious message. We have Parish Mass Christmas Cards available at all Masses on Saturday / Sunday next 20th / 21st November for the next few weekends. Just €2 each.



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, Shrulle 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 **Shrulle Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrulle Church Finance Committee:
IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

o **Glencorrib Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrulle 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.



GOLDEN YEARS

Golden years..... not so golden.... mostly rust..... quote from my father in-law.....

AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my wife. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years have gone. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER... "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

~Going out is good... Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch...

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... "What?" . ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewellery, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!?!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.....

Hang on I still have a few good years! Oh and...

GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY!!

It's OK to talk to yourself...and ok to answer yourself. But sad when you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening!!

JIM'S PRAYER...

A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the Altar and see who had come to pray.

Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle,
The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was kinda shabby and his coat was worn and frayed.
The man knelt, he bowed his head, then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed, each noon time - came this chap,
Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?"

The old man said, he worked down the road - Lunch was half an hour.
Lunchtime was his prayer time, for finding faith, strength and power.

"I stay only moments, see, the factory is so far away;
As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kinda what I say:

"I just came again to tell you Lord, how happy I have been,
Since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin.

Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day.
So, Jesus, this is Jim - just checking in."

The minister feeling foolish, told Jim that was fine.
He told the man he was welcome to come and pray anytime.

"Time to go", Jim smiled, and said "thanks" as he hurried to the door.
The minister knelt at the Altar, he'd never done that before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer:

"I just came again to tell you Lord, how happy I have been,
Since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin.

Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day.
So, Jesus, This is me - just checking in."

Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Jim had not come.
As more days passed with no sign of Jim, he began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill.
The hospital staff were worried, but Jim had given them a thrill.

The week that Jim was with them, he brought changes in the ward.
His smiles, a joy contagious - changed people, were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad,
When no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by Jim's bed, he voiced the nurse's concern.
No friends came to show they cared, he had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile -
"The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, that in here all the while,

Everyday at noon - He's here, a dear friend of mine, you see,
He sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me:

"I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM,
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,
SINCE WE FOUND THIS WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIP,
AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN.
I ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY,
AND I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY,
AND SO JIM, THIS IS JESUS ... CHECKING IN."

