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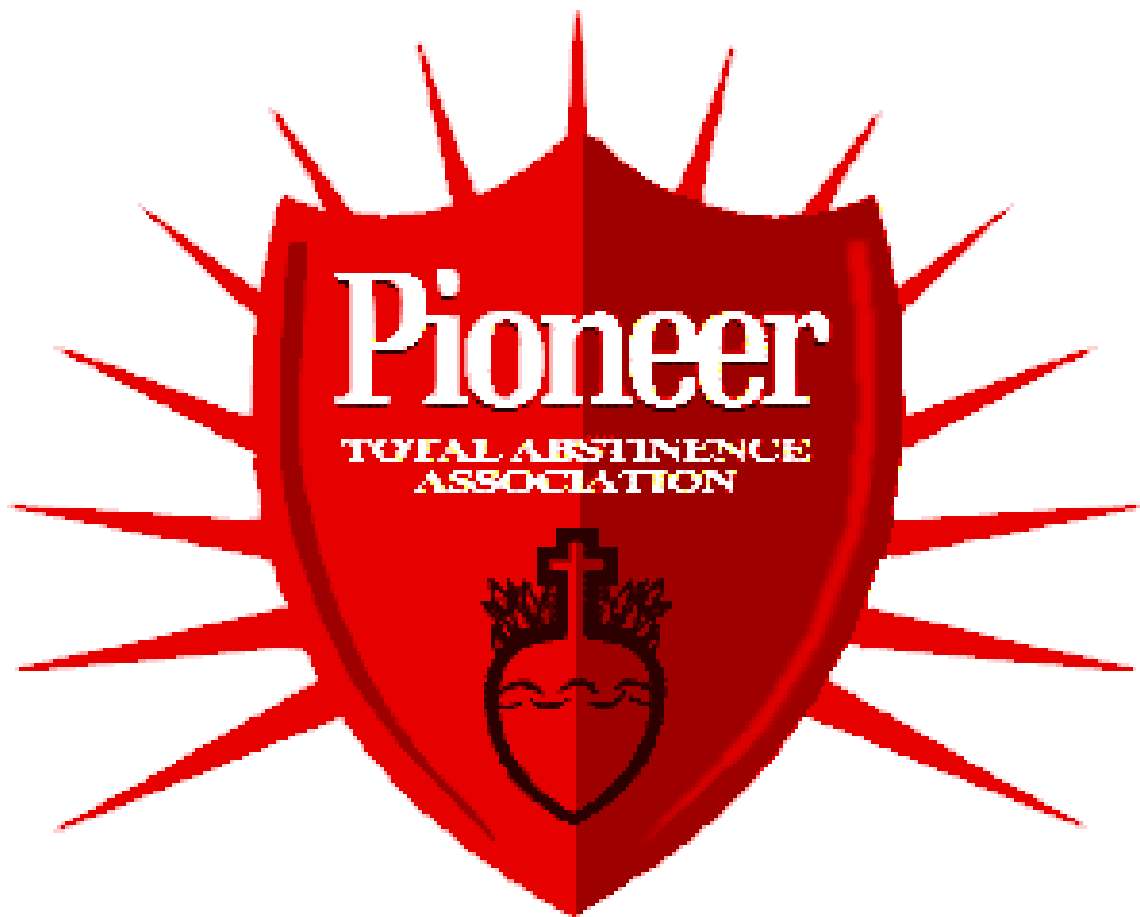
To the following:

- **All officers and members who worked tirelessly to maintain over the past 80 years.**
 - **To the present committee and working council**
- **To all those pioneers and non pioneers who have supported the Association**
 - **All our Spiritual Directors who gave us guidance**
 - **Fr. Michael Crosby P.P. Shrle**
 - **Eileen McCarthy – President of Centre**
 - **Kathleen Shaughnessy – Secretary of the Centre**
 - **John Petty, Treasurer of the Centre**
 - **Yvonne Ryan, Public Relations Officer of the Centre**
- **Maria Walsh, Youth Officer (Association National Youth Secretary)**
 - **Anne Hyland – Connacht Council President**
 - **Teachers from local schools**
 - **Organisers of Réadóiri Competitions**
 - **Organisers of Pioneer Quiz & Essay Competitions**
 - **Glencorrib Hall Committee**
 - **Sheridan Family, Ballisnahun**
 - **Caterers for the Annual Presentation Nights**
 - **Everyone who contributed photographs**
 - **Trish Forde Photographer – Western People**
 - **Liam Donoghue Photographer – Photo Editing**
- **Our Lord Jesus who has given us guidance and strength over the past 80 years and we pray that he will give us inspiration and courage for the next 80.**

HEROIC PRAYER

For thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for thy sake to give good example, to practice self denial, to make reparation to thee for the sins of intemperance, and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain for life from all intoxicating drinks. Amen

**GLENCORRIB
P.T.A.A.
PIONEER CENTRE
80th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**



1928 - 2008

GLENCORRIB PIONEER CENTRE

The Glencorrib Pioneer Centre was formed on Saturday 20th October 1928. This year as we celebrate its 80th Anniversary our objective as it was in 1928 is provide our members with an opportunity of living the faith in a most positive manner in a world where alcohol and drug abuse is a major problem world-wide. The impact of such abuse in our society is very clear and displays itself in three ways: upon the individual, the family and society in general. Abstinence from alcohol strengthens young people and enhances their freedom to realise their potential in study, in sport and in work. An important objective of our own centre in Glencorrib has always been the education of our youth in the abstinence of alcohol and drugs and we continue this by visiting the local national schools in Glencorrib, Kilroe and Shrile and promoting the objectives of the Association. How many families have been destroyed by alcohol abuse is anyone's guess but surely we can learn from these tragic lessons and hopefully build a better future for the next generation.

This year we celebrate the commitment and dedication that our officers and members gave to the centre down through the years. On this 80th anniversary, we remember and thank all those officers and members who served in so many capacities.

Our Pioneer Centre is affiliated to the Ballinrobe Region and we have been involved in every activity within the region. These include: essay competitions, table quizzes. Réadóiri competitions - music, song, dance, recitation, novelty act.

In 1999 the Novelty act starring Eileen McCarthy, Margaret Hynes, John Petty and Paddy Fitzgerald won the Regional Semi Final, Connacht Final and went on to win the All-Ireland Final, which was hosted by Connacht that year and held in Gortnor Abbey, Crossmolina.

In 2001 we applied for Gradam Na Réadóiri, which is a merit award for Pioneer Centres. There are nine areas of excellence to be accessed before the Gradam award is recommended. The nine areas include the following: membership and recruitment, spiritual and liturgical activity, participation in regional and diocesan councils, sale and promotion of pioneer magazine and other pioneer publications, support for national P.T.A.A. fundraising, pastoral support of victims of alcohol and drug abuse, involvement of pioneers in local community.

In 2001 we competed for Gradam Na Réadóiri Award for the first time and in March 2002, we were awarded our first Gradam. Nine representatives of the centre travelled to Dublin to the St. Francis Xavier Church where the P.T.A.A. was founded in 1898. A special embroidered pennant and certificate of achievement was presented to the successful applications, which we have received seven years in a row.

In October 2003 we celebrated the 75th anniversary of our centre. The evening started with Mass in Glencorrib church celebrated by Fr. John Creaven, and afterwards Garda Brick from Headford gave a talk to young people from Glencorrib. Kilroe and Shrle schools who were becoming juvenile pioneer members. He spoke to them about [he abuse of alcohol among the youth. Gold, silver and juvenile pins were then presented, followed by a cup of tea and refreshments in the community centre.

Tonight as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary, we look back with pride over the last 80 years. We are a very small centre but we are right up there with the biggest and the best.

Glencorrib P.T.A.A. Pioneer Centre was founded on Saturday 20th October 1928.

On that day, the following officers were elected:

Spiritual Director:	Rev J. Hanley, C.C, Shrle.
President:	Patrick Hennelly, The Lodge, Glencorrib
Treasurer:	Jerry Petty, Ballisnahina
Secretary:	William Newell, Mounthenry
	John Biggins, Ballisnahina
Working Council:	Patrick Naughton, Rostaff & Michael Hennelly, Boula
	James Varley, Mochara & Michael Conroy, Mochara

On 17th October 1937, New Spiritual Director: Fr. M. Hanniffy C.C., Glencorrib

On 10th February 1943, the following officers were elected:

Spiritual Director:	Rev. Fr. Glynn C.C., Glencorrib
President:	Jerry Petty, Ballisnahina
Treasurer:	Joe Geraghty, Boula
Secretary:	Joe Biggins, Ballisnahina
	Tommy Biggins, Ballisnahina
Working Council:	Martin Kennedy, Mochara, Thomas Varley, Mochara
	Patrick Hennelly, Glencorrib, John Biggins, Glencorrib
	Patrick Biggins, Ballisnahina, John Kennedy, Mochara
	Thomas Reilly, Woodpark

Subsequent Changes:

Spiritual Director:	Rev. B. Mulkerins, C.C., Glencorrib
President:	Joe Geraghty, Boula
Secretary & Treasurer	Patrick Hennelly, Glencorrib
Working Council:	Paddy Varley, Mochara, John Molloy, Kilroe Dominic Garvey, Kilroe, John Monaghan, Kilroe Paddy Maye, Woodpark, Mr. D. Murphy, Mochara Ms Teresa Garvey & Ms Angela Spellman N.T.

On 24th April 1966, the following officers were elected

Spiritual Director:	Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Glencorrib.
President	Joseph Geraghty, Boula
Treasurer & Secretary:	Paddy Hennelly, Glencorrib
Working Council:	Paddy Varley, Mochara, John Moran, Ballisnahina Michael Corbett, Gortatubber & Michael Hyland, Ballisnahina

11th October 1970: New Working Council: Nellie Sheridan, Frances Lydon & Frances Murphy

On 27th January 1973, the following officers were elected

Spiritual Director:	Fr. C. Walsh C.C., Glencorrib
President:	Joe Geraghty, Boula
Secretary & Treasurer:	Patrick Hennelly, Glencorrib
Assistant Secretary:	Michael Biggins, Ballisnahina
Assistant Treasurer:	Kay Hennelly, Glencorrib
Working Council:	Paddy Varley, Mochara, Michael Biggins, Ballisnahina Jimmy Shaughnessy, Ballynalty, Mary Biggins, Glencorrib Mary Noone, Woodpark, Kay Hennelly, Glencorrib Andy Egan, Inismacatreer

On 18th April 1978, the following officers were elected

Spiritual Director:	Fr. C. O'Connor C.C., Glencorrib
President:	Joe Geraghty, Boula
Secretary & Treasurer:	Patrick Hennelly, Glencorrib
Working Council:	Paddy Varley, Mochara, Peter Maye, Woodpark, Mary Hennelly, Glencorrib Bridget Donoghue, Glencorrib Christy Joyce, Ballisnahina

On 30th April 1985, the following officers were elected

Spiritual Director:	Fr. C. O'Connor C.C., Glencorrib
President:	Dan Shaughnessy, Ballynalty
Secretary:	Kathleen Shaughnessy, Ballynalty
Treasurer:	Dell Maye, Woodpark
Working Council:	Jimmy Shaughnessy, Ballynalty, Nellie Sheridan, Ballisnahina, Michael Hyland, Ballisnahina, Frances Mohan, Glencorrib and Maura Carr, Glencorrib

July 1988	New Spiritual Director: Fr. Patrick Eaton, C.C.
June 1995	New Spiritual Director: Fr. John Creaven SMA, C.C.

On 14th November 1999, the following officers were elected

Spiritual Director:	Fr. John Creaven SMA. C.C., Glencorrib
President:	Eileen McCarthy, Shrule
Secretary:	Kathleen Shaughnessy, Ballynalty
Treasurer:	John Petty, Ballisnahina
Public Relations Officer:	Yvonne Ryan, Shrule
Working Council:	Nellie Sheridan, Ballisnahina, Maura Carr, Glencorrib, Michael Hyland, Ballisnahina, Mattie Sheridan, Ballisnahina Dell Maye, Woodpark, Dan Shaughnessy, Ballynalty & Peter Shaughnessy, Ballynalty

In 2001, the following officers were elected

Youth Officer:	Maria Walsh, Shrule
Assistant Youth Officer:	Anna Shaughnessy, Ballynalty

Present Officers:	
Spiritual Director:	Fr. Michael Crosby P.P., Shrule
President:	Eileen McCarthy, Shrule
Secretary:	Kathleen Shaughnessy, Ballynalty
Treasurer:	John Petty, Ballisnahina
Working Council:	Dell Maye, Woodpark, Nellie Sheridan, Ballisnahina, Dan Shaughnessy, Ballynalty, Maureen Sheridan, Ballisnahina Mattie Sheridan, Ballisnahina, Frances Mohan, Glencorrib Helena O'Connor, Glencorrib, Declan Biggins, Shrule

Number as Pioneer (P) or Probationer (C)	Date of Appointment	Name	Address	Office
(1)	20/10/28	Rev. J. Hanley CC	Shrule, Co. Mayo	Spiritual Director or Directress
	20/10/28	Kennelly Patk.	Glencorrib.	President
	20/10/28	Petty J. B.	Breemahina	Treasurer
	20/10/28	Newell William John Biggins	Mount Henry Ballisnahina	Secretary
				Council
	20/10/28	Naughton Patk.	Costaff. Headford.	
		Kennelly Mick.	Boola. Dower.	
		Norley James	Mocorra, Shrule.	
		Canoy Mick.		

First entry on the
Glencorrib Pioneer Association
Register on
Sunday 28th October 1928

Glencorrib Pioneer Centre - Our First Elected Officers



Fr. J. Hanley CC,
Our First Spiritual Director



Jerry Petty, Ballisnahina
First Treasurer



William Newell, Kilroe
First Secretary



John Biggins, Ballisnahina
Joint Secretary



James Varley, Mochara,
Working Council



Joe Geraghty, Boula
3rd President

First Gradam no Réadóiri Award 2001 (Received March 2002)



Back Row: Peter Shaughnessy, Maureen Sheridan, Fr. Micheál McGreal, Dan Shaughnessy, Mairead Davin, and Marie Walsh. Front Row: Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Dell Maye, Mary Maye, Anna Shaughnessy, Kathleen Shaughnessy, Nellie Sheridan

New Juvenile Members 2008 – Glencorrib National School.



Jared Mullin, John Flood, Amy Cotter and Stephanie Moffatt.

Gradam na Réadóirí 2007 – (Received in May 2008)



Kathleen Shaughnessy, (Secretary) Kathleen Biggins, Dan Shaughnessy, Declan Biggins (receiving the Gradam Award on behalf of the Glencorrib Pioneer Centre)

New Juvenile Members 2008 – Kilroe National School



Back Row: Eoghan Hennelly, Joseph Bohan, Patrick Garvey, Nathan McGhee,
Front Row: Micheál Garvey, Niamh Caldwell and Niamh Geraghty

Réadóiri Competitions Connacht Final 2008: Essay Competition Winner



Tommy Carey (Principle Kilroe N.S.) Selma Makela (Mother),
Maija Makela Molloy (Winner), Marcus Molloy (Father) and Rosa Makela Molloy
(Sister)

Glencorrib Pioneer Centre - 70th Anniversary – 1998



Presentation of Pins to: Dan Shaughnessy, (Silver). Nellie Sheridan, (Gold).
Margaret Kennedy, (Silver) & Yvonne Ryan, (Silver)

Presentation of Fr. Cullen Medals – 60 Years Pioneers - 2005



Ann Hyland (Connacht President) Kathleen Shaughnessy, (Regional President)
Three special recipients of Fr. Cullen medals were
Johnny Molloy, Mary Reilly, Paddy Varley
Eileen McCarthy (Glencorrib Centre President)

Pioneer Competition – Connacht Quiz Team Winners for 2008



Back Row: Fr. Fallon (P.P. Kilmaine) Michael Connolly, Anne Hyland (Connacht President) Joan Fitzgerald, Kathleen Shaughnessy (Regional President)
Front Row: Stephen McHugh, Liam McHugh and Breda Fitzgerald

Pioneer Enrolment Night - 2001



Réadóiri Competitions 2008 Ballinrobe Region – Disco Dancing



Winners: Glencorrib Centre: Shannon Mellette, Erika Monaghan, Ashleigh Gibbons, Tara Mullin, Louise Reilly and Amy Walsh.

Réadóiri Competitions 2008 Ballinrobe Region – Musical Group



Winners - Glencorrib Centre: Eva Cotter, Mary Flood & Aoibhinn Byron

Presentation of Gold Pins (50 years Pioneers) - 2005



Ann Hyland (Connacht President) Kathleen Shaughnessy, (Regional President)
Three special recipients of Gold Pins were
Padraic Farragher, Tom Gibsey and Tom Mohan
Eileen McCarthy (Glencorrib Centre President)

Enrolment Night 2007



Kathleen Shaughnessy, (Glencorrib Centre Secretary) with 15 new members and
Eileen McCarthy (Glencorrib Centre President)

Glencorrib Pioneer Centre 1978 – Presentation of Gold & Silver Pins



Back Row: Paddy Hennelly, Paddy Noone, Pete Maye, Mick Corbett, Michael O'Connor, Paddy Varley, Willie Burke,
Front Row: Johnny O'Brien, Mary Reilly, Nellie Sheridan, Fr. J. Hanley, _____, Johnny Molloy

Pioneers who received their Gold Pins 1978



Mamie Langan, Jim Fitzgerald, Fr. J. Hanley, Mary Denis Murphy and John Monaghan. Missing from photo: Joe Geraghty

Enrolment Night 2001



Padraig Derrig with his 4 grandchildren who enrolled as junior members that night.
Padraig was presented with his Silver pin.

Presentation of Medals 2002. Essay & Quiz



Back Row: Kathleen Shaughnessy (Regional President) Cathy Ryan, Marie O'Dowd,
Siobhan Cottingham, Eileen McCarthy (Centre President)
Front Row: Grace Ryan, Amy Ryan, Conor O'Dowd and Thomas Cottingham

Presentations & Enrolments 2005



Back Row: Stephen Mullin, Nicola Walsh, Rachel O'Reilly, Amy Ryan and Anne Hyland (Connacht President).

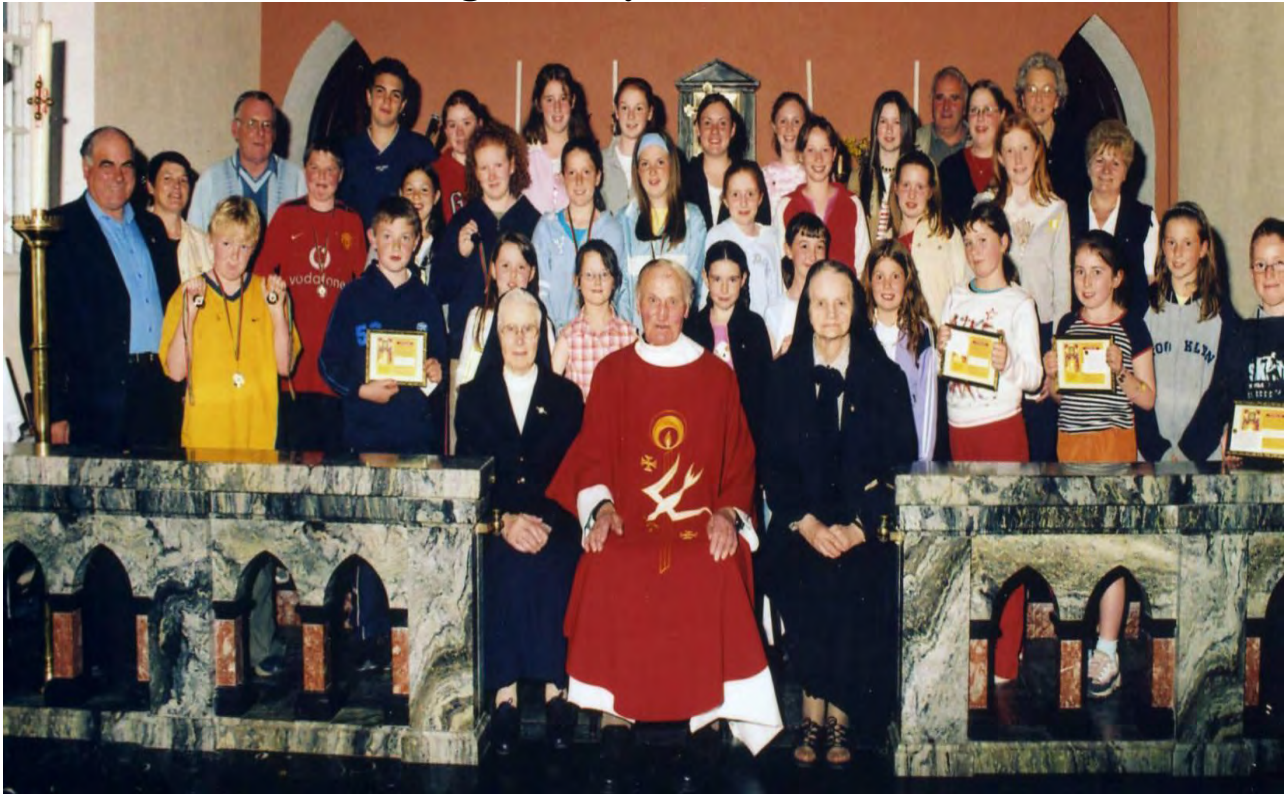
Front Row: Sarah McHugh, Eva Cotter and James Flood

Presentation for Quiz & Essay Competitions 2004



Kathleen Shaughnessy, (Regional President), 2 winners, Ann Hyland (Connacht President), Elizabeth Shaughnessy and Fr. John Creaven SMA CC Glencorrib

Enrolment Night, Essay & Quiz Winners - 2004



Fr. John Creaven SMA CC Glencorrib accompanied with two sisters from the Ballinrobe Regional Centre and Regional Centre winners and enrolment members for the Glencorrib Centre

Presentation Night 2005 – Essay & Quiz Members



Glencorrib Pioneer Centre - Presentation Night – 4th April 1987



Back Row: Dan Shaughnessy, Micheál Naughton, Mick Flynn (accepting for on behalf of Anthony Flynn) Mattie Sheridan, John Petty, Michael Hyland, Tom Mohan, Paddy Hennelly.

Front Row: Fr. Christy O'Connor C.C., Dell Maye, Eileen McCarthy, Tom McGaugh, Nonie Morrin, Nora Murphy, Mary T. Flood and Kathleen Shaughnessy

Presentation to Pioneer Quiz Team Winners - 2005



Liam McHugh, Breda Fitzgerald, Patrick Ward, Joan Fitzgerald & Michael Connolly

Presentation of Silver & Gold Pins 2001



Back Row: Kathleen Shaughnessy, (Glencorrib Pioneer Centre Secretary) Mary McGovern, Fr. John Creaven SMA CC Glencorrib and Eileen McCarthy (Glencorrib Pioneer Centre President). Front Row: Pdraig Derrig (Gold), Fr. Christy O'Connor (Silver) Mattie Murphy (Silver) and Nora Murphy (Silver)

Presentation to the Ballinrobe Regional Quiz Teams 2007



Back Row: Kathleen Shaughnessy (Ballinrobe Region President), Anne Hyland (Connacht President) along with the 17 Quiz Team winners and Eileen McCarthy (Glencorrib Centre President)

Paddy Hennelly presents a Silver Pin to Mattie Sheridan on 4th April 1987



Nellie Sheridan receiving the Gradam Na Réadóiri on behalf of the Glencorrib Centre in 2006



Presentation Night 2002 – Essay & Quiz Members



Back Row: Anne Hyland (Connacht President) Fr. Fallon (P.P. Kilmaine)
Mary McGovern (RIP) Kathleen Shaughnessy (Ballinrobe Region President)
Front Row: Sarah Martyn, Anna Shaughnessy, Ronan Ward, Aisling Mullaghy & Noelle Doherty

Presentation to Quiz Winners 2004



Kathleen Shaughnessy, Ann Hyland
Elizabeth Shaughnessy (Winner) and
Fr. John Creaven SMA CC



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Réadóiri Winners – All Ireland - 1999



John Petty, Eileen McCarthy, Margaret Hynes and Paddy Fitzgerald