

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 14th FEBRUARY 2021

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Jesus cleanses the leper

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	13 th Feb	8.00 pm	Ger Joyce (Culleen)	RIP 16/01/2021
Sun	14 th Feb	11.00 am	Frank Mortimer (Shrule)	Month's Mind
Sun	14 th Feb	3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	
Mon	15 th Feb	9.30 am	Private - Special Intention	
Tue	16 th Feb	9.30 am	Debbie Murphy – Special Intention	
Wed	17 th Feb	8.00 pm	Noel Coleman (Cahermaculick)	RIP 14/01/2021
Thu	18 th Feb	9.30 am	For all the emergency services working during the lockdown	
Fri	19 th Feb	8.00 pm	Kathleen Biggins and her son Declan (Dalgan)	7 th & 9 th Anniv
Sat	20 th Feb	8.00 pm	Elemary Murphy and the deceased members of the Murphy family (Cork)	RIP & deceased
Sun	21 st Feb	11.00 am	Noel Coleman (Cahermaculick)	Month's Mind
Sun	21 st Feb	3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	13 th Feb	6.30 pm	Michael & Kathleen O'Connor (Boula)	4 th & 28 th Anniv
			Joe Geraghty (Boula)	30 th Anniv
Sun	14 th Feb	9.30 am	Michael Hyland and his parents James & Mae Hyland (Ballisnahina)	RIP 03/11/2020, 51 st & 23 rd Anniv
Wed	17 th Feb	6.30 pm	Mary Donohue (Woodpark)	RIP 29/12/2020
Fri	19 th Feb	7.00 pm	Michael Hyland (Ballisnahina)	RIP 03/11/2020
Sat	20 th Feb	6.30 pm	Denny & May Molloy (Toorard)	6 th & 15 th Anniv
			William & Susan Kelleghan and the deceased members of the Kelleghan family (Shrule)	63 rd & 28 th Anniv & deceased
Sun	21 st Feb	9.30 am	Joe O'Sullivan (Ballycurrin)	5 th Anniv
			Deceased members of the Murphy family (Woodpark)	Anniv & Deceased

THE OPERATION TRANSFORMATION 5K IN ASSOCIATION WITH ATHLETICS IRELAND AND SPORT IRELAND IS BACK.

On Thursday, Friday & Saturday next, 18th, 19th & 20th of February, we are inviting you to take part this year by participating in a VIRTUAL OT 5K. You MUST register to take part in this event. For more info click on <https://ot.rte.ie/events/the-operation-transformation-5k/>

11 laps of the Glencorrib Kilroe walkway is 5km



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

- Has anyone lived long enough to buy a second bottle of Worcestershire sauce?
- Two packets of crisps are walking along the Dalgan Road towards Shrule village. A driver pulls up and asks them if they want a lift. The crisps say, "No thanks, we're walkers,"
- I dropped into my local service station in Headford to check my car tyre pressure and noticed that pumping up your tyres has gone up from to €1 to €2. I thought "now, thats' inflation for you."
- I was in a restaurant in Galway city before Christmas and the manager said; "Do you mind waiting for half an hour?" "Sure, no problem," I replied. "Good take these drinks to table 6."



"It says on your CV that you were created in God's image. Very impressive."

FRANK MORTIMER, SHRULE, 1949 – 2021

Frank was born on 30th January 1949, to George and Evelyn Mortimer and he was the oldest of 8 children, Oliver, Georgie, Stan, Dermot, Austin, Helen and Loretta.

After attending Shrule national school Frank was educated in St Mary's College Galway where he excelled and went on to secure a scholarship to study medicine. It was during this year he met his wife Carmel and they went on to marry in 1968 and have 6 children, Frank, Elaine, Kenneth, Trevor, Conor and Tara.

Frank decided he would prefer life in greasy overalls to the doctors' coat and from here his lifelong passion of all things machinery came to life. He left his medicine course and went on to buy one truck to begin his life-long career in the haulage industry. From this one truck, next was the purchase of a sandpit in Dunmore which he operated for many years before he finally purchased his prize possession, his quarry in Belclare in 1989.

Frank's life was defined by an absolute passion to his work and in particular, his beloved quarry. It has been known for Carmel to wake up at all hours of the night with Frank nowhere to be seen only to be back in his office in the quarry, this truly was his favourite place. He was never one to travel or have an interest in being away from Shrule or the quarry but he did enjoy his downtime at his home in Shrule in his armchair happily watching all things, The History Channel or Gold Rush.

His application to his work was steadfast throughout his life where even in his latter years, one would often find Frank down the back road behind his house, in empty fields sat in a windowless digger and the fact wind and rain might be blowing in on top of him appeared to be a bonus as far as he was concerned, albeit for anyone who knew him well, knew this was where he was truly happy.

Outside of his obsession for all things plant and machinery, Frank's next most treasured passion was sport. Growing up Frank was a very talented hurler and footballer and represented Mayo at Minor level in football and subsequently played Gaelic and hurling for his local teams from which he retained some strong friendships stemming from this time in his life.

Frank was embedded in Shrule / Glencorrib GAA all his life and held a great sense of pride of the part his club played in facilitating the development of three of his sons whom represented Mayo with distinction at every level from Under 16 to Senior covering a period of 20 years of his life, which we know provided him great enjoyment.

In recent years his happier times were spent conversing with friends over breakfast in the West Wing, in Tuam, travelling to the cinema with Carmel and particularly fussing over all of his 14 grandkids where he would call to see them always with some treats in his pocket! He loved them all dearly and happily spent many nights in his later years babysitting them with Carmel. They all beamed with smiles when they would hear their grandad coming.

In his final months, although it wasn't the easiest with all the restrictions in hospital, we would not want this moment to pass without saying a massive thank you to our brother Trevor. He tirelessly tried everything in his power to help our dad from the day he went into hospital until his last moments. It was not easy, but we want him to know we are forever grateful for the task he took on and all he did for our dad. He left no stone unturned and all of us along with our mum Carmel want him to know how much we appreciate this. Dad also knew how much you did for him and we have no doubt he could not be more proud for your support to his journey's end.

We are devastated at the loss of our dad, grandad, brother and son and our family are extremely grateful for all of the well wishes and condolences received. We all take great comfort from the regard Frank was held in by so many and whilst we endure the pain of his untimely passing, we consider ourselves fortunate to have had the pleasure of his company for as long as we did and all of our lives were greatly enriched as a result.

He was and will always be remembered for the humble gentle man he was and that he can now rest in peace.

Photo and obituary courtesy of Elaine Mortimer and the Mortimer family



FOOTSTEPS EARLY YEARS (ECCE free preschool years) & School age services in Headford, Glencorrib & Knockroon now enrolling for Sept. 2021. Booking is essential. Please email Edel edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com or ☎ 087 6906462

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

BOTH SHRULE & GLENCORRIB CHURCHES are always open for quiet prayer and reflection.

Be soft, do not let the world make you hard.
No not let pain make you hate.
Do not let bitterness take your sweetness.

Do small things with great love.

**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
Sweeney	Michael	Brodella	13/02/1952	80	Shrule
Geraghty	Joseph	Boula	13/02/1991	84	Moyne
Durkan	John	Shrule	13/02/2005	83	Castlebar
Murphy	Denis	Mochorra	14/02/1916	79	Shrule
Joyce	John	Gortbrack	14/02/1924	77	Killursa
Molloy	Brigid	Ballynalty	14/02/1941	86	Moyne
Feeney	John	Brodella	14/02/1943	65	Shrule
Hogan	Michael	Rostaff	14/02/1950	88	Moyne
Geraghty	Tim	The Parks	14/02/1972	83	Ross Abbey
Biggins	Michael	Dalغان	14/02/1985	89	Killursa
Conroy	Mary	Mohorra	15/02/1920	80	Shrule
Corbett	Thomas	Kinlough	15/02/1922	70	Shrule
O'Sullivan	Morgan	Parks	15/02/1934		Killursa
Walsh	Margaret	Brodella	15/02/1938	69	Shrule
Thornton	Patrick	Polbee	15/02/1983	89	Moyne
Tallon	Jane	Shrule	16/02/1925	69	Shrule
Murphy	James	Shrule	16/02/1934	35	Shrule
Connor	Margaret	Boula	16/02/1941	70	Moyne
Walsh	Brigid	Ramolin	16/02/1947	62	Shrule
Moughan	Brigid	Cahernabruک	16/02/1964	76	Shrule
O'Sullivan	Richard Joseph	Ballycurrin	16/02/2016	72	Killursa
Haire	John	Rostaff	17/02/1927	87	Moyne
Payne	Margaret	Dalغان	17/02/1950	65	Shrule
Keville	James	Moyne	17/02/1957	86	Moyne
O'Malley	James	Mohology	17/02/1962	87	Shrule
Murphy	Brigid	Glencorrib	17/02/1964	90	Shrule
Egan	Michael	Brodella	17/02/1985	85	Shrule
Murphy	Julia	Cahernabruک	17/02/1999	77	Shrule
Hoade	Eugene	Cullagh	17/02/2012	40	Donaghpatrick
Biggins	Kathleen	Dalغان	17/02/2014		Shrule
Tedders	John	Shrule	18/02/1920	70	Shrule
Walsh	Elizabeth	Ballycurrin	18/02/1932	73	Killursa
Carty	Julia	Carheens, Dalغان	18/02/1998	80	Shrule
Gibsey	Patrick	Kille	19/02/1946		Shrule
Nolan	Patrick	Cloonbanane	19/02/1971	65	Shrule
Clarkin	Margaret	Glasbally	20/02/1919	57	Killursa
Kyne	Brigid	Brackloon	20/02/1926	60	Shrule
Garvey	Michael	Kilroe	20/02/1932	41	Killursa
Miadh	Elizabeth	Tubbersharave	20/02/1933	49	Shrule
Flynn	Brigid	Ballycurrin	20/02/1953	86	Ross Abbey
Pender	Ned	Shrule	20/02/1981	78	Shrule
Corbett	Michael	Anlacca	20/02/1988	85	Shrule
Swift	John	Cahermaculick	21/02/1952		Shrule
Varley	Catherine	Mochorra	21/02/1979	78	Shrule
Mulroe	James	Churchpark	21/02/1984	86	Shrule
Geraghty	Pete	Shrule	21/02/1995	75	Shrule

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED



Sr. Assumpta Mulroe, (Presentation Convent, Matlock, Derbyshire UK) and formerly of Churchpark, Shrule. Sister of Martin Mulroe (Shrule) Funeral Mass for Sr. Assumpta will take place in the Convent Chapel on Monday 22nd February @ 11am and burial afterwards in the Convent Cemetery. Funeral Mass may be

viewed via live stream on www.zten.co.uk/22feb2021

Jimmy Molloy,

Slieveroe, Headford (Brother of Mary Fox, Shrule) Funeral Mass for Jimmy takes at St. Mary's Church, Claran on Sunday 14th February @ 1pm. Mass can be viewed live on Headford Parish



Facebook page or www.churchtv.ie/claran.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse is an annual event in the life of the Church and will take place on Friday 19 February 2021, the first Friday of Lent. A 'Candle of Atonement' will be blessed and lit at the start of Masses next Friday in both Glencorrib & Shrulue. Introducing the Candles of Atonement in 2019, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, "In lighting these candles we will bring to mind our brothers and sisters, and their families, who have been left with a lifelong suffering as a result of abuse, whose trust was so deeply betrayed and whose faith has been so cruelly tested within the sanctity of the Church by perpetrators of abuse.

The following text for prayer was sent to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin by a person who suffered abuse so that it could be shared in parishes Lord, we are so sorry for what some of us did to your children: treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering. This was not your plan for them or us. Please help us to help them. Guide us, Lord, Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Masses will be held next Wednesday in the evening – Glencorrib at 6.30pm & Shrulue at 8.00pm. The Mass will be closed to the public but the distribution of ashes will take place after each Mass – Glencorrib 7.00pm – 7.30pm and Shrulue 8.30pm-9.00pm. Ashes will also be left in both churches on Ash Wednesday for collection. The ashes will be in a sachet and are for use only within ONE household (bubble). There is a prayer service on the parish website that people may wish to use at <http://shrulueglencorrib.com/resources/lent/ashes-at-home/>. During the Masses, there will be an opportunity for people watching the Masses to distribute the ashes after the homily.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT:

During the pandemic more and more people are turning to online services, and this Lent there are a number of presentations available. **Galway Diocesan Pastoral Outreach Zoom Programme.** Mark's Gospel was the first of the Four Gospels to be written. On five Tuesday evenings during five weeks online, facilitated by **Fr Gerard McCarthy SVD**, we will journey through the Passion narrative of this Gospel, attempting to grow in our understanding of the final days of Jesus, leading to the great event of the Resurrection. These sessions are not 'academic' and it is not necessary to have attended other Bible courses in the past. More than anything the sessions are an attempt to discover the power of God's Word and the tremendous influence it can have on our lives once we open ourselves to it in faith and hope. There will be time for questions & discussion in each session. Scripture texts & supporting material will be provided. Course runs online via Zoom for 5 Tuesday evenings from 23rd Feb – 23rd Mar 2021.

Are you interested? Just drop an email to pastoral@galwaydiocese.ie and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting platform. What a great way to prepare for Holy Week! **Online Faith Discussion During Lent:**

Tue 23rd Feb: *Gethsemane: Prayer in Despair*
Tue 2nd Mar: *False Accusations*
Tue 9th Mar: *Questions, but no Answers*
Tue 16th Mar: *My God, My God*
Tue 23rd Mar: *He has been Raised*

What nurtures our faith and what challenges it today? Where do we find hope and joy in our lives? How can our faith build mental strength, wellbeing and resilience?

How has the Covid pandemic impacted upon our faith?

These are just some of the questions that will be explored over the 6 weeks of Lent during a new series of online discussions on the topic of 'Living Christian Faith'. Faith Renewal at Knock Shrine is all about reaching out to people. This will open a conversation on contemporary issues of faith and church life. Chaired by Father Eamonn Conway DD, Priest in Tuam diocese and Professor of Theology at Mary Immaculate College, the conversations will explore a different theme each week and guest speakers will discuss some of the important questions we all face in living out our faith. The discussions will be streamed online via the Knock Shrine website offering people from all over the world the opportunity to engage in relevant topics and to hear from a range of people, from those in public life such as Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Senator Ronan Mullen to groups of young teachers and members of the clergy.

THURS 18th FEB: 'Living Christian Faith in the Family': St John Paul spoke about how the future of humanity passes by way of the family. Patrick and Linda Treacy, who have four children and run a centre for domestic spirituality called Integritas from their home, will speak about the joys & challenges of living Christian Faith as a family today. The talk will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook @knockshrine

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
WEEKEND TO
ALL**



I asked a wise man, "Tell me sir, in which field could I make a great career?" He said with a smile, "Be a good human being. There is a lot of opportunity in this area, and very little competition."

SPANISH FLU OF 1918 AND TODAY

In her classic novel, Gilead, Marilynne Robinson’s Rev John Ames remembers the Spanish flu outbreak:

‘People don't talk much now about the Spanish influenza, but that was a terrible thing, and it struck just at the time of the Great War, just when we were getting involved in it. It killed the soldiers by the thousands, healthy men in the prime of life, and then it spread into the rest of the population. It was like a war, it really was. One funeral after another, right here in Iowa. We lost so many of the young people. And we got off pretty lightly. People came to church wearing masks, if they came at all. They'd sit as far from each other as they could. There was talk that the Germans had caused it with some sort of secret weapon, and I think people wanted to believe that, because it saved them from reflecting on what other meaning it might have.’

**“Spanish” Influenza—“The Flu”
“Three-Day Fever”**

The disease now spreading over this country is highly catching and may invade your community and attack you and your family unless you are very careful.

INFLUENZA is a crowd disease. *Therefore:* **Keep out of crowds as much as possible.**

INFLUENZA probably spreads mostly by inhaling some of the tiny droplets

COVID BY THE NUMBERS: As of Saturday 13th February. Ireland had administered almost 167,000 first doses of the vaccine and almost 90,000 having received the second jab too.

Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, admitted that European Union countries were “not where we want to be” in handling the pandemic after missteps in lining up vaccine supplies left the bloc lagging behind other countries.? Experts from the W.H.O. said they were recommending the vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford for use in countries where new variants of the Coronavirus were circulating? Coronavirus related deaths in the U.S., which rose sharply beginning in November, now appear to be in a steady decline.



Sister André, (above) the French nun who is believed to be Europe’s oldest person, celebrated her victory over the Coronavirus (and her 117th birthday) on Thursday with a feast and a glass of Champagne.

The teacher was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots. He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. Finally, when the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."

She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. And once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet.

No sooner than they got the boots off he said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry, but she mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your mittens?"

He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

It's hard to get in shape spiritually if you only work out on a Sunday

Dear God, If I am wrong, Right me.
If I am lost, Guide me
If I start to give up. Keep me going.
Lead me in Light & Love... Amen

Be an encourager.
The world has plenty of critics already.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We build too many walls and not enough bridges”

WILDLIFE SURVEY 2021

Calling all residents from Shrule, Glencorrib and Kilroe! Your help is sought to assist in taking part in a wildlife survey by recording wildlife sightings in your area throughout the year 2021. The findings of the survey, will be compiled and provided to the community and the county libraries for further educational and community purposes. Help record sightings of our **wild birds, mammals, insects** and **amphibians**. All you have to record is the



species, date of sighting, village/townland and type of habitat (garden, hedgerow, farmland). You can record and return monthly to the following email address sgkwildlifesurvey@gmail.com **Everyone is welcome to assist so please spread the word to your family and friends.** *SGK Historical/Environmental Group project*

JUST A THOUGHT: LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Happy Valentine's Day/Weekend! I imagine for many a happy couple this will be a different kind of Valentine's day – no going out, no fancy present, no romantic weekend away! I suppose for most couples it will just be a night in by themselves, simple and without much commotion.



In terms of Church you might be surprised to know that although St Valentine is an 'official' saint of the Church his feast day is not celebrated on February 14th, in fact he has no feast day! February 14 this not in fact the Feast of St Valentine at all! St Valentine was however martyred on this most famous of dates and it would seem that his name is connected with all things romantic simply because February 14th was smack in the middle of a Roman pagan love festival and the early Christian church simply wanted to appropriate the date. Our modern-day Valentines celebration would seem to owe its origin to the business acumen of the American card company Hallmark. In 1913 Hallmark produced the first commercial Valentine's day cards and as they say the rest is history.

In my time (not today or yesterday) Valentines wasn't as big a fuss as it is now. My memory is that the idea was to anonymously send a card to someone you fancied in the hope that they might figure out from whom the card came and might cast their eyes in your direction. I have to admit to sending a few cards in my day but...

Valentine's day in boarding school was always great fun. As the post was given out during lunch everyone watched out for the brightly coloured envelopes marked with SWALK. A great cheer would go up when a boy received his card and it was hard to tell whether the young recipient was filled more with mortification than with pride! On occasion it was suspected that an odd mammy had sent a card –but perhaps that was just the loser's line.

Over the years Valentine's day has become huge business. Cards are now accompanied by flowers and gifts and couples celebrate the day in a myriad of different ways. It is good to acknowledge our love for each other and to have occasion to celebrate that love. So easily we can take each other for granted, especially those we love most in the world. We assume love and maybe even feel entitled to it. Valentine's Day is an opportunity for us to show our love for someone but also to say thanks to someone for loving us when we were at our most unlovable.

It is not big gestures or extravagant displays that show or prove our love. It is through the small and routine, quickly forgettable and often unnoticed acts of selfless kindness that the foundations of love are laid. Love is the old couple sitting quietly in front of the fire, happy in the silence and wanting nothing more than each other's company.

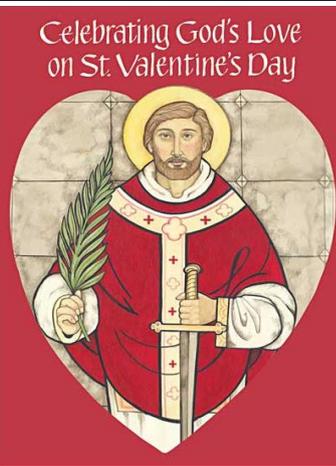
Coronavirus has cast its shadow over every aspect of our lives, and it has undoubtedly put enormous strain on many relationships. Perhaps this Valentine's day can provide a welcome opportunity, and even an excuse, for couples to simply be with each other. It is an occasion to be attentive to what each other's presence means, and to be thankful for the love which they can often take for granted. May you be your gift to each other. Happy Valentine's day. I wonder will I get any cards this year? God Bless, *Fr Tod Nolan, Burrishoole Parish*

TACU - BALLINROBE FRC NEWS: Come on our GlenActive friends and all, send Monica a text on 087 4111343 and get registered (for free) Have a laugh and a bit of fun too. See some familiar faces & enjoy the music & chat. Sure what else would you be at ??? To register for the zoom link contact Monica at tacomdev@gmail.com Don't want to dance that ok, join us for a chat or just listen to some music. No pressure. Every Wednesday & Sunday @ 5pm. All are welcome.



A PRAYER TO ST VALENTINE

God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love. As we gather to celebrate the feast of this loving and caring saint we ask you to bless our friendships. May the love and affection we share with each other, always come from a sense of care and respect. May we always follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



I ONLY HAVE
EYES FOR
YOU



Valentine's Day 2021

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday is dedicated to Temperance. It is a virtue which we ought to practise in our lives. We know that drink and drug abuse causes serious problems, pain and suffering for many families. Many centres that treat addicts have a plaque hanging on the wall which states: "**You alone can do it but you cannot do it on your own**" This reminds us that we must ask help from God and from each other if we are to use alcohol moderately. Help is also available from A.A. Treatment Centres or a Counsellor.

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday next 17th February. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season, the forty days before Easter. We are invited to turn away from sin and love God and our neighbour. The ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality. Due to Covid-19 rules this will not be possible this year. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians among them Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians. Let us reflect on the following prayer from Tradition:

Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless, Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love.

Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen

SHORT TERM PIONEER PLEDGE FOR LENT

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for Lent and offer this challenge as a prayer for someone suffering from problems with alcohol, drugs or other addictions. You can do likewise. Why not consider taking the short-term Pioneer pledge this Lent? If interested please contact Pioneer Association (P.T.A.A): 27-28 Marino Mart, Ballybough, Dublin 3, D03 R8X8 ☎ 01-8054226

Short Term Pioneer prayer: "For Thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Thy sake to give good example, to practise self-denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance, and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain from all intoxicating drink"

TROCAIRE THIS LENT:

Last year, the Irish people helped Trócaire to support 2.5 million people in over 20 countries.

Everyone in Trocaire is so thankful for your support.

This Lent, your support continues to be needed by the people of the Third World. Obviously because of no people in Church at Mass we won't have a Plate Collection. We invite and encourage you to make your donation through the traditional Trócaire box or online at trocaire.org or by dropping an envelope marked "Trocaire" into the Parish/Church during office hours and we will pass it on as the parish has done for many years. Envelopes and general Info about Trocaire and its work available in a flyer at the church porch or on line on their web-site. We continue to hold the hands with our brothers and sisters of the Third World and help where we can. If we all do a bit it will help a Lot!



SOME LIGHT HUMOUR CHILDREN'S LETTER TO GOD

Dear God, If You watch me in Church on Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes. *Mickey.*

Dear God, I bet it is very hard to love everyone in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them. *Seán.*

Dear God, Are You really invisible or is it just a trick? *Lucy.*

Dear God, Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? *Norma.*

Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in the Church. Is that OK? *Neil.*

Dear God, Did You really mean "do unto others as they do unto you"? Because if You did, then I'm going to get my brother good. *Jason*

PARISH OFFICE TIMES: Shrle Parochial House every Tuesday (10.30am–12noon) Glencorrib Curate's 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. It is possible to drop off weekly envelopes at Shrle PO though out the week and/or drop them off at the curate's house in Glencorrib on Wednesdays. Thank you again for your continued support, especially in these difficult times.

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.

AWARE: Support & Self Care Groups. If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information - and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups, then please visit their website on www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/ and all of their services are listed there.



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 are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am –8pm, by calling ☎ 0818 222 024

ST. JOSEPH'S NS, SHRULE is now taking enrolments for September 2021. Any parents wishing to enrol their children may apply by contacting the school office by email on: shrulesec@gmail.com for an information pack/application form. See our school website www.shrulens.ie for more info. Closing date is 5th March 2021

GLENCORRIB NS is now enrolling for September 2021. Applications for admission will be accepted until Friday 26th March. Parents interested in enrolling their children should email glencorribns@gmail.com for more information. (Please see our school website www.glencorribns.ie for our Admission Policy etc

Church Bells ring
Every Sunday at 11am
 to express our community's solidarity with



- Those affected with coronavirus
- Their family & friends
- Healthcare workers
- Frontline workers
- Civil leaders

Those who die at this difficult time



*Please remember them in your prayers
 Thank You*

LIVING WELL is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions.

Free online Living Well Programme – next programmes commences on (Limited places) Friday 26th February, Tuesday 9th & Thursday 25th March, Tuesday 6th & Friday 9th April.

This Programme will commence in February 2021. **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. Please contact Liam Gildea Living Well Administrator on **087-3490393** or by email liam.gildea@mayocil.ie Mayo Centre for Independent Living Web: www.hse.ie/livingwell

HAVING SAID THAT.....

(Fr. Vincent Shelock from Irish Catholic) In NPHET and Government announcements, I believe there should be room for acknowledgment of the sacrifice being made by people of Faith throughout the country. Parishes and church groups of all denominations have done so much to promote the welfare of people and, it seems without much recognition or acknowledgement. There must exist a voice somewhere that could put words around encouraging people of faith and inviting them to pray for the wellbeing of our nation. "On-line" worship is a welcome avenue, but it is not possible in all parishes due to prior infrastructure and broadband service. Again this could at least be acknowledged and where possible, addressed.

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"**

A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

Have you had your vaccine yet? Talking to family and friends this week, mercifully, almost everyone had nothing to report... unless, they'd had their vaccine. Comparing vaccine notes has become the new national sport, and despite worries about how well current versions will cope with new variants of the virus, the prospect that the vaccination is going well lifts the spirits. HSE chief Paul Reid stated on Thursday: "All over-70s will get the first dose by the middle of April, and the second dose will be completed by the middle of May." So they are ploughing ahead!



Nevertheless, the overriding message this week from many sources is that further restrictions cannot be ruled out this summer. "Go to your local beach for your Summer holidays" seemed to be the government's message! But that hasn't stopped daily headlines framed by a quest for certainty that just isn't available.

Indeed, in times of great uncertainty and constant transition, it's almost impossible to plan for anything. "It is far too early", we are told. Or "We just don't know". "We'll have to wait and see."

I listened with interest to a radio discussion this week about the plight of the travel industry which, like many other sectors, has suffered turbulence for more than 12 months now. But I wasn't surprised to hear callers to the programme saying they had booked holidays for this year and travel agents who had witnessed a welcome upturn in bookings. Only later that day to then hear news headlines announcing the closure of more international borders and the suggestion of hotel-based quarantine for returning UK holiday makers as new variants emerge.

Michael O'Leary's contribution was a mixture of arrogance and optimism. "Let the Government get the finger out and accelerate the vaccine programme here. It's the only exit!"

Mr O'Leary said he expected a dramatic recovery in the aviation industry this summer on the back of the successful vaccination rollout programme in the UK.

However, not everyone is so optimistic. Patrick's Day and Glastonbury 2021 now cancelled. The future of many local and international sporting events is in the balance. While we want something to look forward to, it's far too early for us to plan anything just yet.

This of course saps our energy and goads our spiritual wellbeing. More importantly, for millions of people, it is their financial survival and future flourishing which is the source of their worrying and waiting. Others still are finding it hard to see beyond the immediate grief of losing a loved one.

In the few conversations I've had with people those days, they are now much more open about their mental challenges. But there are three words which are a constant refrain and which pop up time and again. Patience – much needed, but hard to do. Longing – for things to be better. Waiting – the necessary but hard bit.

For me, the Christian faith is framed by the notion that, 'We are not there yet'. That's a challenging reality which is best accepted in faith. That, despite all the hurdles, there is much still to look forward to. That uncertainty and transition are a test which we should at least try to face hopefully. Longing patiently, for a time, when the waiting is over and we can all savour that valuable commodity called freedom again!

Fr. Dick Lyng OSA.

