

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 20th DECEMBER 2020

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	19 th Dec	8.00 pm	Michael Clancy (Oughterard)	RIP 16/09/2020
Sun	20 th Dec	11.00 am	Mamie, Tom, Frank & Francis Dooley (Ramolin)	25 th 36 th & decd
Sun	20 th Dec	3.00 pm	Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	
Mon	21 st Dec	9.30 am	Fursey Heneghan (Iona, Shrule)	Deceased
Tue	22 nd Dec	9.30 am	Margaret Reddington (Gortbrack)	31 st Anniv
Wed	23 rd Dec	9.30 am	Jacinta Heneghan (nee McGath) (Turin), her father Sean McGath (Lakefield) and grandparents Richard & Barbara McGath (Lakefield)	RIP 10/08/2019 7 th Anniv 37 th & 38 th Anniv
Thu	24 th Dec	10.00 pm	Frank & Rita Burke (Cloonbanane)	34 th & 18 th Anniv
Thu	24 th Dec	12 - midnight	Con & Mary Joe Kennedy (Cahernabrock)	48 th & 5 th Anniv
Fri	25 th Dec	9.00 am	Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses	
Fri	25 th Dec	12 - noon	Bert Cawley (Dalgan Road)	38 th Anniv
Sat	26 th Dec	8.00 pm	Thomas & Mary Meeneghan and the deceased members of the Meeneghan family (Churchpark)	48 th & 31 st Anniv
Sun	27 th Dec	11.00 am	Padraig Derrig (Gurteen)	Month's Mind

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	19 th Dec	6.30 pm	Martha Hennelly (Toorard)	1 st Anniv
Sun	20 th Dec	9.30 am	Jimmy & Tommy Philbin and their parents William & Sarah Philbin (Cornamona)	5 th Anniv & Deceased
Sun	20 th Dec	3.00 pm	Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	
Wed	23 rd Dec	10.00 am	Michael Hyland (Ballisnahina)	
Thu	24 th Dec	5.00 pm	John & Mary Martyn and Mick (Michael) Martyn (Ballynalty and Carrowoughteragh, Glencorrib)	21 st , 50 th & 14 th Anniv
Thu	24 th Dec	7.00 pm	Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses	
Fri	25 th Dec	10.30 am	For all health care workers and their families	Special Intentions
Sat	26 th Dec	6.30 pm	Michael Hyland (Ballisnahina)	RIP 03/11/2020
Sun	27 th Dec	9.30 am	Padraic (Patrick) Burke (Moynes)	6 th Anniv

PARISH WISH: We are all facing the challenges of this Christmas in the parish. We are in this together. While many people will join in the celebration on the Parish radio or Facebook, we earnestly hope that as many as possible will be able to gather at some stage over the Christmas period to celebrate the great feast of Christmas together.

PARISH OFFICE: Shrule Parochial House every Tuesday (10.30am–12noon) Glencorrib Curate House every 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.

OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE is not ready yet. So newsletter can be found on the Parish Facebook page or www.shrule.com

CHRISTMAS WISHES: Fr. Vivian wishes all the people of the parish the blessing of a peaceful and happy Christmas. A special word of sympathy to those who have lost a loved one during the year.



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

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Thank you for your response to the pre-booking reservation for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This allows people to plan as well as help have appropriate structures in place. Please be aware of the following:

1. Please note that people will be assigned a seat for these masses which may not be your 'usual' seat or place. This is to facilitate the maximum available places, so your cooperation and help is asked for in this matter.
2. For Christmas Masses, only 1 pew will be reserved for family special intention masses. This is to help facilitate maximum 'bubbles' to attend.
3. No entry will be permitted into the Churches before mass without an usher's guidance. This is to ensure people are seated in assigned places which is to allow maximum use of seating as well as for the health and safety of all.
4. Ushers are not expected to stop people entering the church – they will advise if permitted capacity has been exceeded.
5. **NB: MASS WILL NOT PROCEED IF NUMBERS PRESENT IN CHURCH EXCEEDING PERMITTED CAPACITY**

Everyone's safety is of the utmost importance. Your cooperation help and understanding with all involved is both necessary and appreciated.

Glencorrib

All Glencorrib church seating for the Christmas Masses is now **fully booked**. People are still welcome to attend, to listen on their car radios at 101.4fm. They may receive Holy Communion by coming to the entrance door at the time of distribution. It is also possible to view masses on Shrle Parish Facebook page live.

Shrle

- Christmas Eve 10pm **fully booked** with 2 pods in use facilitating 100 people
- Christmas Eve 12 midnight **fully booked** with 2 pods in use facilitating 100 people
- Christmas Day 9am 2 pods for 100 people. **Not fully booked.**
- Christmas Day 12-noon 1 pod for 50 people. **Not fully booked.** (2 more ushers required for a second pod to increase capacity to 100)

If you wish to book for Masses on Christmas Day in Shrle, please call Maura 087-410 4874 on Monday 21st between 8pm-9pm. Otherwise, seating will be allocated on a first come basis.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to accommodate more than 50 people 12 noon Christmas Day mass in Shrle. Should more ushers become available it will be possible to increase capacity to 100

The pastoral council would like to thank everyone for their co-operation understanding and help to date and for following the guidelines. The purpose of these guidelines for Christmas Eve & Day is to ensure the safety of everyone attending these Masses.

The pastoral council would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for your help throughout the year and wish you a Merry Christmas. Email: shrleglencorribpastoral@gmail.com

KEEP AWAKE: The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'. It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we are invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. **What have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?** "Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh –this time, within me –as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago." Edward Hays.

LET US HAVE CHRISTMAS

A lot of talk about Christmas these days and our need to 'have it', to celebrate, but sometimes I wonder what 'Christmas' is being longed for. Sadly, I suspect it could all too easily be the Christmas of reindeer, red-nosed and electrified on the most awful jumpers. It might be nights out, office parties, endless drinks, 'toy shows', and crackers with their dreaded and driest imaginable jokes. I wonder is much though given to that socially distanced shed, a young couple and a new born child. Maybe, just maybe, it's not about going all out to celebrate but staying in to give thanks and to hope, hope that the Saviour will again find welcome.

**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
Hennelly	Mary	Glencorrib	19/12/1950	26	Killursa
Carey	Thomas	Ballycurrin	19/12/1970	74	Killursa
Moughan	David	Cahernabruck	19/12/2003	79	Shrule
Hennelly	Martha	Toorard	19/12/2020	75	Moyne
Mellet	Patrick	Cloonbanane	20/12/1916	85	Shrule
Davin	James	Brackloon	20/12/1943	93	Shrule
Garvey	John	Gortbrack	20/12/1975	66	Killursa
Dooley	Maimie	Ramolin	20/12/1995	86	Shrule
Monahan	Martin	Toorard	21/12/1943	83	Moyne
Joyce	William	Cahernabruck	21/12/1963	73	Shrule
Gleeson	Michael	Shrule	21/12/1970	77	Shrule
Hardiman	Annie	Gortbrack	21/12/2012	89	Cross
Moughan	Brigid	New Ballynalty	22/12/1917	75	Moyne
Browne	Josephine		22/12/1942	63	Shrule
Gannon	Martin	Shrule	22/12/1956	76	Shrule
Hennelly	Julia	Toorard	22/12/1987		Moyne
Murphy	Stephen	Ballycurrin	22/12/2007	85	Cross
Mc Donagh	Martin	Ramolin	23/12/1918	78	Shrule
Conroy	Julia	Kilroe	23/12/1960	85	Ross Errily
Garvey	Patrick	Shrule	23/12/1987	80	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Patrick	Mochorra	23/12/1994	92	Shrule
Moran	Mai	Glencorrib	23/12/2004	90	Moyne
Murphy	Nora	Gortatubber	24/12/1925	44	Killursa
Davin	James	Brackloon	24/12/1957	32	Shrule
Gaynard	John	Ballisnahina	24/12/1964		Shrule
Kennedy	Con	Badgerfort	24/12/1972	52	Shrule
Naughton	Bridget	Mocollogan	24/12/2016		Shrule
Higgins	Margaret	De Clifford St.	25/12/1938	91	Shrule
Gavin	Peter	Toorard	25/12/1949	47	Shrule
Murphy	Roger	Woodpark	25/12/1951	44	Shrule
Bodkin	Kathleen	Shrule	25/12/1982	80	Corcomroe Abbey
Cawley	Bart	Dalgan Road	25/12/1982	70	Shrule
Molloy	May	Toorard	25/12/2005	77	Moyne
Madden	Mary	New Ballynalty	26/12/1932	57	Killursa
Roche	Martin	Kinlough	26/12/1932	62	Moyne
Connor	John	Rostaff	26/12/1953	74	Moyne
Monaghan	Patrick	Toorard	26/12/1977	69	Moyne
Garvey	Winifred	Boula	26/12/1979	83	Killursa
Ryan	Paddy	Brodella	26/12/1992	77	Shrule
Sweeney	Catherine	Ravenhill	27/12/1936	79	Shrule
Noone	Patrick	Tubbersharave	27/12/1943	101	Shrule
Cradock	Michael John	Shrule	27/12/1952	2	Shrule
Fitzgerald	James	Mochorra	27/12/1994	88	Shrule
Gannon	Katie	Boula	27/12/2016		Killursa
Cahill	Sarah(Sadie)	Cloonbanane	27/12/2000	87	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"**

GLENCORRIB DEFIBULATOR: Glencorrib Village Enhancement with financial support from Glencorrib Kilroe Community Centre has installed a new Defibulator outside the community centre. To get it up and running, they need some volunteers both experienced and non experienced but who would like to help out and get some training on how to use it. Training will be given. If you are interested in learning more please ☎ Michael Biggins on 087-2895966



Live for what tomorrow can bring, not for what yesterday has taken away...

T'WAS A WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.

They called it corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.

Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.

As the world entered lockdown
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their nerve.

From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.

Now it's December
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,
Much to our disliking.

It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
Who will see it,
No one but me.

But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.

Christmas is not cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.

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, the Samaritans can help you. 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 1800807077 Mon-Fri. 10am-1pm www.hospicefoundation.ie

AWARE: Support for people affected by depression. Free phone: 1800804848 Monday-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 24/7 www.womensaid.ie

MEN'S AID IRELAND: Supporting men experiencing domestic violence ☎ 01 554 3811 www.mensaid.ie

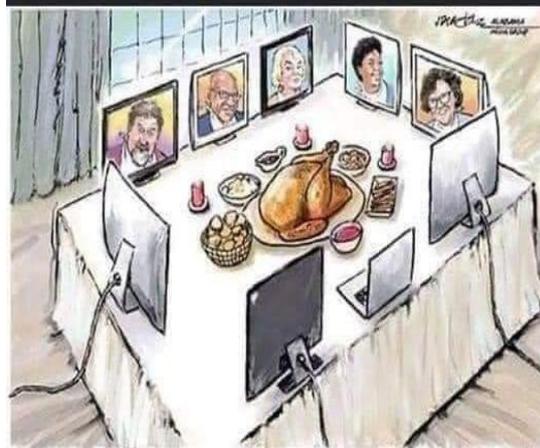
Mental health support services:

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

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

- The only thing I take seriously in the newspapers nowadays is Fish & Chips. And even that I take with a pinch of salt.
- I've just finished reading a wonderful book called "Agro on the Narrowboat" by R.G. Bargee.
- **Garda:** You were going fast. **Me:** I was trying to keep up with the traffic. **Garda:** There wasn't any. **Me:** I know! That's how far behind I am
- My doctor is concerned about my high blood pressure. I told him, well next time don't leave me sitting in the waiting room for two hours
- You know you're old when you're entering your birth year online and have to spin that dial like you're on 'Wheel of Fortune'

Christmas dinner 2020



A FAMILY OF FAMILIES

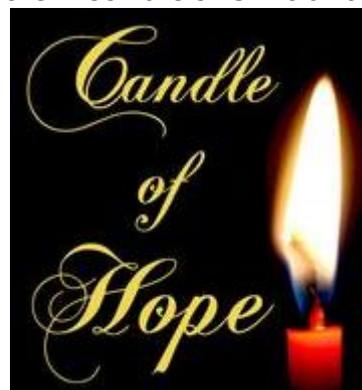
With Christmas only a few days away and a Covid19 Vaccine now finally on the horizon, for the first time in a long time we have reason for genuine hope. 2020 has been a long year, a year which has challenged us all in different ways and a year we will be delighted to see the back of. Although still some way off the dawn of a new Covid-free era is beginning to stir.

At a parish level the virus has been deeply disruptive. From early March we have been unable to gather together as a full family of faith and for months on end have been unable to gather at all. Being unable to receive Holy Communion has been particularly difficult for many. Baptisms, First Communions, Weddings have all had to be postponed or rescheduled while simple things like school visits and First Friday calls have had to be suspended. We have missed our altar servers and full choirs.

Every aspect of our lives has been affected and yet we have been willingly prepared to surrender so much of our own freedom, not because of Government regulations but rather because of our commitment to work together for the common good of all. We stayed at home so that others might be safe, we limited our social interaction so that people who may be vulnerable because of age or underlying health conditions had a better chance of avoiding the virus, we washed our hands, wore our masks, kept our distance so that we would not – unknowingly to ourselves and to others, be carriers of the virus. It hasn't been easy, but it was never so much about ourselves as it was for others.

It's important to keep that sense of the common good in mind as we now prepare for Christmas. What we do, or do not do, has an effect on others. Throughout this period we are not being 'deprived' of Mass - numbers are limited in our churches so that all might be safe. We would prefer to be able to attend Mass, we would dearly love to attend Christmas Mass and to receive Holy Communion, but we are prepared to surrender our preference so that no one is placed in unnecessary danger.

When we gather for Christmas Mass this year, be it in Shrule or Glencorrib Church or on the Parish Radio or Parish Facebook page we do so for each other and in solidarity with each other. We do so as Parish; as a family of families stretching from Ballycurrin to Brackloon, from Rostaff to Gurteen. We gather as one. As each family lights its candle in its own home a light will spread across our parish and beyond; the light of faith, the light of hope, the light of Christ. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" God Bless you all.



UPCYCLED CHRISTMAS TREES made from pallets, perfect for indoor / outdoor decorations, all aid of Cancer Care West. Donation of €20 per tree. Donations can be made via the link and trees can be picked out at Gortbrack, Ower. Eircode H91 A2WC each evening 8pm-8.30pm. for more information: https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11394203_pine-aul-pallets.html



KIDS TODAY:

(Complain about having to write a research paper, while on a laptop with Google at their fingertips)

EVERY PARENT

"Ha! Let me tell you a story from my childhood about a little thing called the card catalogue or a machine called a microfiche reader"

