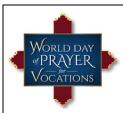
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LAY READERS – Vigil				Bernie Finnerty	Adrian Nally				
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The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. Psalm 23: 1-3



#### **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

This is now the sixty-first year that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its afflictions

and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements. A letter from Pope Francis can be found in the online newsletter.

# PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOXES

#### Volunteers are needed for counting money/donations for Shrule Church.

Diocesan policy, in line with both Revenue and Charity Reg means the PP and clergy of a parish are not permitted to count or lodge money, nor can large sums of money be left on church property for long periods of time. Therefore, it is necessary to have volunteers to do the money counting.

- It takes about one hour per week.
- While there are two volunteers for counting money/donations from Glencorrib, currently there are no volunteers for Shrule.
- The system in place in the parish is to have volunteers from both Shrule & Glencorrib to count the money/donations for the respective Churches. Noting policy of diocese, Revenue and the Charity Reg, collections in Shrule Church will have to cease until such time as there are volunteers.

It is unfortunate timing as this will naturally impact the works currently underway in Shrule church.

Please consider volunteering for this as a way of supporting the parish both now and into the future. Thank you.

Prayer for Vocations:	All- Night Vigil of Prayer for Vocations to				
Lord Jesus Christ,	the Diocesan Priesthood in the Diocese of				
gentle shepherd,	Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora to				
you know each of us by	coincide with Vocations Sunday 2024 will				
name.	begin at 7pm this Sunday 21st of April				
Through Baptism you reach	2024 in the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into				
into our hearts and call us to	Heaven and Saint Nicholas, Galway, and will conclude				
do something special for you	before the 11am Mass on Monday 22nd of April.				
with our lives.	Please make a special effort to come and join us. It would				
We pray for vocations.	be helpful if you would add your name to the Rota,				
Give people the courage to	available here: https://t.ly/28WEd				
answer your call to follow you	Vocations Information Afternoon focusing on priesthood				
and serve the people of God.	in the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and in				
A vocation is a service to	the Diocese of Clonfert will take place in <b>Galway City next</b>				
bring God's joy and love into	<b>Sunday 28th of April 2024</b> . If you sometimes feel that				
a world that longs for it.	you may be called to minister as a Diocesan Priest in either				
We make this prayer through	of these dioceses, you are invited to attend. Further				
Christ our Lord.	information available from Fr. Ian O' Neill, email -				
Amen.	galwaypriesthood@gmail.com or telephone - 087 2048497				
National Pilgrimage for Life The first National Pilgrimage for organised by the Council for Life Irish Catholic Bishops' Confere be celebrated on Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with An of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3.00pm and Rosary Process after Mass, weather permittin main celebrant and homilist wi Archbishop Francis Duffy. We i you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.	or Life, fe of the nce, will <b>May in</b> ointing t ion ng. The II be nvite brate	"Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino". Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the <b>Camino Ingles</b> walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain from the <b>29<sup>th</sup> July to</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b> . The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage contact Mary on: Phone: 021 454 6691 Email: mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie			

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway, on the weekend	<ul> <li>COMMUNITY GAMES: Shrule-Glencorrib-Kilroe Community Games will be held on Sunday 28th April in Glencorrib:</li> <li>Art/Handwriting event will take place from 5-6pm in Glencorrib Hall</li> </ul>			
of <b>10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> May</b> , with workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer, and time to relax and meet with others.				
Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, <b>16 to 35</b>	• Track and Field event will start at 6:15pm in Glencorrib-Kilroe Sports Field			
<b>years</b> . To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie.	community endiess possibilities			

AN TAISCE SPRING CLEAN UP 2024 - The annual Glencorrib Village clean-up will take place on Saturday 27th April 2024. Meeting at the community centre at 2 p.m. We have some gloves, but if you can please bring your own gloves. Hi-vis vests

and bags will be provided at the community centre. HELP US KEEP OUR VILLAGE AND OUR WATERWAYS LITTER FREE.

**The Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on **June 26th to July 1st**. The fare is €899 for 5 nights which includes transportation to and from Galway/Shannon. Insurance is optional at €39 or pilgrims may have their own travel insurance. Further information can be got from Fr. Martin Moran, Killannin, Rosscahill, - 087-2508959. Bookings – Reservations – Enquiries to: Joe Walsh Tours, email: info@joewalshtours.ie

### **EASTER DUES – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

**Easter Dues envelopes are now available** at the back of the church for those who do not use the envelope system. If you are using the envelopes available at church, and are planning to apply for charity tax rebate, please write your name and envelope number on envelope.

What are Dues Envelopes? The Easter Dues envelopes along with Christmas and Autumn Dues pay the salary of the priest of the parish, diocesan levy (calculated by curate's salary) and contribute to the support of retired clergy, clergy working in offices and clergy in underprivileged areas of the diocese.

**What is the Weekly Offertory Collection for then?** It is a common misunderstanding that the weekly offertory collection is for the priest. In actual fact, the weekly offertory collections is for the upkeep and running of the parish. It does not form any part of the priest's income or salary. Thank you in advance for your continued support & generosity in these difficult and challenging times.



Prayer Cards for Vocations As the

diocese continues to discern its future, a key component of it is the ordained ministry. There are Prayer Cards for Vocations; please take one to include this prayer with your regular prayers. Furter information can be got from Fr. Ian O'Neill, email galwaypriesthood@gmail.com and vocations.ie Thank you.

#### **GWS Excellence Awards winners: Glencorrib GWS**



A second GWS Excellence Awards flag in three years was a great achievement in itself for Glencorrib GWS, but to be declared the overall winner for 'Quality Assurance & Water Safety Planning' at September's Rural Water Services Conference was something extra special. Read the full article here: https://tinyurl.com/2wena4jw (Source: NFGWS)

PLEASE REM	EMBER WITH A	PRAYER THOSE WHO	DIED ON THIS	<b>NEEK IN F</b>	ORMER YEARS
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Cullinan	Michael	Brackloon	21/04/1936	66	Shrule
Ruane	Peter	Tubbersharave	21/04/1937	78	Shrule
Connor	Thady	Boula	21/04/1979	72	Killursa
Martyn	Patrick J.	Wakefield/London	21/04/2008	67	Shrule
Lydon	Martin	Brackloon	22/04/1967	80	Kilmaine
Muldoon	Michael John	Shrule	22/04/1991	75	Shrule
Guy	Peter	Moyne	22/04/2012		
Walsh	Charles	Ballycurrin	23/04/1916	76	Kilursa
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Swift	Mary	Cahermaculick	23/04/1982		Shrule
Heneghan	Louis	Shrule	23/04/1987	55	Shrule
Kennedy	Thomas	Tubbersharave	24/04/1919	51	Shrule
Cottingham	Mary	Mount Henry	24/04/1951	50	Killursa
Hynes	Margaret	Cahernabruck	24/04/1965	62	Shrule
Higgins	Brigid	St.Mary's Road	24/04/1978	84	Shrule
Sheridan	Mary	Mocollogan	24/04/2005	82	Shrule
Ryan	John	Dalgan	24/04/2010	90	Shrule
Greaney Lee	Bridget	Glassvalley	24/04/2022		
Biggins	Mary	Rossdaff	25/04/1920	72	Moyne
Nolan	Brigid	Cloonbanane	25/04/1934	49	Shrule
Craddock	Mary Brigid	The Bridge, Shrule	25/04/1954	3 weeks	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Winifred	Gorthbrack	25/04/1959	84	Killursa
Mc Hugh	Martin	Gorthbrack	25/04/1964	84	Killursa
Dooley	Michael	Ramolin	26/04/1955	91	Shrule
Heneghan	Brigid	Churchpark	26/04/1981	76	Shrule
Hyland	William	Dalgan Road	27/04/2000	57	Donaghpatrick
Langan	Patrick	Shrule	28/04/1941		Shrule
Concannon	Martin	Gorthbrack	28/04/1970	87	Killursa
Harte	John	Mount Henry	28/04/1977	81	Killursa
Corbett	Mary	Kinlough	28/04/1993	64	Shrule
Duddy	Brigid	Shrule	28/04/2004	89	Shrule
Cannon	Micky	ex.St. Marys Rd.	28/04/2006	80	London

#### PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen Gibbons (née Coyne) Cong Road, Headford, Galway Funeral Mass for Kathleen took place in St. Joseph's Church, Shrule, Monday last, 15th April 2024. RIP. **Rosminian Mission Office:** On April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, Fr Wilhad Casmir Shayo visited the parish for Mission appeal. The Rosminians are happy to inform us that  $\in$ 2047.86 was donated that weekend, subject to change with continuing donations. Fr. Wilhad also wrote to thank the parishioners of the parish for their generosity, all those who assisted that weekend and for the very warm welcome he received. A letter from the Rosminians is posted in the porch.

Just want to say thank you to the parish and parishioners for the welcome you gave Fr. Wilhad and for your generosity, Fr. Vivian.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY 8PM THURSDAY

VAKS PROGRAMME: Knock Youth Ministry are now accepting applications for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine). This programme offers an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! It is a particularly exciting opportunity this year as we launch our new state of the art Youth Village this summer! For further information please check out our website www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine or you can contact us on 094 9375321 or youthministry@knockshrine.ie

Please take home vour mass leaflet to reflect on the readings and prayers from today's service. It's an opportunity to deepen your spiritual journey and strengthen your relationship with God.

Thanks

for Your Support!

Thank you to all who return their Weekly envelopes. If you are new to the parish, we welcome you, and if you would like to be included in our weekly dues/envelopes, please contact the parish office. Your support is very much appreciated.

If you would like to give your contributions via electronic transfer, please use the following accounts (Please include your name and envelope number in the transaction):

Shrule Church Account:

Name: Shrule/Glencorrib Church 1 IBAN: IE04 BOFI 9037 6089 6363 11 BIC: **BOFI IE2D** 

**Glencorrib Church Account:** 

Name: Shrule/Glencorrib Church 2 IBAN: IE51 BOFI 9037 6089 6363 38 BIC: **BOFI IE2D** 



#### **Prayer for Reflection**

Lord Jesus, help me in this moment to set aside all that has preoccupied me today. Take away the many fears that rage around me. Take away the many feelings of insecurity and low self-esteem and let me be shaped by you the Lamb of God. Help me to enter more deeply into your silence, where I can listen to you and hear how you call me and find the strength and courage to follow you. I ask you to be with me

as I listen to your word and come to a deeper understanding of your mystery of calling me to follow you. Be with me now and always. Amen.

## **Family Carers Ireland:**

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour?

## Then you are a family carer!

Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Would you like someone to talk to? Don't be alone if sharing a seniorine problem would help! SeniorLine is a confidential listening service for older people. Freephone 1800 804591 is available from 10.00am to 10.00pm, every day of the year. If you feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or need company during your day, phone SeniorLine on freephone 1800 804 591. See https://www.thirdageireland.ie/seniorline for further information.

## **Bereavement Support Meetings:**

Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Meeting at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, each Wednesday at 11am. There is also a special meeting for bereaved partners / spouses on the First **Thursday** of each month at 11am.

No appointments needed. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.



Sunny Days Breakfast Club/After-School Service are delighted to announce that under the Rural Social scheme (RSS) or TUS Community employment scheme the following position is available for immediate start:

**Childcare Assistant** required for 19½ hours per week. Fetac qualification in childcare not required. Onsite training and Garda vetting provided.

To qualify, the applicant must be in receipt of a social welfare or farm assist payment. For further information please contact 087 2986590

or glencorribcommunityservices@gmail.com

# MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of praver and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

#### A people on the move

The polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations that the Christian community recognizes and accompanies helps us to appreciate more fully what it means to be Christians. As God's people in this world, guided by his Holy Spirit, and as living stones in the Body of Christ, we come to realize that we are members of a great family, children of the Father and brothers and sisters of one another. We are not self-enclosed islands but parts of a greater whole. In this sense, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all.

At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as *pilgrims of hope* towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity.

This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (*Lk* 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father. In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For "prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door" (*Catechesis*, 20 May 2020).

#### Pilgrims of hope and builders of peace

Yet what does it mean to be *pilgrims*? Those who go on pilgrimage seek above all to keep their eyes fixed on the *goal*, to keep it always in their mind and heart. To achieve that goal, however, they need to concentrate on *every step*, which means travelling light, getting rid of what weighs them down, carrying only the essentials and striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty and hesitation. Being a pilgrim means setting out each day, *beginning ever anew*, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas.

This is the ultimate meaning of our Christian pilgrimage: we set out on a journey to discover the love of God and at the same time to discover ourselves, thanks to an interior journey nourished by our relationships with others. We are *pilgrims because we have been called*: called to love God and to love one another. Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering; on the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice and love. We are pilgrims of hope because we are pressing forward towards a better future, committed at every step to bringing it about.

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet. To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism.

In our day, then, it is decisive that we Christians cultivate a gaze full of hope and work fruitfully in response to the vocation we have received, in service to God's kingdom of love, justice and peace. This hope – Saint Paul tells us – "does not disappoint" (*Rom* 5:5), since it is born of the Lord's promise that he will remain always with us and include us in the work of redemption that he wants to accomplish in the heart of each individual and in the "heart" of all creation. This hope finds its propulsive force in Christ's resurrection, which "contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 276). Again, the Apostle Paul tells us that, "in hope we were saved" (*Rom* 8:24). The redemption accomplished in the paschal mystery is a source of hope, a sure and trustworthy hope, thanks to which we can face the challenges of the present.

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

#### The courage to commit

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "*Rise up!"* Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!" Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

#### FRANCIS



Our residential retreats, now in their second year, are for anyone who hopes to deepen their experience of God in a Christian context. Crossing over to Station Island offers a unique opportunity to step aside from a busy life, into prayer and reflection.

These retreats are structured around time for prayer, inspiration from experienced facilitators and personal space. Over four days the retreats provide a comfortable, full-board stay on the island. Without fasting or walking barefoot, retreatants can join Three Day Pilgrims for Mass and Night Prayer.

# YOUNG ADULT RESIDENTIAL RETREAT FRIDAY 21ST - TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024

# **CALLED TO LOVE**

Every life is a calling – a vocation to love! This retreat is specifically for 18-30 year olds on their journey of faith, who have questions around their calling in life, wondering "How am I called to love?"

> Franciscan Brothers Jacopo and Ronan explore themes such as faith, love of self, and our experience of life's challenges. A space for faith and fellowship, offering young adults some time out.

> > For more information and to book, contact Mark at: <u>mark@loughderg.org</u>

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# VAKS VOLUNTEER AT **KNOCK SHRINE**

#### WHAT IS VAKS?

- VAKS IS A VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE **BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16-18**
- IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE PILGRIMS AT KNOCK SHRINE

#### WHY VOLUNTEER?

- FORM NEW FRIENDSHIPS
- SHARE YOUR TALENTS
- **DEVELOP NEW SKILLS**
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS
- HAVE FUN!

#### HOW TO APPLY?

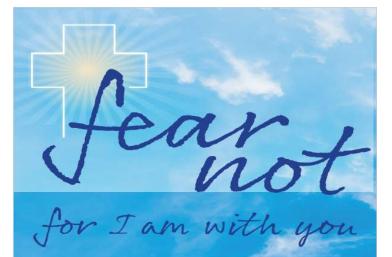
 DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION FORM FROM WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/VAKS



Youth Ministry, Knock Shrine, Claremorris, Co. Mayo t: 094 9375321/087 692 7850 e: youthministry@knockshrine.ie Instagram: knockyouthministry







If you feel that you may be called to priesthood in the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora or in the Diocese of Clonfert,

you are warmly invited to an informal

#### **VOCATION INFORMATION AFTERNOON** IN GALWAY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

to explore this possibility a little further

For details and to book a place, contact

Fr. Ian O' Neill
email
telephone

- Diocesan Vocations Director - galwaypriesthood@gmail.com
- 087 2048497

All-Night Vigil of Prayer

for Vocations



# **GALWAY DIOCESAN 2024** LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Led by Fr. Martin Moran

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