#### **GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER - 17th OCTOBER 2021**

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) - MASS	DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832				
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.00 pm	Matthew Meeneghan and his parents Mary &	6 <sup>th</sup> , 41 <sup>st</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup>
			Tom Meeneghan and the DM of the Meenegha	n Anniv &
			family, Cahernabruck	deceased
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11.00 am	Martin (Mattie) Murphy, Mochara	Month's Mind
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Patricia Commins, Cloonmore, Claremorris	RIP 22/09/2021
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Kathleen Mullarkey, Knock Rd, Claremorris	RIP 22/08/2021
		11.00 am	Confirmation Day Mass for 6 <sup>th</sup> class pupils	Confirmation Mass
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Joe Duddy, Shrule	17 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Margaret Murphy, Kilmaine	RIP 03/09/2021
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> 7.00pm	- 7.55pm
		8.00 pm	Special Intention Mass	Special Intention
			Mary & Paddy Lydon, Cappaduff, Tourmakeady,	13 <sup>th</sup> , 36 <sup>th</sup> ,
			their son in law <b>Michael Joyce</b> , Ballyheane and	6 <sup>th</sup> &
			their grandnephew <b>Kevin Taylor</b> New York	8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	8.00 pm	Nigel Dooley, Cloonamealtogue	23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv
			Margaret & Anthony Hyland, Brodella	17 <sup>th</sup> & 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11.00 am	Special Intention Mass	
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Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00 pm	Mary Biggins and her father Tom and the	21 <sup>st</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
			DM of the Biggins family, Wallpark	& deceased
			Mary Geraghty & the DM of the Geraghty &	17 <sup>th</sup> Anniv &
			Sweeney family, Corrinredra.	deceased
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Tommy Joe Donohue, Woodpark & Ballynalty	6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
			Special Intention Mass	Deceased
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Special Intention Mass	Deceased
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm	- 6.55pm
		7.00 pm	Special Intention Mass	Special Intention
			Thomas & Catherine Madden, Ballynalty	51 <sup>st</sup> & 89 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	7.00 pm	Tom Biggins (Ballisnahina) and his sister in law	18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
		•	<b>Sr. Teresa (Tess) Biggins</b> (Perth & Ballycurrin)	RIP 26/09/2021
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Michael Hyland, Ballisnahina	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv

PARISH CONFIRMATION 2021: Our parish will celebrate the first leg of the confirmation schedule on Tuesday next 19<sup>th</sup> October where 19 pupils from 6<sup>th</sup> class in our parish national schools will gather at St. Joseph's Church for their 4<sup>th</sup> sacrament, Confirmation. At their Confirmation they confirm their parents' decision to bring them up in faith. As they say 'yes' to what their parents have done for them in baptism they



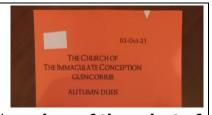
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now take on the responsibility of holding the light of faith for themselves. In return for their 'yes' the sacrament offers them the 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit; Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Courage, Right Judgement, Reverence and Wonder & Awe. These 'gifts' are not so much magical talents that will appear out of nowhere they are rather the products of genuine faith. Fr Vivian will be standing in for the Bishop this year. Confirmation is like a wakeup call to live your faith! It urges us to proclaim our faith to the world by the quality of our lives - don't just speak about love, live it, don't just pray for peace, work for it, don't just dream about forgiveness and tolerance, practice it. The First years in secondary schools will be confirmed on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **AUTUMN DUES - THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

Autumn 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 Autumn Dues envelopes along with Christmas and Easter 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**. The current salary for the priest of the diocese is €1,450 per calendar month.

#### WHAT IS THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THEN?

It is a common misunderstanding that the weekly offertory collection is for the priest. In actually 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 and generosity in these difficult and challenging times.

JUST A THOUGH: There was a workman and this workman was leaving the factory after a day's work. And he's pushing a wheelbarrow out of the factory. Inside the wheelbarrow, there is a very small package. He's stopped by a security guard who asks him, "What have you got in your wheelbarrow?" The man replied, "I have a small box." The security man says, I can see it's a small box but what have you got in it." The workman replies, "Well you know the sawdust that's on the floor at the end of a working day that's swept up and thrown away, well I needed some and I put it in a box and am taking it



home." The security man says, "Open the box" and the workman opens the box and its sawdust. And the guard says, "Out you go." Second day, same thing, third day, same thing, fourth day, same thing. Fifth day the workman is pushing out his wheelbarrow and inside his wheelbarrow, there is a small box and it's the same security guard, the security guard says "It's you again, what have you got in your wheelbarrow?" "Well I have the same as I've had the other four days, sawdust." The security guard says "Well open it" and its sawdust. The security guard say, "I just got this gut feeling that you're stealing something, I just got that feeling. "Look", he says "Why don't you just tell me what you're stealing and I promise I won't report you." The workman says alright them, "I'm stealing wheelbarrows."

At the end of the day, though, what it comes down to is this... the security man had been letting the workman get away with far too many wheelbarrows while trying to figure out why he wanted so much sawdust. We too can be so preoccupied with a small package that we miss the big picture. Many many times it's that tiny grain of sand in our shoe that weighs us down and we lose focus and lose the big picture.

How much different would my life be if I focused my energies and attentions accordingly! How do I treat my family, my neighbours, my friends, my work colleagues, my community, my life?

#### **REFLECTION**

The 6 most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

The 5 most important words: "You did a good job."

The 4 most important words:

"What is your opinion?" The 3 most important words:

"I love you."

The 2 most important words: "Thank you."

The 1 most important word: "We"

The least important word: "I"

#### **SOME LIGHT HUMOUR**

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said, "The new priest we have this morning is really borina."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No." he said.

"I'm the priest's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" the usher asked.

"No." she said. "Good," he replied.

**HISTORICAL SGK** are having FUNDRAISING FOR SHRULE CEMETERY: The committee are distributing envelopes seeking financial assistance to help fund their next meeting **Glencorrib Community Kilroe** our Activities and Maintenance in the cemetery. Envelopes can community Centre on be returned in church boxes either in the church or post office. Tuesday 19th October @ 8pm We thank you for your support in the past.

**SHRULE PARISH** is committed to

the protection of all children and young people in our

Church. Please see the notice boards for contact

details.

#### 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
Carroll	Anna	Cruchfadha	16/10/1926	46	Shrule
Farragher	Brigid	New Ballynalty	16/10/1930	67	Kille
O'Brien	Patrick	Gurteen	16/10/1940	26	Shrule
Donoghue	Tommy Joe	Woodpark	16/10/2015	54	Moyne
Flood	Seamus	Ballynalty	16/10/2019	87	Cross
Hynes	James	Mount Henry	17/10/1953	77	Killursa
Duddy	Mary	Boherbee	18/10/1928	90	Shrule
Dooley	Patrick	Cloonbanane	18/10/1935	59	Shrule
Monahan	Michael	Toorard	18/10/1947	43	Moyne
Flaherty	Anthony Gabriel	Brodella	18/10/1956	15 days	Shrule
Gray	Feargal	Dalgan	18/10/1987	2	Shrule
Dooley	James	Cloonbanane	19/10/1956	56	Shrule
Muldoon	Patrick	St. Mary's Road	19/10/1981	73	Shrule
O'Hara	Anne	Shrule	20/10/1926	95	Shrule
Conroy	Patrick	Badgerfort	20/10/1967	91	Shrule
McGath	Francis	Lakeview	20/10/1981	70	Shrule
Dooley	Mary	Cahernabruck	21/10/1926	21	
Meenaghan	Thomas	Churchpark	21/10/1972	75	Shrule
Prendergast	Patrick	Shrule	21/10/1974	55	Shrule
McTigue	Paul	Kille	21/10/1998	67	Shrule
Connor	Patrick	Shrule	22/10/1920	95	Shrule
Walsh	Edward	Glasbally	22/10/1926	19	Shrule
Biggins	Margaret	Dalgan Park	22/10/1982		Shrule
Biggins	Mary	Old Ballynalty	22/10/2000	27	Moyne
Grogan	Margaret (Lil)	Cathair Aird.	22/10/2014	99	Shanganagh
Lawless	Pat	Wakefield	23/10/1930	89	
Davin	Brigid	Carheen	23/10/1945	71	Shrule
Murphy	Nora	Brodella	23/10/1987		Shrule
Ennis	Cormac	Claremorris	23/10/1991	69	Moyne
Ryan	Julia	Brodella	23/10/1992	83	Shrule
Greaney	Norah	Ramolin	24/10/1929	78	Shrule
Keville	Michael	Moyne	24/10/1935	84	Moyne
Moran	John	Glencorrib	24/10/1955	55	Billypark
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Murphy	Patrick	Daigair	,,		
Murphy Murphy	Patrick	Ballybockagh	24/10/1988	77	Shrule

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

Richard (Dick) Shrule. Church, Shrule on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. RIP



Carol Rodgers, Cross | Celia Cahill, Cloonbanane Co. Mayo, Meath & Monivea Road, Galway Funeral London. Wife of the City. Mother of Donal Mass for Dick took late John Rodgers. place at St. Joseph's | Funeral Mass for Carol | took place at the St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. RIP.



O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan, Rostaff. Funeral Mass for Celia took place at the Church of the Holy Family, Mervue on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. RIP



Paddy Kyne, Mansfield UK and formerly Luimnagh, Corrandulla. (Nephew of the late Canon Tom Kyne, Shrule) Funeral Mass for Paddy took place at St. Mary's Church, Headford, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. **RIP** 



## OCTOBER - MONTH DEDICATED TO IRELAND WORLD MISSION OF CHURCH:

Sunday next 24<sup>th</sup> October will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support mission missionaries. overseas and Worryingly, ieopardy. it is in pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, meaning offerings in the basket. The implications missionaries and overseas communities they serve over the coming months will be devastating. You can help right now. Please donate €4 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or 
Missio on 01 4972035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

### FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE/ARE MISSIONARIES?

October is the month



dedicated each year to celebrate, pray, support and grow in understanding and knowledge in the work missionaries and the Church do throughout the world. This parish has a particularly close relationship with missionary history of this country as the original base for the 'Mission to China', known today as the Columbans. As a reminder, pictures of Columban missionaries can be seen in the churches during October. Along with this, if you have a family member who was/is a missionary, the parish would like to honour and remember them in a similar way. For further information, email parishofshrule3@gmail.com

Please join us on Shrule Parish Facebook page for our daily reflections on the heroic missionaries from this parish who dedicated their lives to working with the missions abroad.



You can stop wearing the mask now.

**IRISH DANCING CLASSES** are continuing in Glencorrib Community Centre every Friday from 3 to 4pm. Classes are been taught by World Champion Roisin Naughton T.C.R.G. All Children are welcome. Enrolments are been taken by 

Roisin on 087-1133730.

**RESTORATION FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR HEADFORD CHURCH:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize a new Skoda Fabia. Tickets are now on sale from the parish office or by **2** 093 35448 or on their website www.headfordchurch.com. Only 2 weeks to go.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Shrule - Parochial House every Tuesdays 10.30am to 12 noon and Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days) every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon.



CHILDMINDER REQUIRED to mind 3 children in their own home near Headford town, 4 days/wk. ☎ Rachel 086 3332779

#### **GRIEF IS JUST LOVE WITH NO WHERE TO GO...**

One minute you're standing in the kitchen putting on dinner and looking at the heavy rain running down the window pane, when a random thought pops into your head to message your friend. For one glorious second that seems like a good idea, yet before the corners of your lips can settle into a little smile... the horrible realisation washes over you.... You... can no longer... message... your... friend..! The awareness and stark reality like a punch straight in the stomach, so strong that you feel your legs buckle and your arms fly out in a quick reflex to catch the work surface and hold you up.... and right there and then on a random Thursday standing in your kitchen the first real wave of tears and disbelief and sadness fly out of you in great big heaves from the pit of your soul... and you wonder how it could have hidden for so long... and will it ever stop? The aching, grieving anguish for the person no longer on the end of the phone... the first wave of love with nowhere to go Courtesy of Geraldine Hyland Monaghan

**VOLUNTEER WANTED** to open & close Shrule Church. Please contact Fr. Vivian if you can volunteer your time. Thank You.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**: Give the world the best that's in you and you'll get back the best that's in the world.

In a society that has you counting money, Euros, calories, and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings instead.

God gives us people to love and things to use, not things to love and people to use...

Even if we disagree about everything, we can still be kind to each other...

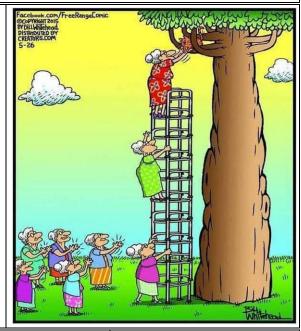
**NOVEMBER NOVENA FOR SOULS:** Masses for the novena for the Holy Souls will start on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and continue until Thursday 11th November at the usual times. Details of times of Masses to be decided. Special envelopes where the names of those people wish to remember and pray for during the Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls and throughout the month of November can be found in the parish box of envelopes and at the back of both churches. These envelopes can be placed in the boxes provided or given up at collection time. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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.

FIADH'S FESTIVAL OF FRIGHTS takes place at Headford Community garden, from 3 to 6pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. It's a family fun Halloween event that includes a treasure hunt, games & music. Entry is by donation, and funds raised will support the work of Headford & District Association and Headford Community Garden. Your support would be greatly appreciated. More info can be found on our Facebook pages.



#### ONLINE SCRIPTURE COURSE VIA ZOOM:

So many of us are afraid to open the Bible. We feel that understanding it is beyond us — without a degree or two in Sacred Scripture! Nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible is God's Word to God's people, to us, and it should always be approached from this perspective. During this introductory series we will begin to begin to deepen our appreciation of Scripture, while keeping it explainable and understandable — because without this basic understanding, how can we ever hope to hear and understand God speaking to us today as individuals, as community, as Church? The course is open to all but requires registration at galwaypastoralcentre.ie A Zoom link will be forwarded each week to all participants along with relevant notes. The series is facilitated by Fr. Gerard McCarthy, SVD. Tuesdays: 7.30-8.30pm: 26th October, 2nd November & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

HISTORICAL **SGK** has recently uploaded more local publications onto its website www.shrule.ie. Can you help us out with our online map of the parish, less than 2 weeks to have it completed. If you know of landmark any of local such old interest as monuments, buildings, wells, roads, stiles etc, please let us know. 0863782156. Thank you.

#### **OUR CHURCHES**

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



#### 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 2 / Text 0863782156 or email glencorrib2000@gmail. com with their details. "To be forgotten is to die twice"

#### **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 offer to reassurance where necessary. The support line is one seven days a week, 8am – 8pm, **2** 0818222024

#### MAYO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK - FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Have you booked your place yet on any of the upcoming courses!

Courses are free – booking is essential. Your group must be registered with Mayo PPN. To book your place email <a href="mayoppn@mayococo.ie">mayoppn@mayococo.ie</a>. This is a first come, first serve basis and a maximum of two members per community group. Full list of courses here <a href="https://mayoppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Training-Timetable-Autumn-2021.pdf">https://mayoppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Training-Timetable-Autumn-2021.pdf</a>

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Mayo PPN Team: YOUR VOICE - YOUR COMMUNITY Autumn 2021 TRAINING	DATE	TIME
<b>DESIGN A WEBSITE WITH NO BUDGET:</b> This workshop will be of benefit to Community	Tuesday 19th	19:00 -
& Voluntary organisations wishing to explore ways to promote their organisation via	October	21:00
social media. Workshop includes how to use Drag and Drop Website builders to explore		
different types of websites, looking at website options, domain hosting, registering and		
costs. THIS COURSE IS RUN OVER 1 SESSION OF 2 HOURS		
INSTAGRAM FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS: Learn how to carry out basic actions	Thursdays 28th	19:30 -
on Instagram, develop engaging posts and how to grow interaction.	Oct & 4th Nov	21:00
THIS COURSE IS RUN OVER 2 SESSIONS OF 1.5 HOURS EACH		
HOW TO MANAGE AND IMPROVE YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA: This course is for groups who	Tuesdays 9th &	19:30 -
already have basic knowledge of how to post on Facebook and/or Instagram, but who want	16th November	21:00
to improve their posting, reach and engagement. This course is not suitable for absolute		
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#### **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 and use your own parish envelopes It is standard practice for envelopes to be returned to their respective parishes.

# I was lonely until I glued a coffee cup onto my car.



Now everybody waves at me!

#### **LIFE CAN BE TOUGH**

Life can be tough at times. It is not easy to face the world with a smile when you are crying inside, when you are upset and distressed, when you are anxious and troubled, when your back is against the wall. It takes a lot of courage and faith and strength of character to reach down inside yourself, hold on to that strength you have and know that tomorrow is a new day with new possibilities. But if you can hold on long enough to see this crisis through and trust God, you can survive, you will come out a stronger person, as long as you don't give up. God is always with you. He is for you, not against you, so no matter how bad and hopeless things may seem, you will make it.

#### TODAY'S PRAYER:

Dear God It's me again.

The only good thing in me is You. Lord, help me in my daily struggles. Help me to stay focused on You and trust You to bring me through.

In Jesus' name. Amen

#### **SCATTERED THOUGHTS**

Dear fellow traveller, This weekend Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October marks an important day in the history of the Catholic Church in the world, in Ireland and in Galway diocese. It's the day when Pope Francis's worldwide process of reform and renewal of the Church will be launched in every diocese in the world. Running alongside will be the launching by the Irish Bishops' of a process that will set the Irish Catholic Church on a new pathway. It's to be the beginning of a process of change, reform and renewal that Pope Francis sees as leading to 'a People's Church'.

To describe what Pope Francis wants to see happen, he explained the parable of the two pyramids. The Church we've been used to, he explained, in terms of authority and control, is



a model of the Church where the Pope is on the pinnacle, the bishops are at the next level, priests and religious are next, and 'lay' Catholics are on the bottom rung. And what Francis is at-tempting to do, he said, is to turn the pyramid upside down! In other words, to bring the people – Catholics in parishes and dioceses into the centre of the Church. In simple words, the key change is that pope, bishops and clergy will no longer decide what needs to happen. The new way, what we call the 'synodal' way of being Church, is for all the baptised discussing, reflecting and together deciding what needs to change and to be done and what doesn't.

A Challenge! The plan is that in every diocese in the world there will be a structured listening (and hearing) for the next six months of what Catholics believe should become the building blocks of a very different church. The process will start with a listening process with various meetings of people and clergy, the agenda will be open and everything – including contentious issues eg. the ordination of women, the celibacy requirement for priesthood and LGBT+ teaching – can be on the table.

At a local level, I expect the agenda to include an analysis of projected priest numbers in the diocese in the next 10/20 years. (Galway diocese presently has approximately 15 priests under 65 years of age and a total of 38 working in parishes).

A Mass attendance survey – (Presently about 30% of those declaring themselves "Catholic" in the last Government Census actually attend regularly.

The holding of an anonymous, confidential fact-finding survey of people's thoughts and suggestions. For example: :

- (a) Where in your everyday life, do you experience love, truth, goodness, hope and joy?
- (b) What is it that encourages you to participate in the life of your local church/parish?
- (c) What is it you find difficult about participating in the life of your local church/parish?
- (d) As a Church community, what are the biggest problems we face?
- (e) What do we need to do now?
- (f) What do we need to stop doing now?
- (g) What topics should be discussed at an upcoming diocesan assembly?

This listening process begins for us today. Local meetings will be held as soon as it's feasible with people in parishes. Surveys will be distributed and collected in every parish. This hopefully will lead to a diocesan assembly and decisions being made as to the future of our diocese and our parish. Issues likely to come up include Family; Youth; Women in the Church; Lay participation; Inclusion; Management of parishes; Safeguarding; Education in the Faith; Pastoral care/priests; Vocations; Prayer; Liturgy; and Deacons. Care of the Earth(Climate change).

Complicating this process a little bit at a local level is that Galway diocese is awaiting the appointment of a new bishop/leader, who it is anticipated will be a very major driving force in this process. Life moves on. Structures and practices in every institution must be constantly updated and reformed to meet current circumstances or else it will die. We hope everybody will participate and be involved.

The old Maxim "Working together we can achieve a lot". Fr. Gerry Jennings, Salthill Parish

#### **OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES!**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

**CONGRATULATIONS GLENCORRIB GAA TEAM** UNDER 14 **WHO WERE VICTORIOUS IN THE SOUTH MAYO U14B** FINAL in Glencorrib Sportsfield on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Despite the prevailing misty weather conditions, this young team secured a great victory.

We thank them their commitment to the team and their club.

We also want to thank their parents family for bringing them to training and matches and encouraging them to keep on going when times got tough.

We thank their Happiness is....,😊 🏆

South Mayo U14B Champions 2021 🍩 🦥





trainers, managers and everyone helped out by volunteering their time. Well done lads



The news has everyone in a frenzy stating that we need to purchase Christmas gifts now because there won't be anything left come mid-November. Here's a novel idea. Maybe we shouldn't worry about the material things. Maybe we should just be grateful for the gift of family, friends, our health, a warm home, food on the table, memories, etc. The list goes on & on of what we have to be grateful for that doesn't come with a price tag. Maybe this is God's way of telling us it's time for a good old-fashioned Christmas.

While putting her 4-year-old daughter to bed one evening, a mother read her the story of the Prodigal Son. They discussed how the young son had taken his inheritance and left home, living it up until he had nothing left. Finally, when he couldn't even eat as well as pigs, he went home to his father, who welcomed him.

When they finished the story, she asked her daughter what she had learned. After thinking a moment, she guipped, "Never leave home without your credit card!"

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**THE ONLINE MAP** is nearly finished. However there is still a week or so to include your favourite place of interest please let us know by **2** 0863782156. Thank You...