

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 5th DECEMBER 2021

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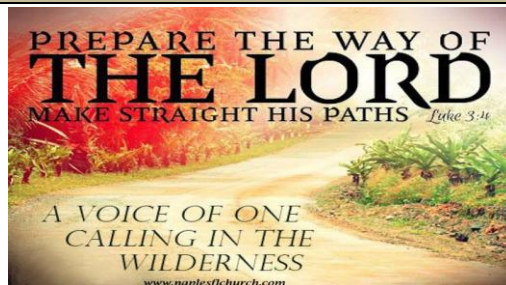
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	4th Dec	8.00 pm	Billy Daly and Margaret & Patrick Daly, Michael & Anne Corbett and John, Paddy, Conal Corbett, Paddy, Chrissie & Tom Burke, Ardmore John McEvaddy, Brodella	Anniv & Deceased 43 rd & 43 rd Anniv & Deceased 8 th & 10 th Anniv 3 rd Anniv
Sun	5th Dec	11.00 am	Conor & Kathleen Bohan, Carramore and their daughter Josephine Sheridan, Mocollogan Pete & Nell Higgins & DM Higgins family, Dalgan	18 th , 1 st & 3 rd Anniv 35 th & 20 th Anniv & deceased
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	
Mon	6 th Dec	9.30 am	Martin Molloy, Toorard	RIP 28/09/2021
Tue	7 th Dec	9.30 am	DM of Gavin family, Longhill	Anniv & Deceased
Wed	8th Dec	8.00 PM	Dick Cahill, Cloonbanane	RIP 11/10/2021
Thu	9 th Dec	9.30 am	Daniel Acton & DM Acton family	
Fri	10 th Dec	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm – 7.55pm	
		8.00 pm	Special Intention	
Sat	11th Dec	8.00 pm	Ronan Holleran & his father Michael Holleran, Joyce Park	15 th & 5 th Anniv
Sun	12th Dec	11.00 am	Teresa & John Hyland and their sons Michael and Paddy & DM of the Hyland family, Brodella	30 th , 30 th & 46 th Anniv RIP 22/3/2021
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	4th Dec	6.30 pm	Megan Langley, Valley, Nebraska, USA	RIP 19/02/2021
Sun	5th Dec	9.30 am	Dominic & Maureen Garvey, Kilroe	21 st Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	
Wed	8th Dec	6.30 PM	Noel Meyler, Woodpark	RIP 29/09/2021
Fri	10 th Dec	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm – 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	John & Margaret Monaghan and their grandson Kenneth Monaghan, Ballycurrin	42 nd , 32 nd & 4 th Anniv
Sat	11th Dec	6.30 pm	Martha, Micheal & Margie Hanley (nee Hennelly) & DM Hennelly, family, Toorard, Headford & Cavan	2 nd & 4 th Anniv & deceased
Sun	12th Dec	9.30 am	Cormac Garvey, Gortbrack	RIP 20/06/2021
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

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		SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
EUCCHARISTIC	Vigil	Patricia Martyn	Nellie Hogan
MINISTERS	Morning	Philip Duddy	Dan Shaughnessy
LAY READERS	Vigil	Geraldine Casserly	Bridie Biggins
MINISTRY	Morning	Carmel Heneghan	Mary Devins

FOR SEASON OF ADVENT IN BOTH OUR CHURCHES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues Friday evening & Sunday afternoon

Wednesday next is 8th December and on that day we celebrate a Holy Day of Obligation, the **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**. Mass in Glencorrib Church @ 6.30pm and Mass in Shrule Church @ 8.00pm. Our Church in Glencorrib has been dedicated to this Feastday.

JUST A THOUGHT: WAITING - *Waiting*, an inevitable and even necessary aspect of human life, is not something that most of us relish. We *wait* in lines in order to pay our bills, to be served at popular restaurants, to be assisted in a bank, at stop signs and traffic lights, at amusement parks, or to see a play or a movie. We must also *wait* for flowers to grow and bloom, for babies to be born, for wounds to heal, for bread to rise, for cheese to age, for children to mature, for friends to call, for love to deepen. Statisticians have estimated that in a lifetime of 70 years, the average person spends at least three years *waiting*!



Today's readings invite us to *wait* for the rebirth of the Lord in our lives with repentant hearts and renewed lives. Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting of our sins, and renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and sharing our blessings with others.

ABIDE WITH ME: The hymn sung at FA cup finals, at Ground Zero, said to have been played as the Titanic was sinking and many funerals, was written by Henry Francis Lyte. He also composed 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.' Lyte, was born near Kelso in Scotland in 1793, the family came to Ireland in 1797, attended Portora Royal School in Enniskillen and Trinity College. Ordained Anglican priest, he served as curate in Taghmon, near Wexford, now in the Wexford and Kilsoran Union, 1815-1818, resigning through ill health.

Though he had a number of short parish appointments in England, his last was the longest, at Brixham in Devon. The hymn may have been written in 1820 when Lyte was visiting a dying friend in Wexford, who kept repeating 'Abide with me' or in 1847 as ill health overcame Lyte himself, dying weeks later on 20th November 1847



ANGELUS BELL ON RADIO: Every now and then there is an argument about the broadcasting of the Angelus bell on RTÉ. The bell was actually first broadcast on Radio Éireann, as it was called, at 6pm on 15th August 1950. Its continuance has always been supported by the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Islamic and Jewish faiths.

SERENITY PRAYER

The 'Serenity Prayer' is perhaps the best-known prayer in the Catholic English-speaking world. But generally the prayer is reduced to its first part:

**God grant me
the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
the courage to change the things I can;
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

The rest (neglected part) of the prayer continues:
**Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.**



The prayer became well known through its adoption by Alcoholics Anonymous in the early 1940. It was also taken up by other twelve step programmes. Its authorship has been attributed to many, including Aristotle, St Augustine, St Francis of Assisi, St Thomas Aquinas, Spinoza, to an anonymous English poet and from the hieroglyphics on an Egyptian obelisk. Most are happy with ascribing it to Reinhold Niebuhr (1891-1971), pastor of the American German Evangelical Church (now the United Church of Christ) and a highly influential voice on American life. He taught at Union Theological Seminary, New York for over 30 years.

The prayer was probably written in the early 1930s.

SHRULE CHURCH USHERS REQUIRED from the Cloonbanane, Brodella South and Longhill area for the Sunday mornings in December. We wish to thank the two volunteers who are looking after Saturday evening Masses **but at the moment Sunday mornings are not covered. So if you could at all volunteer your time for December, please let Fr. Vivian know. Thank you**



'How worried should we be about running out of Greek letters?'

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

Little Johnny asks the teacher, "Mrs. Roberts, can I be punished for something I haven't done?" Mrs. Roberts is shocked, "Of course not, Johnny, that would be very unfair!" Little Johnny is relieved, "OK Mrs. Roberts, sorry, I haven't done my homework."

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

A friend of mine says its the law that you have to put your dipped headlights on when it's raining in Sweden. But how am I supposed to know when its raining in Sweden? *Millsym Newcastle, UK*

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
Hogan	Mary	Rostaff	04/12/1920	90	Moyne
Mellet	Michael	Cloonbanane	04/12/1989	78	Shrulle
Farragher	Padraic	Kille	04/12/2008		Shrulle
Mullin	Canon Noel	Shrulle	04/12/2009	71	Shrulle
McEvaddy	John	Brodella	04/12/2018		Shrulle
Toher	Denis	Old Ballynalty	05/12/1918	22	Moyne
Harte	William	Rostaff	05/12/1936	76	Moyne
Murphy	Michael	Ballynalty	05/12/1938	37	Cross
Morris	Patrick	Brodella	05/12/1981	84	Shrulle
O'Halloran	Canon Colman	Shrulle	05/12/1992	78	Galway
McGath	Nina	Lakefield	06/12/1898		Shrulle
Moughan	Catherine	Tubberkeerane	07/12/1916	76	Shrulle
Greally	Thomas	Cloonbanane	07/12/1950	77	Shrulle
Raftery	Mary Carina	Shrulle	07/12/1985	78	Shrulle
Naughton	Paddy	Mocollogan	07/12/1994	73	Shrulle
Newell	Catherine	Mount Henry	08/12/1918	16	Killursa
O'Brien	Michael	Cahernabruck	08/12/1923	75	Shrulle
Gavin	Timothy	Longhill	08/12/1981	81	Shrulle
Golding	Helen	Shrulle	09/12/1923	87	Shrulle
Lydon	Nora	Dalgan Park	09/12/1951	72	Shrulle
O'Neill	Patrick	Dalgan Park	09/12/1963	76	Shrulle
Ryan	Ellen	Dalgan	09/12/1987	92	Shrulle
Robinson	Kathleen	Ramolin	09/12/2020	94	Shrulle
Moughan	David	Cahernabruck	10/12/1927	80	Shrulle
Dooley	Michael	Cullagh	10/12/1939	64	Donaghpatrick
Nalty	Martin	Carraun	10/12/1971		Shrulle
Holleran	Ronan	Joyce Park	10/12/2006	18	Shrulle
Nolan	Matthew	Cloonbanane	11/12/1933	65	Shrulle
Molloy	Catherine	Ballisnahina	11/12/1943	9	Shrulle
O'Neill	Carmel Teresa	Dalgan	11/12/1980	20	Shrulle
Carroll	Pat	Longhill	12/12/1963	91	Shrulle
Monaghan	John	Ballycurrin	12/12/1979	63	Killursa
O'Dowd	Thomas	Shrulle	12/12/1995	79	Shrulle
Meenehan	Sr. Margarita	Cahernabruck	12/12/2017	97	California



PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joe (Josie) McDonnell, (left) Dalgan, Shrulle and formerly of Killernan, Kilmaine. (A brother of Una Martyn who was laid to rest last week) Funeral Mass for Josie took place at St. Joseph's Church, Shrulle on Thursday last 2nd December 2021. RIP

Fr. Patrick (Pat) O'Brien (right) P.P. of Caherlistrane and formerly Claremorris. Funeral Mass for Fr. Pat took place at St. Joseph's Church, Caherlistrane on Sunday last 28th November 2021. RIP.



9 DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR IRELAND

We are inviting you to join in a **9 Day Rosary Novena** beginning **Tuesday 30th November and ending on Wednesday 8th December**. People all over Ireland will pray the Rosary together each evening at 9pm. On the final evening at 9pm on Radio Maria the Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final Rosary live. If you are gathering to pray in groups we encourage you to gather safely adhering to local Covid 19 regulations. You can tune into Radio Maria by downloading the app from the mobile app store or on your pc via <https://www.radiomaria.ie/> or SAORVIEW Channel 210



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

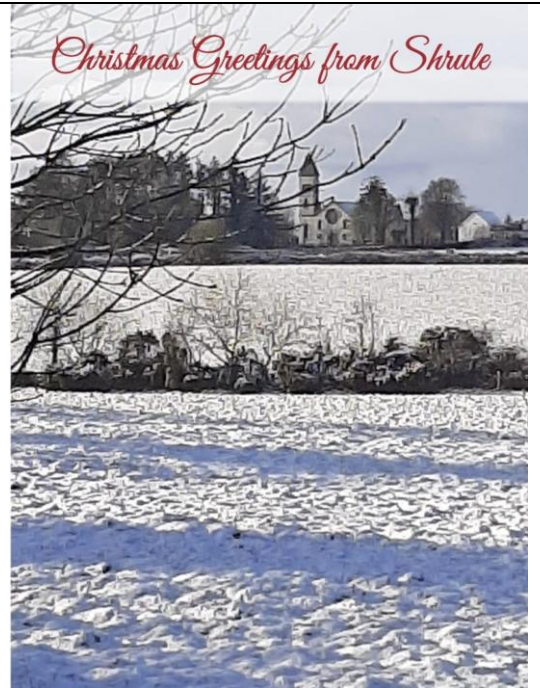
ME: *I would like to buy a piano*

YAMAHA: *OK*

ME: *I'd also like to buy a motorcycle. Do you know where I can find a good one?*

YAMAHA: *Your not going to believe this....*

OUR NEW LOCAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS have arrived and are available at all weekend Masses until the Sunday before Christmas. We have Christmas Greetings from Glencorrib, Christmas Greetings from Shrule as well as the traditional Christmas Greetings. Just €2 each. Your intentions will be remembered during the Tridium of Masses at Christmas time



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



We thought about transitioning to cleaner energy, but you just can't beat a real fire...'

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Send a photo in a frame to parents or grandparents
- Offer to help someone going through a life changer with dinner, laundry or a listening ear
- Bring someone working outside a glass of water or a hot cuppa tea/coffee
- After a wedding or party donate all of the flowers to a nursing home.
- Help an elderly neighbour with jobs around the house.
- Leave coupons for someone else at a store when you shop
- Compliment your spouse / partner in private and in front of others in public.

JUST A THOUGHT

When a flashing light goes dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course you do not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA... attention & affection. Some need AAA... attention, affection and acceptance. Some need C... compassionn Some need D... direction And if they still don't seem to shine... simply sit with them quietly and share your light. Amen

THANK YOU: As November drew to a close during the week, Fr. Vivian would like to thank you for your attendance at Mass, the Cemetery prayers and Novena of Masses for the dead during the month. We wish to thank the ushers and cleaners who have kept our churches a safe place. We also wish to thank the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Singers, Musicians and everyone who helped out. We are also grateful for the contributions you have made by way of the **Weekly Envelopes** (offerings which forms part of the income for the church) **and Dues Envelopes** (income that helps pay the priest's salary) These offerings are very important and much appreciated. Thank you. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER** to open and close Shrule church at the weekends only. Please contact Fr. Vivian if you can help out. Thank you.

He visited his daughter's kitchen and left an honest review



christophe_kyle

I been waiting on my order to get done for 45 minutes, and I'm the only customer here. She was making good progress at first, then she stopped for 20 minutes to go watch Paw Patrol... Overall the customer service could be better, but the cook is a cutie; so I'll give her another chance.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: If you are not able to come together to celebrate Mass and receive communion, please find time to pray and receive Jesus spiritually.

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.

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES:

If you're loved ones from the parish are not listed in our weekly list 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"



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrle - Parochial House - Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon

Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days) Wednesdays 10.30am-12 noon.

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.

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 will be available to offer reassurance where necessary. The support line is one seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, ☎ 0818222024



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, Shrle 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 **Shrle Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrle Church Finance Committee:
IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

o **Glencorrib Church:** Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrle 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 and use your own parish envelopes It is standard practice for envelopes to be returned to their respective parishes.



AWAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

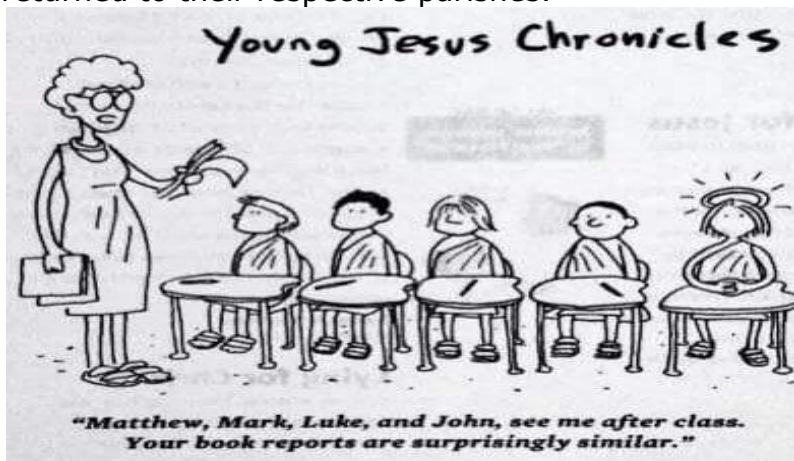
"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." - Pope Francis

All-Night Vigil - Tuesday 7th December 2021 the feast of the Immaculate conception, we will celebrate our traditional All-Night Vigil at Knock Basilica. The theme for this year's vigil is 'Into the Light', beginning with Confessions at 10pm and Vigil proper from Midnight.

Vigil Programme

10pm - Midnight: Confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation
Vigil proper will take place at Knock Basilica as follows:

Midnight - 12.30am: Rosary
12.30am-1am: Testimony from a member of the Cenacolo Community, Knock
1am - 2am: Stations of the Cross
2am - 3am: Holy Hour
3am - 3.30am: *Break for private prayer*
3.30 - 4am: Reflections
4am: Mass



A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

The tragic fate of the 27 refugees who perished in the English Channel this week mirrors the terrible dispersal of our own people in the 19th century. In 1847, some 200,000 people sailed for Boston alone. 2,000 never made it, killed by disease and hunger, their remains 'buried at sea'.

The St. John was one such a boat, sunk off the coast of Massachusetts in October 1849. The ship had sailed from Galway, loaded with desperate people. It survived the journey, only to sink within sight of the promised New World.

Life aboard these ships was horrific. Packed cheek by jowl below decks, the passengers barely saw the light of day. Allowed up on deck for no more than one hour a day, in small groups, they would gather around open stoves to cook. When their time was up, it was back down into the dark, dank hold. During the regular storms the hatches were battened down, and the passengers would subsist on hard-tack biscuits.

Hygiene was notoriously poor. With just buckets for toilets, and only sea-water to wash with, disease was rampant. Cholera and Typhus accounted for a great many deaths. Those who died were buried at sea. With death rates commonly ranging between 20%, and 50%, these vessels were the real 'Coffin Ships'.

Some years ago the Canadian songwriter Bruce Cockburn was at Kandahar Airport as the coffins of fallen soldiers were taken on board an airplane for repatriation. He wrote:

*"Each one lost is everyone's loss, you see;
each one lost is a vital part of you and me."*

It is a hauntingly simple elegy in the face of human mortality. It's full of empathy for those whose world would now have changed forever and whose grief would be unbearable. But, the point he makes is that if we don't have our basic humanity in common, what is then left? This reflects the famous John Donne assertion that

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less."

It seems that both Cockburn and Donne were able to penetrate through the dominant politics and positioning of their day to find the truth at the heart of it all - that whenever people die, a hole is left into which pour the tears of the bereaved.

The difference between the fallen westerners in Afghanistan and the drowned easterners at Calais is that we label the latter, question their choices, and forget their identity.

President Macron put it well when he offered first his sympathy to the families of those who drowned. This isn't just a time for politics; rather, it is a time for digging deeper emotionally and being touched by tragedy. I don't know the names or circumstances of those who have died, but I do know their death changes the world.

This goes to the heart of Christian faith when faced with tragedy and loss. The Christian tradition begins with people being "made in the image of God" and, therefore, being of infinite value - a value that goes beyond their economic function. Every person matters absolutely - not just those we deem acceptable. This goes to the heart of what Christian faith refuses to negotiate. Each one lost in the Channel had a name, a history and people who loved them. God knows their name even if I don't. We Irish learned this the hard way, whether we still know it or not! **Fr. Dick Lyng OSA**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND SOLAS RESOURCE CENTRE CHRISTMAS 2021 FOOD APPEAL: Helping Families in our own Community. We invite people from Headford/Claran, Caherlistrane/Kilcoona, Shrule/Glencorrib to donate non-perishable food to the appeal - The food can be placed in boxes in many of the shops in the area or can be left into the following schools Headford Boys N.S, Clydagh N. S, Cloughanover N.S., Claran N. S., Shrule N. S., Glencorrib N.S., Kilcoona N. S., Knockroon N. S. and Presentation College Headford. Food can also be left into Solas Resource Centre, Headford. All food collected will be helping families in our own community. Vouchers and money donations will also be gladly accepted.



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR HAPPY THANKSGIVING

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed.

Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5 Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..

ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.

YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.

YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIFINGER.

THE WORD **QUEUE** IS JUST A **Q** FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.

JAIL AND **PRISON** ARE SYNONYMS. BUT **JAILER** AND **PRISONER** ARE ANTONYMS.

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A **SHIPMENT**. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED **CARGO**.



BALLYCURRIN LIGHTHOUSE BY ELIZABETH TOHER

When you have a picture and are told its history it weaves a kind of magic, it brings something so beautiful alive...you stop and think of those that climbed the steps before you.

Local legend has it that this beautiful 18th Century lighthouse, said to be the only inland lighthouse of its type in Europe, was built by Sir Henry Lynch's wife to ensure the safe return of her husband from his travels. The top of the lighthouse is said to be made out of a mill wheel, from a mill that belonged in their family.

That sense of family and love from which it was built are still beating within its walls. This beautiful place, only a stone's throw from where my incredibly patient husband grew up, where he played and swam, where, as a boy, he climbed those steps, with so many dreams in his head and hopes in his heart...he climbs them now with our children...together they make memories in a place where so many memories have been shared ♥️ *Elizabeth Toher*

Got this little bit of history from John McHugh. St Fursa's Historical Society, Headford. "You probably know this but the circular stones on Ballycurrin Lighthouse came from the windmill in Headford. When I was a kid the ruin of the old mill was still in a field on the cong road on the left as you come to Gleasons." *Kevin Flood*

"The Lighthouse built in 1772 is 22 foot high and has a mill stone as its roof. The uppermost section of the lighthouse would have been used to burn timber to create the beacon." *Historical SGK*

"My uncle Jimmy Madden built the house beside the pier and helped to restore this lighthouse. Just wanted to make sure he was remembered for all the care Jimmy Madden but into this beautiful area he lived and fished there for years." *Elizabeth Connolly*