

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 6th DECEMBER 2020

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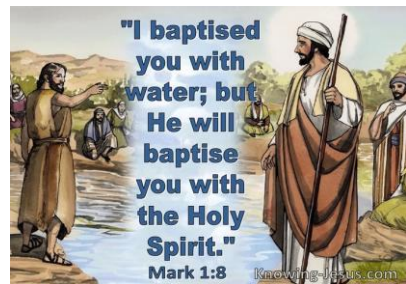
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	5 th Dec	8.00 pm	John McEvaddy (Brodella)	2 nd Anniv
Sun	6 th Dec	11.00 am	Conor & Kathleen Bohan (Carramore) and their daughter Josephine Bohan (Mocollogan)	17 th (A) RIP 10/9/20 & 2 nd Anniv
Sun	6 th Dec	3.00 pm	Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	
Mon	7 th Nov	9.30 am	Martin Toolan (Strokestown, Co. Roscommon)	RIP 16/09/2020
Tue	8 th Dec	8.00 pm	Fr. James Cashman	Special Intention
Wed	9 th Dec	9.30 am	Mass	
Thu	10 th Dec	9.30 am	Tom & Kathleen Murphy (St. Mary's Road)	18 th & 14 th Anniv
Fri	10 th Dec	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm to 7.50pm. All are welcome.	
Fri	11 th Dec	8.00 pm	Martin & Catherine Nalty (Carraun)	49 th & 34 th Anniv
			Paddy & Bridgie Naughton (Mocollogan)	26 th & 4 th Anniv
Sat	12 th Dec	8.00 pm	Phil, Malachy & Malachy Jnr Dooley (Shrule)	6 th , 7 th & 55 th Anniv
			John, Josephine & John Jnr Timlin (Headford)	Anniv & deceased
Sun	13 th Dec	11.00 am	Martha Burke (Rathgranagher)	Anniv
			Mary Bohan (Carramore, Caherlistrane)	Month's Mind
Sun	13 th Dec	3.00 pm	Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	5 th Dec	3.00 pm	Michael Hyland (Ballisnahina)	Month's Mind Mass
		6.30 pm	John & Margaret Monaghan and their grandson Kenneth (Ballycurrin)	41 st , 31 st & 4 th Anniv
Sun	6 th Dec	9.30 am	Kathleen Mohan (Claran)	RIP 24/05/2020
Sun	6 th Dec	3.00 pm	Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	
Tue	8 th Dec	7.00 pm	Eileen & Seamus Flood (Ballynalty)	Mass Card
Wed	9 th Dec	10.00 am	John Moran (Glencorrib)	RIP 28/09/2020
Fri	11 th Dec	7.00 pm	Mary Jo O'Sullivan (Gortbrack)	29 th Anniv
Sat	12 th Dec	6.30 pm	John Moran (Glencorrib)	Mass Card
Sun	13 th Dec	9.30 am	Michael Hyland (Ballisnahina)	RIP 03/11/2020
Sun	13 th Dec	3.00 pm	Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is on Tuesday 8th December. Masses will take place in Glencorrib @ 7pm and in Shrule @ 8pm.

DECEMBER LAY READERS

	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
Vigil	Molly Hyland	Bridie Biggins
Morning	Carmel Heneghan	Mary Devins

DECEMBER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
Vigil	Martina Murphy	Nellie Creaven
Morning	Sheila Ronaldson	Dan Shaughnessy

OUR PARISH WEBSITE is down at the moment as it is under reconstruction. It will return with a new look and features. So bear with us while we do that. The current newsletter can be found every week on www.shrule.com where Martin Ryan has agreed to offer his assistance. We will keep you posted on how things are developing. Thank you for your patience.

PARISH OFFICE TIMES: For those who may need to speak to Fr. Loughrey, get Mass cards signed or do any other parish business, He will be available at these scheduled times during the week at the parochial and curates houses at the following times: Shrule: Tuesdays (10.30am-12noon) Glencorrib: Wednesday (10.30am-12noon) You are welcome to call outside these times, and if Fr. Loughrey is not available, please leave a message, (093-31262).

MICHAEL HYLAND, BALLISNAHINA (1940 – 2020) RIP

Michael was born in 1940 to Jimmy and Nora Hyland. Sadly, his mother Nora passed away just 4 days later, leaving Michael to be reared by his Grandmother Ann and Father Jimmy. Ann lived to the great age of 92, by which time Michael was 12. It was at this time that Jimmy got re-married to May Kennedy from The Neale, but their family remained at just the three of them.

Michael attended the local national school in Glencorrib and often spoke fondly of his classmates, many of whom remained life-long friends. It was during this time that Michael's love for football and sport in general was fostered. He was an avid sports fan all his life, happily watching everything from rugby to boxing and anything else that might be on in between! Football and the GAA however, were his first love. He played both football and hurling, and we've often heard over the years what a great player he was.

He supported both local and county teams travelling far and wide to matches. Summer Sundays are fondly remembered by the many day trips we were taken on, to the soundtrack of Michael O'Hehir commentating on whatever championship battle was taking place.

Michael lived in Ballisnahina all his life, taking over the family farm from his Dad Jimmy. In 1973, he married Marie Murray from Ballyhale in Headford. They made a great team and had over 47 very happy years together, enjoying many dances and concerts along the way. Two soon became 5 with the arrival of his children Cyril, Ita and Brian and as the years went on, the family unit grew even more with the arrival of his ten grandchildren. Michael had great time for them all, he loved hearing their news and taking them for spins in the tractor. He was always great for lifts, no matter the time of day or night Michael would happily drive anywhere, something he continued to do until recently with regular school drops and collections.

As we've heard many times in recent weeks, Michael was always a gentle man and we really couldn't have asked for a better husband, father and grandfather.

As well as farming, Michael worked as a stonemason on one of the first FAS restoration projects in Moyne cemetery and from there he worked as foreman on various schemes in Galway. Wherever he went he was always well liked and respected by those he worked with.

In recent years Michael's health declined and he became a lot less mobile. Despite this, he was always in good form. He loved the simple things in life like reading the papers or the latest sports autobiography, watching television or listening to Mid-West radio. He also loved to chat and one of things we'll miss the most are his stories. He always had a story to tell about events and characters from long ago, and although we had heard them many times, they always made us laugh and smile. Michael will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and we his family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their kindness and support over the last few weeks.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis. May his gentle soul Rest in Peace.



SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWS:

Dear parishioners, welcome back as we are able once again to resume public liturgies. As we return, please do not feel under any obligation to attend liturgies until you feel comfortable and confident to do so. Please be assured that we resume our practices as before, namely each church is sanitized before and after public liturgies as well as throughout the week; people are requested to sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the church as well as before they received Holy Communion. Alongside this, any Mass leaflet or newsletter are either brought home or disposed of for recycling, none are reused. People are asked to wear face coverings, as well always maintain social distance during the liturgy including during reception of Holy Communion.

Over the next few weeks, there will be discussion regarding Christmas liturgies with the parish pastoral council. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks once again to all those who have volunteered as well as your understanding, help and cooperation especially with the ushers. This has allowed not just the resumption of public liturgies, but in a manner, people feel safe to return. Thank you, please continue to stay safe and strong. God bless you all, *Fr. Vivian*

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Sometimes it's very difficult to find Christmas greeting cards with a religious message. We have Parish Christmas cards available at all Masses this weekend and for the next few weekends. Just €2 each.

UPCYCLED CHRISTMAS TREES

made from pallets, perfect for indoor or outdoor decorations, all aid of Cancer Care West. We are asking for a €20 donation per tree, donation can be made via the link and trees can be picked out at Gortbrack, Ower. Eircode H91 A2WC each evening 8pm – 8.30pm.
https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11394203_pine-aul-pallets.html

**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
Toher	Denis	Old Ballynalty	05/12/1918	22	Moyne
Harte	William	Rostaff	05/12/1936	76	Moyne
Murphy	Michael	Ballynalty	05/12/1938		Cross
Morris	Patrick	Brodella	05/12/1981	84	Shrule
O'Halloran	Canon Colman	Shrule	05/12/1992	78	Galway
McGath	Nina	Lakefield	06/12/1898		Shrule
Moughan	Catherine	Tubberkeerane	07/12/1916	76	Shrule
Greally	Thomas	Cloonbanane	07/12/1950	77	Shrule
Rafty	Mary Carina	Shrule	07/12/1985	78	Shrule
Naughton	Paddy	Mocollogan	07/12/1994	73	Shrule
Newell	Catherine	Mount Henry	08/12/1918	16	Killursa
O'Brien	Michael	Cahernabruck	08/12/1923	75	Shrule
Gavin	Timothy	Longhill	08/12/1981	81	Shrule
Golding	Helen	Shrule	09/12/1923	87	Shrule
Lydon	Nora	Dalgan Park	09/12/1951	72	Shrule
O'Neill	Patrick	Dalgan Park	09/12/1963	76	Shrule
Ryan	Ellen	Dalgan	09/12/1987	92	Shrule
Moughan	David	Cahernabruck	10/12/1927	80	Shrule
Dooley	Michael	Cullagh	10/12/1939	64	Donaghpatrick
Nalty	Martin	Carraun	10/12/1971		Shrule
Holleran	Ronan	Joyce Park	10/12/2006	18	Shrule
Nolan	Matthew	Cloonbanane	11/12/1933	65	Shrule
Molloy	Catherine	Ballisnahina	11/12/1943	9	Shrule
O'Neill	Carmel Teresa	Dalgan	11/12/1980	20	Shrule
Carroll	Pat	Longhill	12/12/1963	91	Shrule
Monaghan	John	Ballycurrin	12/12/1979	63	Killursa
O'Dowd	Thomas	Shrule	12/12/1995	79	Shrule
Meenaghan	Sr. Margarita	Cahernabruck	12/12/2017	97	California
Carey	Patrick	Shrule	13/12/1917	68	Shrule
O'Brien	Kate	Cahernabruck	13/12/1934	84	Shrule
Langan	Mary Gertrude	Shrule	13/12/1946	9 mths.	Shrule
Madden	Raphael	Brodella	13/12/2011	66	Shrule

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES: If you're loved ones from the parish are not listed in our weekly listing 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"**

CHRISTMAS VARIES by the late Fr. Tom Waldron

"Christmas will be very different this year" is now a common observation. Well, according to the piece below by Tom Waldron, Christmas is very different every year. Like beauty, Christmas is in the eye of the beholder! "There are lots of Christmases.

- There's the quiet one, which seems to occur for most people every year, and yet always seems to be spoken of as if it arrived as a mighty surprise: 'Wasn't it a very quite Christmas this year?', 'Oh indeed sure it's over before you know it, after all the preparation.'
- Then of course there's the child's Christmas, and not quiet at all, but a Christmas of glistening eyes, and lit faces, and hopes, and excitement that turns to tiredness and crying, and overeating that satiates or sickens children of all ages.
- There's the drinking Christmas too, excuse for some, tiring round for others, 'habitually cited as exhausting and rarely as satisfying,' as an American writer put it.
- There's the homecoming Christmas too which touches in its way the Christmas that God began. At this time above all, Christ achieves some sign of his promise to the world."

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.

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

This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year to appreciate everything that you have.

"FROM GOD'S HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE" Live Christmas Carols and music from Headford Church on Sunday next 13th December from 7pm to 8.15pm by local singers and musicians. This will be an online event only (not open to public). View it live on our web cam, facebook or listen into on our parish radio. The Following are some of the people involved Don Stiff, Eamon Quinn, Fr Ray Flaherty, Matt Cunningham & family, Margaret Flanagan, Geraldine Farrell, Sandra Schalks, Orla Keane, Tom & Dick Joyce. This is a special occasion as we approach Christmas to connect with family near and far. We hope by this event to lift the spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

We are all very happy to be able to attend religious services again. Let us be careful and follow the directions laid down for us. Let us pray also for an end to the virus. Christmas is near. It is a time of feverish preparation and buying. We ought to make spiritual preparation also. On Tuesday next 8th December the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is celebrated. It is a feast full of joy. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was full of grace and chosen to be the mother of our Saviour "Let it be done unto me according to thy word". Mary accepted her calling willingly. Pope Pius X declared the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1858. Our ancestors had great devotion to Our Lady and the rosary was said before retiring. May we honour Our Lady as we say the following Celtic prayer, asking her to be with us always. "Glorious Mother who sees our distress and deprivation; may you wrap us in your holy mantle. Amen".

THE MAN BEHIND THE STORY OF FATHER CHRISTMAS/SANTA CLAUS

St. Nicholas was a Bishop who lived in the fourth century, in a place called Myra in Asia Minor (now called Turkey). He was a very rich man because his parents died when he was young and left him a lot of money. He was also a very kind man and had a reputation for helping the poor and giving secret gifts to people who needed it. There are several legends about St. Nicholas, although we don't know if any of them are true! The most famous story about St. Nicholas tells how the custom of hanging up stockings to put presents in first started! It goes like this:

There was a poor man who had three daughters. The man was so poor that he did not have enough money for a dowry, so his daughters couldn't get married. One night, Nicholas secretly dropped a bag of gold down the chimney and into the house (this meant that the oldest daughter was then able to be married). The bag fell into a stocking that had been hung by the fire to dry! This was repeated later with the second daughter. Finally, determined to discover the person who had given him the money, the father secretly hid by the fire every evening until he caught Nicholas dropping in a bag of gold. Nicholas begged the man to not tell anyone what he had done, because he did not want to bring attention to himself. But soon the news got out and when anyone received a secret gift, it was thought that maybe it was from Nicholas. Because of his kindness he was made a Saint. St. Nicholas is not only the saint of children but also of sailors! One story tells of him helping some sailors that were caught in a bad storm off the coast of Turkey. The storm was raging around them and all the men were terrified that their ship would sink beneath the giant waves. They prayed to St. Nicholas to help them. Suddenly, he was standing on the deck before them. He ordered the sea to be calm, the storm died away, and they were able to sail their ship safely to port.

St. Nicholas was exiled from Myra and later put in prison during the persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian. No one is really knows when he died, but it was on 6th December in either 345 or 352. In 1087, his bones were stolen from Turkey by some Italian merchant sailors. The bones are now kept in the Church named after him in the Italian port of Bari.

On St. Nicholas feast day (6th December), the sailors of Bari still carry his statue from the Cathedral out to sea, so that he can bless the waters and so give them safe voyages throughout the year.



- Do you speak Spanish? Don't know, I've never tried
- I went to the doctors in Headford with severe hearing problems. He said "Can u describe the symptoms?" I said "Homers a fat bloke and Marge has blue hair"
- Santa has been reading your Facebook posts this year. Most of you are getting dictionaries
- I tried singing the Messiah but I just couldn't handel it!
- Were Henry the eight and Richard the third responsible or inventing fractions

A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

Tens of thousands of fans, many weeping, filed past the coffin of Diego Maradona, perhaps the world's most iconic soccer star on Thursday last. His funeral ceremonies mixed head-of-state-like honours with the chaos of a rowdy stadium.

Fans singing soccer anthems, some draped in the Argentinean national flag, formed a line more than 20 blocks long, stretching from the Plaza de Mayo where Argentines gathered to celebrate the Maradona-led triumph in the 1986 World Cup.

But with the time for viewing the coffin at the nation's presidential palace drawing to a close, the police intervened 'to move matters forward', as one officer put it. Their intervention enraged the devoted fans who hurled bottles, cans and rocks at them. The police responded with rubber bullets! Maradona was worshipped like a god in Argentina. In Naples, where he transformed the fortunes of their team, many kept an image of him in the family shrine next to that of San Januario, the city's patron saint. This week's allegations of negligence against Maradona's doctor suggest that the story will run and run and that, even in death, he will continue to dominate the headlines.

Maradona was the possessor of extraordinary gifts both as a footballer and as a motivator of others. It's not hard to understand the obsession that many have with him. But as well as the gifts, there was also a darker, more sinister side to his life. He wasn't beyond cheating, as we know from the famous 'hand of God' incident against England at the 1986 World Cup.

That was the kind of guile Maradona needed to survive. He was reared in unspeakable poverty. When fame came his way, he found it hard to bear. He was banned for 18 months for using drugs. He was involved with the mafia in Naples. His finances were dubious, his private life complicated to say the least. But despite all this, the people just loved him more and more.

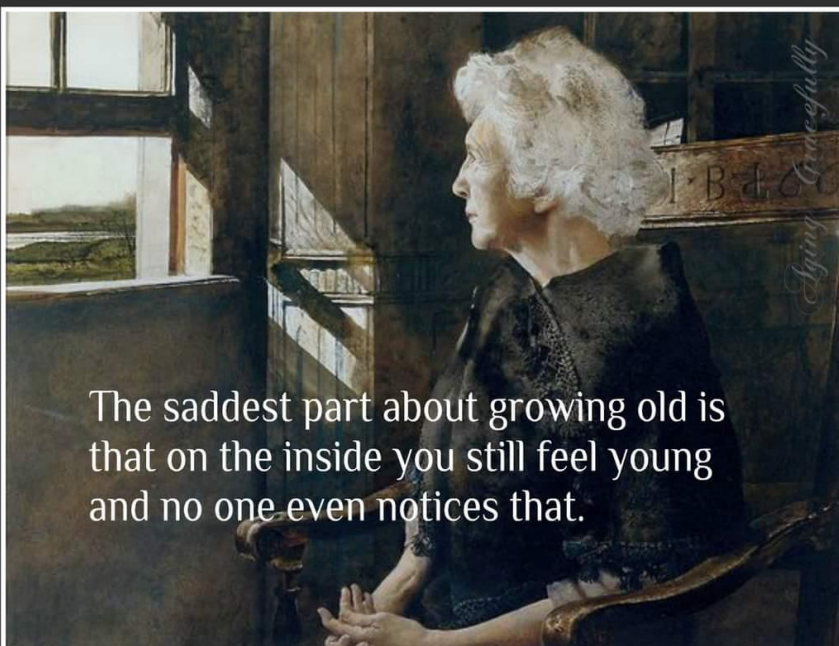
Maradona shows us the attractiveness of vulnerability. Perfection can be cold and alienating. The best heroes come with scars and wounds because that means people can relate to them.

Maradona also had a complex relationship with faith. 'God makes me play well,' he once said and he certainly maintained the raw piety of his catholic upbringing. He had a close affinity with his fellow Argentinian, Pope Francis, who also understood the impact of poverty on the human soul.

St Paul writes of his own failings, 'For when I am weak, then I am strong.' For the Christian, weaknesses are not altogether bad news. Human vulnerability is the place where God can be at work because that is where Christians most realise their need of him.

The world values and honours strengths, gifts, concrete achievements. But there are times when vulnerability matters more than strength because of the way it demonstrates human co-dependency and so builds up relationship. It is quite right that people should develop their strengths and become better people. But maybe they should also value their weaknesses along the way.

Fr Dick Lyng OSA



HELP LINES TO HELP YOU THIS CHRISTMAS: It's been a difficult year for many, with a global pandemic shaking the world and changing everyday life for all of us. Some people are now looking forward to Christmas, but for others this too can be a tough time of year. Always remember though, there is support out there if you need it.



Samaritans

Whatever you are going through, Samaritans can help
 Free phone: 116 123
 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
www.samaritans.org

ALONE

If you or an older person you know needs support
 0818 222 024
 8am-8pm
www.alone.ie

Childline

Talking makes us stronger
 Free phone: 1800 66 66 66
 Free text: 50101
www.childline.ie/

Jigsaw

Mental health support and advice for young people aged 12 to 25
 Free phone: 1800 544729
 1pm to 5pm Monday to Friday
 Text CALL ME to 086 180 3880
 with your preferred day and time for a call
www.jigsaw.ie

Irish Hospice Foundation

Bereavement support line
 1800 807 077
 Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm
www.hospicefoundation.ie

Aware

Support for people affected by depression
 Free phone: 1800 80 48 48
 Monday to Sunday 10am-10pm
www.aware.ie

Pieta House

For people at risk of suicide and self-harm
 Free phone: 1800 247 247
 Text HELP to 51444
www.pieta.ie

Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

Support for anyone affected by sexual violence, at any time
 Free phone: 1800 77 88 88
 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
www.drcc.ie

Women's Aid

Listening. Believing. Supporting
 Free phone: 1800 341 900
 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
www.womensaid.ie

Men's Aid Ireland

Supporting men experiencing domestic violence
 01 554 3811
www.mensaid.ie

Mental health support services

The HSE's full [list of support services](#)

FREE ONLINE LIVING WELL PROGRAMME!

If you or someone you know is living with any long-term health condition (mental or physical) then this Programme could be of great benefit. It is a six-week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new tools & skills to manage your wellbeing, on a day to day basis, while living with the condition. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do *not* have to disclose your health condition on the programme and plenty of support is available for navigating the online aspect of the course. Please contact Bonnie King, on 0879176354 or email bonnie.king@mayocil.ie. You can also find out more information on the programme on our website: www.hse.ie/LivingWell Please note there is now the addition of an evening programme (on Wed. 20th Jan.)

Dates: The next 4 programmes are due to commence on

1. Thursday 7th Jan.
2. Tuesday 12th Jan.
3. Monday 18th Jan.
4. Wednesday 20th Jan.

ARE YOU LIVING WITH A LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

Examples include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain, and depression. **What is the Living Well programme?** Living Well is a free group programme, delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with long-term health conditions. Living Well can help you to develop the skills & confidence to manage your health condition(s).

Online Programmes available: 2021 programmes

Thursdays 10.30am-1pm on 7th 14th 21st & 28th January 7th, 14th 21st & 28 and 4th & 11th February

Tuesdays 10.30am to 1pm: 12th 19th 26th January & 2nd, 9th & 16th February

Mondays 10.30am to 1pm: 18th & 25th and 1st, 8th 15th & 22nd February

Wednesdays: 7.00pm to 9.30pm: 20th & 27th January 3rd 10th 17th & 24 February

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