GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER - 18th JULY 2021

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SIXTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS								
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832								
Sat	17 th Jul	8.00 pm	John & Kate Greally and Johnny Greally and S	6r. 12 th , 14 th , 4 th				
			Jean Greally (Wakefield & Galway)	& Deceased				
Sun	18 th Jul	11.00 am		18 th Anniv				
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CEMETERY MASSES – JULY 2021

SHRULE: Monday 19th July 2021 @ 7:30pm MOYNE: Tuesday 20th July 2021 @ 7:30pm

With the good weather promised Masses will take place as scheduled. There will be some seating

provided but please feel free to bring your own seat for comfort. Sanitiser stations will be provided at both cemeteries. Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times during & after mass.



This day will be celebrated annually to honour Grandparents and the Elderly world-wide in thanksgiving and in memory of those who are no longer with us. Some colouring pages and prayer leaflets will be available at each church.

We plan to mark the occasion by having a tree that will be planted in their memory at a later date. A well known quote reminds us that 'Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago'. Not only is this a wonderful way for families and parishes to honour grandparents and elders, it is also a wonderful way to give something to future generations.

There are many many times I don't understand God... but I trust Him

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

PART 2 of 3: The Vatican has released the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on Sunday 25th July on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). The text of his message follows below:

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends,

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always". He says this to you, and he says it to me. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an *angel*! At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. May this prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... if only this immense sorrow may not prove useless but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life... if only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth. No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters. Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies". Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

SHRULE-GLENCORRIB-KILROE COMMUNITY GAMES are holding our track and field events on **Saturday 24th July @2.30pm in Claremorris Athletics Track**. This year all children taking part need to be registered and Covid health check done online. The link is as follows: https://communitygames.info/my_cg/covid_checkin.php?event_code=cb96a.101.

The list of Events are as follows:

Athletics Track Events:

- Boys & Girls U/8 years O/6 60M
- Boys & Girls U/10 years O/8 100M & 200M
- Boys & Girls U/12 years O/10 100M & 600M
- Boys & Girls U/14 years O/12 100M & 800M
- Boys & Girls U/16 years O/14 100M, 200M & 1500M

Athletics Field Events:

- Ball Throw:
 Age Category U12 Over 10
- Long Puck:

Age Category: Boys U12 Over 10 ¦ Girls U14 Over 12

Please see Shrule-Glencorrib-Kilroe Community Games facebook page for all details.

SEAMUS LOHAN, DALGAN ROAD, SHRULE 1951-2021 - Seamie as he always referred to himself as sadly passed away and went home to God on Monday evening last. I only got to know him a few years ago through attending the community alert AGMs. About 8 years ago he took over as chairman of Shrule Glencorrib Community Alert Committee from John Muldoon who had served many years previously. John told me that Seamie was brilliant at promoting the community alert and its objectives. He even coined the phrase "**The scheme is all about us working together for the good of the community**". And you can't ask for better than that. At our last AGM in February 2020, Seamie retired as chairman and encouraged new



faces at the 'top table' as he called it. He had his own unique style of leadership. In the past few years, Seamie also took on the role of acting secretary. He had all the essential contacts at his finger tips An Garda Siochana, Crime Prevention Officer, Muintir Na Tire etc.

He was a great advocate of using the pendent alarms, looking out / keeping an eye out for the elderly and those living alone in our community. His dedication and commitment to the community alert was 24/7/365. He would phone me many times to remind people through the parish newsletter ie walkers to wear their yellow hi-vis jackets and the same for cyclists and lights on their bikes. Also to keep an eye out for those living alone especially the elderly and ask them if they needed anything like shopping, post office etc especially when the Covid19 pandemic began. No barrier was left unopened. He was also an entertaining man and no AGM was ever boring. He ran the show almost single handedly. He embellished both chairman and secretary roles. He used to always say that he wasn't a big fan of all this 'online stuff' but he was definitely king of the WhatsApp. It was his way of staying in contact. To me Seamie Lohan was 'Community Alert' fully stop. The meeting room in Shrule Community Centre next January for the AGM will have a completely different atmosphere. You all will have many different memories to share of Seamie but well all will agree he left the Shrule Glencorrib community a better and safer place for the rest of us. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Kathleen and the family. Kevin F.

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE FROM SHRULE AND GLENCORRIB PARISH WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS



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Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery			
Crampton	Joseph	Shrule	17/07/1921	25	Shrule			
Gibsey	Rose	Kille	17/07/1993	81	Shrule			
Kennedy	Martin	Woodpark	17/07/1995	89	Shrule			
Greally	John	Wakefield	18/07/2017		Shrule			
Davin	Honor	Carheens	19/07/1927	41	Shrule			
Phugh	Honor	Rostaff	19/07/1949	82	Moyne			
Molloy	Mary	Woodpark	19/07/1962	86	Kilmaine			
Keady	Julia	Dalgan Park	19/07/1989	73	Shrule			
Newell	Annie	Kilroe	19/07/1992	82	Killursa			
Burke	Margaret	Mochorra	19/07/2002	78	Shrule			
Hughes	Patrick	Bullaun	19/07/2003	70	Shrule			
Murray	Dympna	Fermoy	19/07/2011	63	Shrule			
Mc Hale	Michael	Rostaff	20/07/1917	75	Moyne			
Ryan	Mary	Dalgan	20/07/1949	65	Shrule			
Dooley	Mary	Cloonbanane	21/07/1932	41	Shrule			
Corbett	John	Anlacca	21/07/1946	78	Shrule			
Toher	Thomas	Old Ballynalty	21/07/1958	61	Killursa			
Murphy	Mary Ann	Shrule	21/07/1960	80	Shrule			
Sweeney	Mary	Ravenhill	22/07/1928	85	Shrule			
Corbett	Margaret	Anlacca	22/07/1951	80	Shrule			
Petty	Jerry	Ballisnahina	22/07/1965		Ross Erilly			
Garvey	Sean	Gortbrack	22/07/2014	43	Killursa			
O'Sullivan	Winifred	Glassvalley	23/07/1967	78	Killursa			
Meenaghan	Mary	Cahernabruck	23/07/1980	90	Shrule			
Flood	Mary	Ballynalty	23/07/1982	86	Cross			
Jackson	Delia	Carheen	23/07/2006	90	Shrule			
Geraghty	Tina	Shrule	23/07/2008	82	Shrule			
Joyce	Bridgie	Cahernabruck	23/07/2011	87	Shrule			
Sullivan	Thomas	Parks	24/07/1938	74	Killursa			
Hyland	James	Ballisnahina	24/07/1970	71	Moyne			
Burke	Michael	Cloonamealtogue	24/07/1979		Kilmaine			
Burke	William	Moyne & Preston	24/07/1986	61	Killursa			
Byrne	Mary	Tubbersharave	25/07/1917	33	Shrule			
Garvey	William	Gortbrack	25/07/1941	69	Killursa			
Meenaghan	Thomas	Cahernabruck	25/07/1946	53	Shrule			
Carty	Brigid	Carheens	25/07/1968	82	Shrule			
Duddy	Thomas	Shrule	25/07/1969	94	Shrule			
Sheridan	Josephine Bohan	Mocollogan	25/07/2018	52	Shrule			

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Seamus (Seamie) Lohan, Dalgan Road, Shrule. Funeral Mass for Seamie took place at St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on Friday last 16th July 2021. RIP Seamie.

William (Willie) Hynes, Cahermacnally, Headford. Funeral Mass for Willie took place at St. Mary's Church, Headford on Thursday last 15th July 2021. RIP Willie **Sr. Margaret Moran**, South Korea and Caherlistrane. Funeral Mass for Sr. Margaret's took place at Juklimdong Cathedral in South Korea on Tuesday last 13th July 2021. RIP

JUST A THOUGHT: I heard my moth er asking our neighbour for some salt. We had salt at home, so I asked her why she was asking. She told me, "They don't have much money and they sometimes ask us for things. So I asked for something small that wouldn't burden them. I want them to feel as if we needed them too.



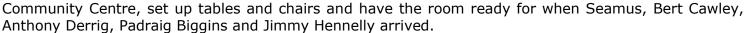
That way, it will be much easier for them to ask us for anything they need."

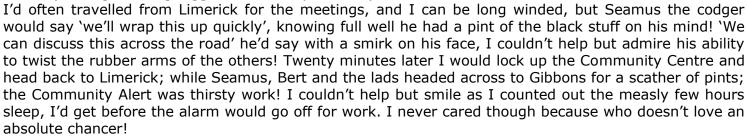
- Act in such a manner that you are the living proof of a loving God.
- Kindness is free. Scatter it everywhere.
- With the Lord by your side, you are braver that you believe, and stronger that you seem, and smarter than you think.
- One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.
- I thought growing old would take longer.
- Never wait for a perfect moment, just take a moment and make it perfect.

SEAMUS LOHAN RIP

It was during the height of the recession that I saw a poster advertising that the Shrule Parish Community Alert group needed to be re-invigorated. I remember when I was a nipper, the words Community Alert being bandied about but as an adult I did not see any evidence of this. So being equal parts nosey, equal parts at a loose end; I went along to the meeting to see what it was all about. I had the misfortune of asking a question and before I knew it, I became the Secretary of the Community Alert Committee for the Shrule/Glencorrib area. The lovely and patient Bridget Mellott passed on the baton to me with some words of wisdom.... 'The Secretary does everything', that was my training and away we went.

Community Alert meetings always left me either 100% frustrated or laughing my head off, there was never an in-between. I would arrive early, find a key for the





All the joking aside, we did accomplish a good outreach within the Community, successfully erected signage detailing the Claremorris Garda Station phone number (our nearest 24-hour Garda Station); a list of emergency phone numbers was created (Westdoc, Local GPs phone numbers, Fr Vivian, pharmacies etc) which I'm sure many people still have on their fridge (hopefully not just gathering dust!) The AGM meetings were always well attended by both members of the community as well as some big names from Claremorris and Castlebar Garda Stations. We were doing well as a Community Alert Committee and why wouldn't we, Seamus was our Chairman-our Commander in Chief.

I was full of naïve enthusiasm when I became Secretary of the Community Alert Committee. I was full of ideas to get guest speakers in to talk about securing your home, adding locks, I thought internet safety was the direction we needed to head in.... how to avoid scams and phishing.... Seamus got serious mileage out of this one....'Fishing? What's wrong with fishing', I think I laughed so much that the conversation was never finished. And I never did get my guest speaker to come in and talk about home security and pesky phishing! Seamus had one objective and I admire him immensely for sticking to this, Seamus was all about looking after the elderly members of the community and those who lived alone. Their safety was always his biggest concern. I set up a link with SOLAS in Headford on how personal safety pendants could be applied for and utilised for those living alone or of a certain age and I always felt Seamus was proud of this.

One year for a Christmas edition of the Shrule Glencorrib Parish Newsletter, Seamus asked me to write a piece on behalf of the Community Alert. I dutifully carried out my task but to this day I'm still waiting on a royalty check because long after I had left the Community Alert Committee due to work commitments in Limerick I would see my words pop up on the newsletter; year in/year out signed by Mr Cheeky himself!

Seamus was a character, and as I sit outside my mother's house in Dalgan writing this, I can hear the bells from Shrule church ring out; the bells let me know that Seamus is now on his final journey to his final resting place. But that is where the 'finals' stop because there are so many stories yet to be shared about the wonderful man Seamus Lohan was; it will take us many years to tell them all.

Kathleen, and family, thank you for sharing your wonderful husband and father with us over the years. We are all better people having known Sergeant Seamus Lohan RIP.

Kathleen, Marie, Christine, James and Helena; the entire community are grieving with you now... but as people return to their 'normal' lives this is when it will be the hardest for you. Little things, the absence of small gestures that you never noticed before will suddenly leave a gaping hole... these are the days when as a family you will pull together. Laughter will resume and the 'do you remember the time....?' stories will live on.

Seamus was never short of a story or ten! and after hearing the most beautiful eulogy given by James at the funeral; we can all rest assured that the story telling gene has been passed down; this tradition is in safe hands.

As the bells ring in the distance from the church, Seamie's family and friends walk him to his final resting place. But the stories and the laughter will resume once again.

Community is the one word that encompassed Seamus; he enriched us all, how lucky Shrule Parish was to have such a man, such a stalwart pick our little village to call it his home.

Sleep well Seamus, Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis. Sarah Reilly



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

As the coals from our barbecue burned down, our hosts passed out the marshmallows and long roasting Just then, two fire trucks forks. roared by, sirens blaring, and lights flashing. They stopped at a house down the street. All twelve of us raced out the back garden and down the street, where we found the of the blazing house owners standing by helplessly. They glared us with looks of disgust. Suddenly, we realized that we were all still holding our roasting forks with marshmallows on them...

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

Smith climbs to the top of Mount Sinai to get close enough to talk to God.

Looking up, he asks the Lord.

"God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million Euros mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A cent." Smith asks," Can I have a cent?"

The Lord replies, "Just a minute".



Some talk to you in their free time, and some free their time to talk to you.

JUST A THOUGHT - SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Jesus saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

A story from the life of Mother Teresa shows her love for lonely and unwanted people, the "sheep without a shepherd," who, while materially well-off, are sometimes "the poorest of the poor." On one occasion, she visited a well-run nursing home where good food, medical care and other facilities were offered to the elderly. As she moved among the old people, she noticed that none of them smiled unless she touched them and smiled at them first. She also noticed that many of them kept glancing expectantly towards the door while listening to her. When she asked one of the nurses why this was so, she was told: "They are looking for a visit from someone related to them. But, except for an occasional visit, birthday gift or a get-well card, this never happens."

Jesus invites us, in today's Gospel, to show concern, mercy and compassion for such sheep

without a shepherd. All that is required is an open heart. When we care, we are living the Gospel.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which He looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are His body.

Christ has no body now but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

- St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)



PARISH OFFICE TIMES

Shrule Parochial House every Tuesday (10.30am–12noon) Glencorrib Curate's House Wednesdays (10.30am-12noon) You are welcome to call outside these times, and if Fr. Vivian is CHURCH not available, please leave a message 2 093-31262.



SUNNY DAYS SUMMER CAMP will be running till Friday next 23rd July. Open to children aged 4 - 12 years. Camp hours: 10am - 3pm. Light snack included €15 per day. Full day care 8am - 5.30pm. Lunch & snacks included €30 per day. 10am - 5.30pm. Lunch & snacks included €20 per day. For further info: \$\alpha\$ 087 3118009 or glencorribcommunityservices@gmail.com

FREE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS: Mayo PPN is now planning the autumn list of FREE training programmes for Community Groups registered with us. We would like to hear your views & ideas on training requirements for your group. Please complete the short survey in below link: https://forms.office.com/r/WtvQQMmNUY

MAYO PPN - YOUR VOICE - YOUR COMMUNITY

AS an avid gardener, I asked for a Ho for my birthday. I'm hoping for the other two at Christmas.

THE FEAST OF ST. CAMILLUS IS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND – SUNDAY 18th JULY.

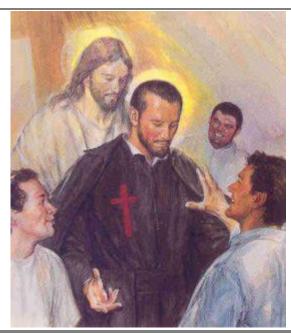
He was born in 1550. His mother died when he was very young and he grew up without parental discipline spending part of his life being a soldier and given to gambling.

Camillus turned to God and joined the Capuchin Order but was forced to leave because of ulcers in his feet. He went to Rome. He was very devoted to the care of the sick and began to work in one of the hospitals there. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained. He founded an order of Priests whose mission was to serve the sick in hospitals and in their homes.

He died in 1614. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed Saint Camillus patron of hospitals and nursing homes.

The following prayer is for the sick:

Let us pray for those who are sick in hospitals or at home. May they be healed through the intercession of Saint Camillus. Amen.



REEK PILGRIMAGE 2021



Normally the National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on the last Sunday of July. For this year, Reek Sunday has been extended to incorporate the whole month of July; each weekday from Wednesday to Saturday in order to facilitate those who wish to fulfil the Reek Sunday Obligations. Mass on the Summit: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday @ 12 noon:

Mass on Saturday @ 10am (Weather permitting) Confessions before and after Mass 11am—11.45am 12.45pm—1.15pm

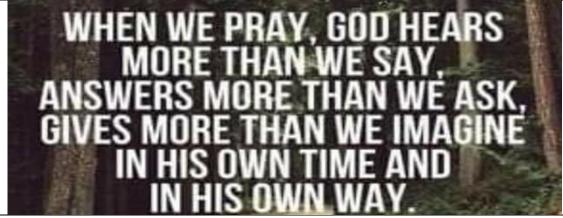
SHRULE PARISH is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Church. See notice board for contact details.

OUR CHURCHES are open every day not just Sundays. Drop in for some quiet time, prayer and reflection. **God want full custody not just weekend visits**.

JESUS didn't die so that we would come to church. He died so that we would become the church.

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.



"Have you ever heard of **Murphy's Law**?"
 "What is it?"
 "If something can go wrong it will go wrong."
 "Right, have you ever heard of **Cole's Law**?"
 No, what is it?"
 "Thinly sliced

cabbage!"



BE PART OF MAKING A LOCAL WILDLIFE DOCUMENT CAPTURE.

A shout out to everyone in the parish (Shrule / Glencorrib / Kilroe catchment) Be part

of creating a wildlife document as a gift to future generations of our areas. Please let us know of any wildlife you spot when you are out and about this summer. Drop us a line on the email address.

sgkwildlifesurvey@gmail.com Also follow us on our Instagram page sgkwildlifesurvey2021 and see the images of the wildlife that either visit us or live around us already captured in 2021.



PARISH NOTES: - WAYS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS:

With the resumption of public liturgies, the following ways now in place to make contributions. These contributions make the works been carried out possible. Thank you for your continuing support in these unfamiliar times. At weekend Masses, Shrule Post Office. Drop off at Parochial House (Tuesdays, 10.30 am - 12noon) or Curates' House (Wednesdays, 10.30 am - 12noon) or Banking Online or Standing Order. Details of each church bank account have been provided below

o **Shrule Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC Account Name: Shrule Church Finance Committee:

IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

o **Glencorrib Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC Account Name: Shrule Glencorrib Church:

IBAN IE97ULSB98525010138153 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX With banking online please ensure **full name is given** as

reference when making the standing order or account transfer, so the parish has a record of who has made their weekly contribution through each bank account. This is **very important** for the Charitable Donation Scheme. Thank you for your continuing support.

Welcome to those Outside of Parish: People outside of the parish are most welcome to attend public liturgies in the parish. Please observe guidelines. Regarding contributions please continue to support your parish & use your own parish envelopes It is standard practice for envelopes to be returned to their respective parishes.

For that special occasion!



Back in the old days at our favorite pub we used to tell jokes. But it was somehow always kind of the same jokes told over and over again... So we agreed upon giving the jokes numbers instead of telling them. That way we had more time drinking our beers than wasting time telling and listening.... So it went on - John said: "No. 7" and we had a good laugh - Peter followed up on that one with "No. 17" and everyone did burst into laughter and we all cheered. Then one night someone said "No. 37" and my mate Hegge just couldn't stop laughing. I said to him "what's that - it's not that funny, really"... and he replied "Yeah maybe, but I've never heard that one before"!





Lough Corrib today courtesy of Bernie McPadden, Ballycurrin

WORD IN YOUR EAR...

Some of you may recall the image of the trainer Gordon Elliott sitting on a dead horse. There was a general outcry among the racing community and among some who had no connection with horses whatsoever. While it is hard to know what Elliott was up to, there was never a suggestion that he was responsible for the animal's death. Yet the people went crazy and Elliott lost his job.

When an Italian broadcaster showed leaked footage recently of a cable car crash that killed 14, there was outrage among viewers. The action was seen to be intrusive, a disrespectful invasion of the grieving process. The same outrage was evident on a very public stage when TV pictures showed footballer Christian Eriksen collapsed during a match. His team mates formed a protective cordon around the fallen footballer, shielding him from prying, voyeuristic eyes.

The anger evident on these occasions was striking because there's some evidence that we're becoming desensitized to the most graphic images, including pornography. Film-makers routinely include scenes of sex and violence in their movies. And there's evidence that people have compassion fatigue when they're constantly exposed to images of suffering by aid organisations.

Yet despite that exposure, many people thought the scenes of the cable car accident and of Eriksen's cardiac arrest in particular went way too far. People's responses to images are very much tied to their belief that individuals' dignity is stripped away if there is no privacy during suffering, especially at the point of death. And the more the person showed is an individual - a famous footballer, say, or a named victim - the more they seem to us a real person with whom we can empathise.

In the past things were very different. For example, the crowds watching an execution during the Reformation, or someone being fed to the lions in ancient Rome was considered a form of entertainment. The person put to death was thought to deserve it. They were considered less than a person, so there was no empathy.

But there are instances when images of suffering are considered acceptable even today. Think of the iconic image of the traumatized young girl, running down the street, napalmed during the Vietnam War, or prisoners in Auschwitz. People endure them because they play a role in reminding us of the capacity for humanity's extreme cruelty and make people determined such events must never happen again. They are also a paradox: the people pictured enduring such terrible suffering and being dehumanized by others, are in a sense rehumanised by those seeing the pictures and who empathise with their plight.

One of the strongest images in history of a terrible death is that of the crucifixion of Jesus. It's an irony that Christianity, founded by a man who advocated peace, and who said 'Blessed are the Peacemakers', has violence at its heart. Christianity would not exist without the cross.

To Christians, that cross represents Christ's ultimate sacrifice, the giving of his life. In the early days of Christianity, the cross was seen as a thing of shame by many. But to others, images of Christ crucified - whether a wooden crucifix on a church wall or a painting by a great artist - can also resonate. It is Everyman on the cross - a victim of humanity's capacity for the cruellest deeds but also an inspiration for compassion. Sometimes the most terrible and most repellent images should be seen.