

SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2023Parish email: parishofshrule3@gmail.com Parish Web: www.shruleglencorrib.comFr. Vivian Loughrey PP, Parochial House, Ramolin, Shrule, Co. Mayo H91 V2FK (☎ 093 31262)
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PARISH OFFICE	Shrule - Parochial House, Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon
OPENING HOURS	Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days), Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - (YEAR B) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832**

Sat	23rd Dec	8.00 pm	John & Mary O'Sullivan
Sun	24th Dec	11.00 am	Parish Community
		3:00 pm	Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 3pm to 4pm
		5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Children's Mass - Mass for Children of the World Noel Coleman
		12-Midnight	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Mary Jo & Con Kennedy
Mon	25th Dec	11:00 am	Christmas Day Mamie & Tom Dooley, son Frank & daughter in law Francis Bert Cawley & DM Cawley Family
Tue	26th Dec	-	NO MASS
Wed	27th Dec	-	NO MASS
Fri	29th Dec	8:00 pm	Michael & Ann Corbett, sons John & Paddy Corbett
Sat	30th Dec	8:00 pm	Martin Hughes Month's Mind
Sun	31st Dec	11:00 am	New Year's Mass for Parish Community

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	23rd Dec	6:30 pm	Julia & John Hennelly, daughter Martha & Margie, son Michael and son in law Norbert Howley
Sun	24th Dec	9.30 am	Parish Community
		3.00 pm	Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 3pm to 4pm
		7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Children's Mass
Mon	25th Dec	9:30 am	Christmas Day Parish Community
Wed	27th Dec	-	NO MASS
Fri	29th Dec	7:00 pm	Mary Donoghue & DM Donoghue & Garvey Families
Sat	30th Dec	6:30 pm	Marie & Pat O'Rourke
Sun	31st Dec	9:30 am	Tom, Mary, Willie, Maimi & Francis Mohan

CHURCH ROTAS FOR DECEMBER

	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS - Vigil Mass	Geraldine Casserley	Bridie Biggins
LAY READERS - Morning Mass	Carmel Heneghan	Mary Garvey
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Vigil Mass	Maura Mullin	Nellie Hogan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Morning	John Heneghan	Dan Shaughnessy
ALTAR SOCIETY	Dalgan Park & Dalgan Yard	Glencorrib B

Children's Christmas Liturgies

Two children's Christmas Mass this year on Christmas Eve, in Shrule and Glencorrib. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved, especially the children. Originally planned for just Shrule, such was the response that it is possible to have one in Shrule and another in Glencorrib with a total of over 70 children involved. I want to thank parents/guardians for the help, support they gave, along with organising the Masses, to Terri and Ger for helping with the choirs, and those who helped in different ways organising props to sorting out lists, and above all for the patience, help and support you showed me. Thank you.



LOVE: This weekend we light the 4th candle on the advent wreath, and we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

CHRIST CANDLE: On Christmas Eve we also light the Christ Candle. This candle represents the light that Jesus brought into the world when he was born a little baby, God in the flesh. This was the very light of God, come into the world.



Christmas Thank You's

All that helped with the Mass tonight/today & throughout the year:

- Readers
- Ministers of the Eucharist
- Those who distribute our parish envelopes at this time of year.
- Stephen who does our weekly newsletter & all those who keep our parish Facebook page and parish website.
- Cleaners who keep the church both so well inside & out throughout the year – your work does not go unnoticed & is often commented upon.
- Those who prepared the church for Christmas & at other major ceremonies – putting up the
 - Tree(s)
 - Crib(s)
 - Decorating the church.
- Those who do the flowers at this time & indeed throughout the year – they make such a difference & impact. Thank you.
- Musicians who add so much to the liturgy, especially at Christmas, who generously give of their time week in/week out.
- Altar Servers, Supervisors & Parents/Guardians.
- Parish Finance and Parish Pastoral Councils & RSS members.
- Those involved in Children's Christmas liturgies, especially the children – thank you for your time, effort & patience!



All this and much more is done on a voluntary basis – so thank you to everyone who is involved – I hope you can see & appreciate how your contribution contributes to the faith of the community, especially at celebrations such as Christmas. Thank you!

Cribs in the Abbey - The Franciscan community invite you to a special Christmas family event in the

Franciscan Abbey,

Galway. This year is the 800th anniversary of the first re-enactment of the Nativity Scene by St Francis in Greccio, Italy. To mark the anniversary, there will be a display of cribs in the Abbey, **until 8th January.** The Franciscans have been working hard on the project for the past few months. Cribs have been constructed and even knitted. Nativity scenes have been brought in from Italy to recreate a miniature Bethlehem.



Historical SGK (Shrle Glencorrib Kilroe) is preparing an end of year booklet of the various clubs, groups and committees in the parish. Believe it or not there are over 40 such groups.

We are inviting each group to let us know a little bit about what they do and if anything major happened in 2023. It would be a nice keepsake to look back on in 20 or 30 years.

Also if you have a photo of your group or work carried out, you are very welcome to send it to Kevin via WhatsApp on 0863782156 or email historicalsgk@gmail.com.



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY, HOLY, HEALTHY, AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

'Dip at Dawn' in aid of the Simon Community, Galway.

'Sure, we might as well' and that's how it started....

We are just blown away with the generosity and support of the young and old.

We have raised a huge **€3,339** this past week for the **Simon Community, Galway**. These funds will help support homeless people in Galway this Christmas.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful charity and for your support.

Thanks to all the local businesses who took sponsorship cards and promoted us:

- Cong Post Office
- O'Connors Shop (Cong)
- Mellotes Shop (The Neale)
- Midway Stores Cross
- Mullins Shop (Shrule)
- Assumpta Hair Salon
- Paddy Fitzgerald Farm Supplies
- Angler's Rest Hotel Headford
- O'Malley's Bar
- Headlines (Shrule)
- Shrule Post Office
- Kearneys Shop

The cheque was presented to the Simon Community on Friday morning after the dip!

Happy Christmas to you all, Dan & Kathleen Shaughnessy

ST STEPHEN'S DAY SHRULE / GLENCORRIB GAA 7s

26th Dec at 11am in Shrule.

The teams have been announced and we are only a few days away from our annual Charity 7s

Tournament! Come along for a day of football and fun with the whole community. All registrations and donations go towards the Shrule and Glencorrib Defibrillator groups.



Return to Use of Baskets:

The Parish has returned to use of collection baskets during Mass this December. A collection box continues to be available in Shrule Post Office. During Mass, at offertory time, please use the baskets available. Thank you for your continuing support, cooperation and help as the parish continues its renovation works.



USED STAMPS BOX IN CHURCH PORCH

Charities can turn used stamps back into money. Not sure what to do with used postage stamps from Christmas cards? Why not spread a little love this season and donate them to charity boxes in both Churches where they will be turned into much-needed donations. Stamps are sold by weight, meaning that many charities can turn old ones into funds to help their ongoing work. Simply cut the stamp off the envelope, and if possible making sure to leave approximately 1cm of envelope bordering the stamp. With many organisations struggling as a result of the ongoing pandemic, this festive season is set to be harder than ever before – and something as simple as a stamp could be just what they need.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette (Bernie) Biggins

(née McGeough)

Bridge Street, Headford, Galway / Ballybay, Monaghan

Funeral Mass for Bernie took place in St Patrick and St Cuana Church (Corner Chapel) Friday last, 23rd December 2023. RIP.



Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago. Breakthrough Cancer

Research are taking on the Camino Finisterre Way from the **13th to the 20th of May 2024**.

Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more details, please contact eoghan@breakcancer.ie or call 021 422 66 55.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY 8PM THURSDAY

Upskill yourself with free certified online

courses in Mayo College of Further Education and Training in 2024. We have courses in conjunction with Mayo GAA in Mentorship, Sustainability in the Workplace, Project Management and Leading Through Change commencing in January.



Apply Online at mayocollege.ie to improve your CV and employment options.

St Stephen's Day Cold Dip Fundraiser in Aid of Tuam Cancer Care:

11am, Ballycurrin Lighthouse, Lough Corrib, December 26th. All welcome to participate or spectate. Parking available in Ballycurrin House H91 NDT9.

Donations greatly appreciated at Veronica Farrell's idonate page or collection buckets available on the day.

(<http://tinyurl.com/yck4fvrn>)

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS

Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Mc Donagh	Martin	Ramolin	23/12/1918	78	Shrule
Conroy	Julia	Kilroe	23/12/1960	85	Ross Errily
Garvey	Patrick	Shrule	23/12/1987	80	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Patrick	Mochorra	23/12/1994	92	Shrule
Moran	Mai	Glencorrib	23/12/2004	90	Moyne
Corbett	Pamela		23/12/2020	73	Shrule
Murphy	Nora	Gortatubber	24/12/1925	44	Killursa
Davin	James	Brackloon	24/12/1957	32	Shrule
Gaynard	John	Ballisnahina	24/12/1964		Shrule
Kennedy	Con	Badgerfort	24/12/1972	52	Shrule
Naughton	Bridget	Mocollogan	24/12/2016		Shrule
Higgins	Margaret	De Clifford St.	25/12/1938	91	Shrule
Gavin	Peter	Toorard	25/12/1949	47	Shrule
Murphy	Roger	Woodpark	25/12/1951	44	Shrule
Bodkin	Kathleen	Shrule	25/12/1982	80	Corcomroe Abbey
Cawley	Bart	Dalgan Road	25/12/1982	70	Shrule
Molloy	May	Toorard	25/12/2005	77	Moyne
Madden	Mary	New Ballynalty	26/12/1932	57	Killursa
Roche	Martin	Kinlough	26/12/1932	62	Moyne
Connor	John	Rosdaff	26/12/1953	74	Moyne
Monaghan	Patrick	Toorard	26/12/1977	69	Moyne
Garvey	Winifred	Boula	26/12/1979	83	Killursa
Ryan	Paddy	Brodella	26/12/1992	77	Shrule
Sweeney	Catherine	Ravenhill	27/12/1936	79	Shrule
Noone	Patrick	Tubbersharave	27/12/1943	101	Shrule
Cradock	Michael John	Shrule	27/12/1952	2	Shrule
Fitzgerald	James	Mochorra	27/12/1994	88	Shrule
Gannon	Katie	Boula	27/12/2016		Killursa
Cahill	Sarah(Sadie)	Cloonbanane	27/12/2000	87	Shrule
Flaherty	Michael	Cahernabruck	28/12/1920	90	Shrule
Corbett	Nora	Anlacca	28/12/1938	75	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Patrick	Cahernabruck	28/12/1938	75	Shrule
Fahy	Mrs.	Glasvally	28/12/1942	72	Killursa
Myers	Michael	Ballinrobe	28/12/1954	48	Shrule
Daly	Michael	Polbee	28/12/1963	80	Moyne
Murphy	Kate	Dalgan	28/12/1970	82	Shrule
Burke	Ulick	Cloonbanane	28/12/1983	56	Shrule
Reilly	Bridie	Woodpark	28/12/2009		Shrule
Newell	Catherine	Mount Henry	29/12/1915	92	Killursa
Barrett	John	Gorthbrack	29/12/1924	74	Cloughanover
Sweeney	Catherine	Ravenhill	29/12/1928	76	Shrule
Toole	Patrick	Tubbersharave	29/12/1943	101	Shrule
Burke	Brigid	Woodpark	29/12/1972	86	Shrule
Donohue	Mary	Glencorrib	29/12/2020	92	Moyne
Malley	Brigid	Mohology	30/12/1939	59	Shrule
Walsh	James Christopher	Shrule	30/12/1946	3 weeks	Shrule
Murphy	Stephen	Carheens	30/12/1967	45	Shrule
Garvey	Thomas	Gortbrack	31/12/1934		Killursa
Moughan	Thomas	Cahernabruck	31/12/1941	61	Shrule
Joyce	Michael	Cahernabruck	31/12/1943	90	Shrule
Murphy	Margaret	Brodella	31/12/1968	68	Shrule
Geraghty	Dick	Shrule	31/12/1990	72	Shrule

Please take home your mass leaflet to reflect on the readings and prayers from today's service.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2024

Knock to Mostar. Sept. 18th to Sept. 25th. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Accommodation 2 mins from church. Early booking with discount before 3rd February 2024. **Further details: Anne Keadin, 086 376 6293**

Free Christmas Advertising for Community

Groups: Are you holding a community event/activity? Email your details with a Jpeg poster to mayoppn@mayococo.ie We will circulate to our 1000+ community groups registered with Mayo PPN. To register, follow this link: <https://mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn/>

Glencorrib Kilroe CFR Group

The road has been long and winding, but as we approach the end of 2023 The Glencorrib Kilroe Community First Responders (CFR) group are delighted to say that we can now hope to be going live at some point in 2024.

Community First Responders are volunteers in the local community who are trained to attend certain types of medical emergency calls in the area where they live or work. Their aim is to reach a potential life-threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew arrives. We all know that you can be facing at least a 40-minute wait in our area for an ambulance to arrive, so the group will hopefully make a huge difference.

There are several defibrillators in the Glencorrib- Kilroe area, and the CFR group hopes to train as many members as possible so that there is always someone on standby.

A strong group of people first met back in January. They have been working hard behind the scenes to get the group set up, and the next step is to complete training and do some fundraising to purchase the necessary equipment, which will then need regular maintenance and replacement. We thank everyone who has shown an interest in the group so far and offered any type of assistance. We hope the community will offer support by way of attending our fundraisers early in the new year.

Our **Facebook** page is '**Glencorrib Kilroe CFR Group**'. Please give us a like and follow and keep updated on our progress! If you would like to join the group or offer help in any way, please contact us through the Facebook page or email glencorribkilroeCFR@gmail.com. **New members are always welcome!**



Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign: With the cost-of-living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

Would your child(ren) be interested in becoming an altar server?

Pupils from third class upward are welcome to become altar servers – no experience necessary!

It is a long tradition in families that children become altar servers, just as their mom and dad before them. Altar servers have a long history in the church and in celebration of various liturgies, especially on weekends. Apart from enhancing the way liturgy is celebrated, becoming an altar server allows a child to grow in confidence and self-esteem by working and carrying out various activities in public, along with learning collaboration, teamwork, cooperation, and communication skills that are the basic blocks of society and the social framework.

The aim, depending on numbers, will be to form teams that will be put into a Rota. It would be hoped that each team would have pupils from various classes allowing the students to learn from each other. While this will be the guide in forming teams, every effort will be made to accommodate pupils and parents/guardians.

Finally, in line with child safety policy, each team is required to have TWO adult supervisors. Clergy count as 1, so another adult is required. The previous policy whereby parents/guardians of a team would take it in turns to be supervisor will NO LONGER be necessary. This is due to several parents volunteering to take this role. This means that if your child wishes to become an altar server, it will not necessitate you being Garda Vetted. If your child is interested, or you have further questions feel free to contact the parish at parishofshurle3@gmail.com.





ALONE is asking for volunteers in Galway/Mayo and surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for up to **one hour per week**, and/or telephone support for up to 2 hours per week. ALONE's befriending programme is designed to **help older people combat loneliness** and isolation. We need your help more than ever.

If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to Paul Stafford at 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link: <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

Shrulle Church Sacristan Volunteer(s): Would you be interested in becoming a sacristan for Shrulle Church? The role of the church sacristan is to prepare the church for prayer and worship. Their role enables all to celebrate the Eucharist and all other liturgies in a dignified and prayerful manner. They bring practicality and order to their preparations. In this way, whichever celebration is to take place, whether it is daily Mass, weekend liturgies, funeral or Confirmation, the prayer and liturgy of the celebration flows smoothly. A sacristan provides valuable support, help and assistance to the priest. A sacristan ensures things such as making sure heating, lights and sound are on, plus the church is prepared and ready for the upcoming liturgy. Much of the work of the sacristan is behind the scenes, often unseen or unnoticed. It is the sacristan who makes sure that all is ready, all is prepared, all is where it needs to be before the prayer or liturgy begins. The ministry of the sacristan is marked by reverence, as they prepare the church for liturgy and prayer. If you are interested in becoming a sacristan, please contact Fr. Vivian. Thank you!

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

GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY CENTRE will be undergoing an extensive heating and insulation refit starting in October 2023. If you need to use one of the rooms, please contact Dell Maye on 087-7542740 to check if it's available. We hope to have the work completed as soon as possible.



CARDIAC REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES

Have you experienced a cardiac event? 'It's Cardiac Rehab!' is a podcast series for you developed by the Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation and the Irish Heart Foundation to support your recovery. It's all about getting you better than before. See <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/>

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Presentation College
Headford

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<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/presheadford>

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 appointment needed. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

Information and Support for Birth Mothers:

whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

St Stephen's Day Cold Dip Fundraiser In Aid Of



TUAM CANCER CARE
Cancer Support & Information



Event taking place at 11am, Ballycurrin Lighthouse, Lough Corrib.

All welcome to participate or spectate.
Parking available in Ballycurrin House
H91 NDT9 53.4872°N 9.2137°W.

Donations greatly appreciated at Veronica Farrell's idonate page or
collection buckets available on the day

www.idonate.ie

idonate QR Code



<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/BallycurrinColdDipforTuamCancerCare>



Cribs in the Abbey

Exposition of Nativity scenes
in Galway Franciscan Abbey



Celebrating 800 years since St Francis of Assisi created the first live reenactment of the Bethlehem Nativity

Dec 8th - Jan 8th

Opening times: Saturdays 11am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Sundays 12pm - 6pm
Dec 9th & 10th, 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th, 30th & 31st & Jan 6th, 7th & 8th
Outside of those times for groups By appointment - youfragalway@gmail.com

In aid of



**Franciscan
humanitarian
work in the
Holy Land**

Grand opening on Dec 8th @ 7pm with Holy Mass
Celebrated By Bishop Michael Duignan
including blessing of the Bambinelli
(bring in your own baby Jesus to be blessed)