

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 16th JANUARY 2022

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On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was

there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ~ Jn. 2:1-3

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	15 th Jan	8.00 pm	Paul Reilly , Killamonagh, Caherlistrane	RIP 06/12/2021
Sun	16 th Jan	11.00 am	Noel Coleman , Cahermaculick Harry Heneghan , Dalgan Road Maisie Kelleghan , Carramore, Shrule Special Intention	1 st Anniv 16 th Anniv RIP 16/12/2021 Special Intention
Mon	17 th Jan		No Mass	
Tue	18 th Jan	9.30 am	Mattie Murphy	RIP 16/09/2021
Wed	19 th Jan	9.30 am	Willie & Nora McDonagh , Ramolin	37 th & 32 nd Anniv
Thu	20 th Jan	9.30 am	Special Intention Mass	Special Intention
Fri	21 st Jan	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm to 7.55pm	
Fri	21 st Jan	8.00 pm	Padraig Gibsey, his grandparents Thomas & Rose Gibsey & DM Gibsey family John Reilly , Carramore and his parents Jack & Delia Reilly	26 th & 39 th Anniv & deceased 14 th Anniv & deceased
Sat	22 nd Jan	8.00 pm	Mass	
Sun	23 rd Jan	11.00 am	Joe Mullin , Shrule	9 th Anniv

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	15 th Jan	6.30 pm	Frances Mohan , Glencorrib	2 nd Anniv
Sun	16 th Jan	9.30 am	John & Annie Newell & DM Newell family , Kilroe Robert O'Sullivan , The Parks	39 th & 30 th Anniv & deceased 20 th Anniv
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	
Wed	19 th Jan	10.00 am	Cormac Garvey , Gortbrack	RIP 20/06/2021
Fri	21 st Jan	6.30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm to 6.55pm	
		7.00 pm	Mass	
Sat	22 nd Jan	6.30 pm	Willie & Nellie Sheridan , Ravenhill	30 th Anniv & RIP 16/06/2019
Sun	23 rd Jan	9.30 am	Mass	
		3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm	

CHURCH ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2022

MINISTRY	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass	Martin Meeneghan	Brid Garvey
LAY READERS – Morning Mass	Breege Walsh	Eleanor Hennelly
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Vigil Mass	Colette Hughes	Pat Lombard
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Morning	John Heneghan	Petrina Joyce
USHERS	Dalgan Rd & Cahreen	Glencorrib A
ALTAR SOCIETY	Volunteer Required	Glencorrib B

If you wish to volunteer for any of the above ministries, please call into the sacristy after Mass or during parish office opening hours or email parishofshrule3@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER: We are looking for a volunteer usher for Shrule Church for Sunday morning Masses in January

ASHLING MURPHY RIP: Thanks to everybody who took / are taking the time this evening Saturday 15th at Glencorrib Kilroe Walkway to reflect on the life of Aisling and stand in solidarity with the Murphy family. The reflection and silence was more powerful than any words would say. May Ashling's beautiful soul RIP. All donations go to Women's Aid Charity.

THE LEGEND OF THE FOURTH WISE MAN

Artaban lived in the mountains of ancient Persia. On the basis of his study of the planets and stars, he predicted the birth of a great King. He sold all his possessions in order to buy gifts for the King – a radiant blue sapphire, a perfect ruby and a spectacular pearl. He then began his journey to Jerusalem, where he had agreed to meet with three other wise men to seek out the new-born King.

The journey was difficult, with many hold-ups. One day he saw a man, clearly very ill, lying on the path, and, as Artaban turned away, the man begged for help. Artaban hesitated, because if he stayed to help a dying stranger even for a short while, he might miss his three friends. But if he turned away, the man would surely die. In compassion, he took care of the sick man until he began to get well.

"I do not have anything with which to pay you," said the man, "... accept this: our prophets have told us that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. May God guide you there, because you nursed a man who was ill to the point of death."

When Artaban reached the place where he was to meet his friends, he received a message to the effect that they had decided not to wait any longer, and that he should follow them across the desert. Artaban went back to Babylon and sold the sapphire so that he could buy camels and food for the journey.

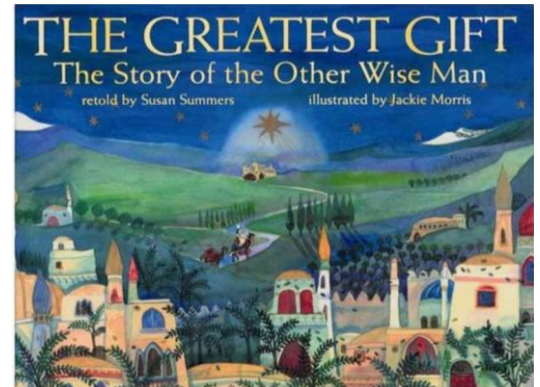
He arrived in Bethlehem with his remaining gifts three days after the other wise men had found Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and had honoured the new-born King with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In a small house, he met a woman with her son. She told him that Joseph had taken Jesus and Mary, fleeing in secret, because Herod feared the King would take his throne, and was killing all male children. Even as the woman spoke, Herod's soldiers could be heard coming to kill any male children they found. Artaban rushed to the door and held out the ruby to the soldier, who grabbed it, saying to his troop, "March on! There are no children here."

Artaban was sad. "I have spent for man what was meant for God," he said. "Will I ever be worthy to gaze on the face of the King?" Weeping for joy, the woman said, "You have saved my son's life. May the Lord bless you, keep you, and give you peace."

For thirty-three years, Artaban continued searching for the little family from Bethlehem. He was tired, worn out, ill and ready to die, but he kept on looking for the King. He came to Jerusalem. He heard that a great person was to be put to death that day. When people told him of this man's life and teachings, Artaban realised that this man was the King. He made his way to Golgotha, hoping that his splendid pearl might purchase his King's release. Then he saw a platoon of soldiers dragging a girl in chains behind them. "Save me; I am to be sold as a slave."

The fourth wise man knew what he must do. He took the pearl from his purse. Never had it seemed so stunningly luminous, radiant; and he gave it for the girl's freedom. He was immensely sad that he now had nothing to give his King, so sad that he collapsed with grief. Then, in his half-conscious state, he recognised the gentle voice of his King: "Take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Insofar as you did it to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Matthew 25: 34, 40).

Artaban's journey was over. His gifts were accepted. He had found his King. **May we all be the fourth wise man or wise woman.**



"If I had a flower for every time thought of you... I could walk through my garden forever." – *Alfred Tennyson*

"I am nothing special, of this I am sure. I am a common man with common thoughts and I've led a common life. There are no monuments dedicated to me and my name will soon be forgotten, but I've loved another with all my heart and soul, and to me, this has always been enough." – *Nicholas Sparks, The Notebook*

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to persuade my wife to marry me" *Winston Churchill*

MARRIAGES IN 2021

We congratulate the following couples that were married in 2021 in the parish.

- Emma Duddy, Ramolin and Colm Kavanagh, Annaghdown
- Neil O'Sullivan, Glencorrib and Niamh Barry, Knocknacarra
- Ciara Loughlin, Caher and Eoin Brogan, Knockmore

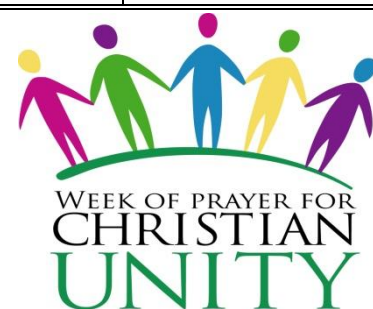


**PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE FROM SHRULE AND
GLENCORRIB PARISH WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS**



Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Garvey	John	Gortbrack	15/01/1952	55	Killursa
Garvey	James	Boula	15/01/1968	86	Killursa
Sheridan	Willie	Ballisnahina	15/01/1992	81	Shrule
Naughton	Teresa	Rostaff	15/01/2011	79	Moyne
Gavin	John	Cruchfadha	16/01/1929	73	Shrule
Burke	Julia	Boula	16/01/1941	53	Cloughanover
Keleghan	Mrs.	Dereen	16/01/1941		Shrule
Donohue	Mary	Ballynalty	16/01/1969	88	Moyne
O'Dowd	Delia	Cahernabruck	16/01/1991	79	Shrule
Cradock	Jack	Shrule	16/01/1998	87	Shrule
Gavin	Margaret	Shrule	17/01/1951	82	Shrule
Molloy	Michael	The Parks	17/01/1961	67	Killursa
Lawless	Patrick	Wakefield	17/01/1979		Shrule
Duddy	Rosemary	Brodella	17/01/1980	1 Month	Shrule
Varley	Letitia	Mochorra	17/01/1990	84	Shrule
Shaughnessy	John	Ballynalty	17/01/1992	73	Killursa
McGing	John	Gurteen	17/01/1998	86	Roshill, Clonbur
O'Sullivan	Robert	Parks	17/01/2002	84	Killursa
Flynn	Brigid	Old Ballynalty	18/01/1965	92	Moyne
Sweeney	Patrick	Glassvalley	18/01/1973	82	Killursa
Cottingham	Thomas	Mount Henry	18/01/1991	87	Killursa
Gavin	Kathleen	Toorard	18/01/1991	83	Shrule
Cosgrove	Michael	Moyne & Dublin	18/01/1994	74	Dublin
Gibsey	Padraig	Kille	18/01/1996	22	Shrule
Whelan	Thomas	Corrinreedra	19/01/1949	70	Killursa
Meenaghan	Joe	Gurteen	19/01/1980	64	Shrule
Sheridan	Paddy	Dalغان Yard	19/01/1998	87	Shrule
Joyce	Patrick	Glassvalley	19/01/2004		Killursa
Dowd	Brigid	Cahernabruck	20/01/1922	79	Shrule
O'Dea	Catherine	Dalغان	20/01/1950	59	Shrule
Murphy	Patrick	Shrule	20/01/1959	75	Shrule
Mullin	Joe	Shrule	20/01/2013	79	Shrule
Flood	Mary	Ballynalty	21/01/1920	68	Cross
Duddy	Paddy	Brodella	21/01/1995	73	Shrule
Hughes	Bridget	Bullaun	21/01/2000	89	Kilmaine
Reilly	John	Carramore	21/01/2008	52	Shrule
Egan	Bridie	Inishmacatreer	21/01/2020		Cong Abbey
Conneely	Brigid	Cnocfada	22/01/1932	71	Shrule
Moran	Susan	Glencorrib	22/01/1935		Billypark
Molloy	Brigid	Glassvalley	22/01/1947	89	Killursa
Heneghan	Harry	Dalغان Road	22/01/2006	68	Shrule
Maughan	Mary	Cahernabruck	22/01/2019	96	Shrule
Donnellan	Patrick	Poulcappel	23/01/1920	32	Shrule
Thornton	Patrick	Old Ballynalty	23/01/1925	70	Moyne
Connor	Rose	Rostaff	23/01/1945	73	Moyne
Buckley	Edward(Ned)	Moorgagagh	23/01/1951	91	Shrule
Hennelly	Catherine	Glencorrib	23/01/1952	94	Killursa
Byrne	Brigid	Woodpark	23/01/1973	56	Shrule
Ronaldson	Maureen	Shrule	23/01/2000	84	Shrule
Meenaghan	Tom	Cahernabruck	23/01/2006	94	Shrule
Dooley	Philomena	St. Mary's Road	23/01/2014	83	Shrule

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is traditionally observed from the **18th to 25th January**. The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity-different religions and cultures- that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The prayer and theme '**We saw His Star in the East**' for Christian Unity week 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East where the Word of God took root and bore fruit; and it was from this East that the apostles set out to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Irrespective of age and healthwise, losing a sibling must come as a shocking experience and it focuses our own life expectancy too. During the week, two of the Heneghan sisters Hilda and Mary went home to God. They were the daughters of the late Jack & Nellie Heneghan, Shrule

Hilda McHugh (née Heneghan) (pic left) Highfield Park, Galway City and formerly of Shrule. Funeral Mass for Hilda took place at St. Joseph's Church, Presentation Road, Galway on Thursday last 13th January 2022.

Mary Sheridan (née Heneghan) (Pic right) Dr. Mannix Road, Salthill, Galway and formerly of Shrule. Funeral Mass for Mary took place at the Church of Christ the King, Salthill on Saturday 15th January 2022.



PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOLS ENROLMENT 2022/2023

GLENCORRIB NS is now accepting enrolment applications for September '22. Applications will close on **Friday 25th March**. Enrolment forms and all other information can be found on the "Enrolment" tab of our school website www.glencorribns.ie Thank you.

SHRULE NS NEWS. Enrolment for the school year 2022/2023 is now open for St. Joseph's National School, Shrule. Please email office@shrulens.ie for further information. Thank you. <http://www.shrulens.ie/>

KILROE NS Enrolment for the school year 2022/2023 is now open. Please email the school kilroeschool@gmail.com for further information. Thank you. <https://www.kilroens.ie/>

GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY WALKWAY OPERATION TRANSFORMATION WALKS 2022

Join in for the 5km walks at Glencorrib Kilroe Community Walkway starting on this **Sunday 16th January 2022 @ 11 am**. For 6 to 8 weeks. Book a place through Eventbrite or WhatsApp. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../5-km-walks-operation...> or WhatsApp 087 9627408.



FOOTSTEPS PRESCHOOL GLENCORRIB



Glencorrib NS, Glencorrib, Co. Mayo. ECCE preschool (2 Free Preschool Years) National Childcare Scheme available (NCS) Many Childcare packages available to suit children and families individual needs including afterschool care (enquire for further details) For Enrolment/ information ☎ Edel or Helen on 086-1717833 Or email edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com

childminder

CHILDMINDER WANTED to look after 2 kids - 3 year old & 1 year old, Monday to Friday in their own home. Flexible hours. ☎ / Text Elaine on 0872399745

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Shrule Parochial House Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon
Glencorrib Curates House (Sunny Days) Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon.
SHRULE PARISH is committed to the protection of all children and young people in our Church. Please see the notice boards for contact details.

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.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

 What I if told you...
 You the read first line wrong?
 Same the with second...
 And also the third!

2022 feels like that boyfriend / girlfriend you're about to take back for the third time because they've said they've changed.

My wife didn't order anything online yesterday so the DPD delivery guy knocked on the door this morning to see if we were ok.

A paper cut: A tree's one glorious moment of revenge.

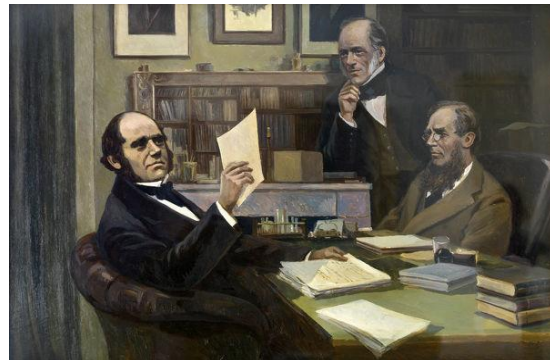


In his first attempt to be romantic, Adam merely states the obvious.

WORD IN YOUR EAR...

It was in January 1844 that Charles Darwin wrote his most famous letter. He sent it to his best friend Joseph Hooker. He began to explain his ideas about natural selection. "It's like confessing to a murder" Darwin wrote. And for many people, the victim of this murder was none other than the Almighty God himself.

Sixteen years later, on 30th June 1860, what became known as 'the Oxford evolution debate' took place at Oxford. Several prominent scientists and philosophers participated, including the biologist Thomas Huxley, Bishop Samuel Wilberforce of Oxford, and the pioneering botanist Joseph Hooker. These four men (Darwin included) set the tone of the Victorian debate about science and religion. Famously, Bishop Wilberforce asked Huxley if he was descended from an ape on his mother or his father's side. Huxley, like many of his scientific friends, developed a strong dislike of the Church and of its presumed sense of intellectual superiority.



But things are changing. One of the unexpected consequences of the last few years - both because of Covid and Climate Change - is that science and religion are creeping towards a more mature relationship. "It is high time to forget the phoney war between faith and science" wrote the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams last weekend. And he is right.

For one thing, the climate emergency requires us all to pull together. There are nearly 8 billion people who call this earth their home, the overwhelming majority have some sort of faith: 2.3 billion Christians, nearly 2 billion Muslims, over a billion Hindus and so on.

Faith is growing on a global level - and it remains one of the most effective vehicles for the delivery of ethical values. This means that the acrimony between science and religion is a distraction from the major challenges of our generation. I don't believe that science and religion are mutually hostile. Down the years Catholic priests have made huge contributions to science. A Belgian priest, Father Lemaitre formulated the theory of the 'Big Bang' while an Augustinian priest, Gregor Mendel OSA is recognised as the "Father of Genetics."

And the truth is, Darwin's confession to a murder was always a bit over-dramatic. God survived. There will always be people who look out of their window and reach for the language of creation to describe what they see. On Christmas Eve, December 24, 1968, the crew of Apollo 8 read the Creation Account from the Book of Genesis as they orbited the Moon. And there will always be those who use the more sober language of natural science. I tend to think of both perspectives as two very different aspects of human experience, equally important.

Others will disagree, of course. But nonetheless, what seems to have been happening over the last few years is that, more and more, people of faith and people of science have been lining up alongside each other, shoulder to shoulder, both concerned with the same thing - out there on the same demonstrations, calling for the same action to be taken to save the planet. Of course, we all approach the climate emergency with a wide variety of different ways to describe our ultimate values. But the one thing that binds us together, especially now, is that - whether you measure it, or pray for it, or both - we are all talking about the same world, the planet, our home.

Fr. Dick Lyng.



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"**



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.

○ **Shrle Church:**

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

○ **Glencorrib Church:**

• Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC
Account Name: Shrle Glencorrib Church:
IBAN IE97ULSB98525010138153 and BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

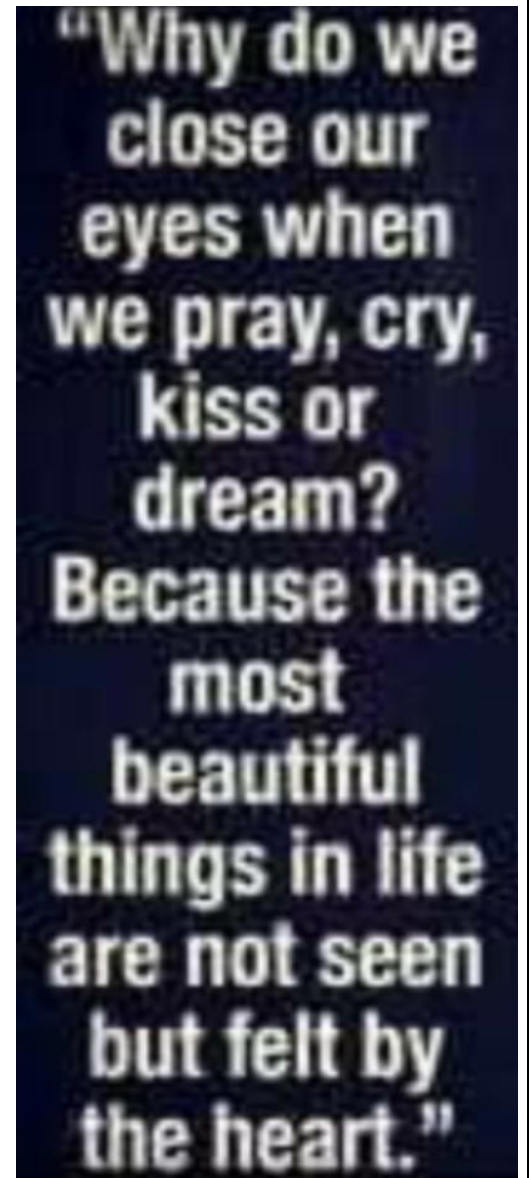
With banking online please ensure **full name is given** as reference when making the standing order or account transfer, so the parish has a record of who has made their weekly contribution through each bank account. This is **very important** for the Charitable Donation Scheme. Thank you for your continuing 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.

CHRISTMAS DUES & 2022 ENVELOPES- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

There are still a few Christmas Due envelopes 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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2022: Distributors over the next few weeks will be delivering the 2022 parish envelopes in your area. Thank you to those who distribute the parish envelopes in your area. In the current environment, the use of the envelopes is essential while the regular method of collections during the liturgy is not taking place. The income from these envelopes ensures the parish can continue to **pay its regular bills and continue with the renovations** taking place in both churches. Your support and generosity is essential & greatly appreciated. Remember it is possible to leave the envelopes in Shrle post office as well as donate online. Further information is found on the page attached to the Parish Envelopes 2022



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER to open and close Shrle church at the weekends only. Please contact Fr. Vivian if you can help out. Thank you.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN COMPUTER SKILLS FROM HOME? If you are a beginner or want to refresh your skills. National Learning Network's free IT and Business Studies course enables you to learn online from home, do work experience locally, and come into the local Centre for tutor guidance just twice a week. Completing modules such as word processing, spreadsheets, bookkeeping and many others. A free laptop is provided for the duration of the course. If you would benefit from extra support and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you could be entitled to the free training. Flexible start dates, payments are protected, and people under 26 years can receive extra payments. Contact Sharon on 0872909064 or check us out at www.nln.ie

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for all you have done for us. We thank you especially for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us. We ask you to bless our family and all the people of our parish, especially those who are suffering in any way. Encourage those in our parish whom you invite to become priests, religious and permanent deacons, and grant them the generosity of mind and heart to follow your call. May they bring good news to our world today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

begins on Sunday 23rd January for one week. <https://apctcs.ie>
www.catholicschools.ie/catholicchoolsweek2022

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - CALLING ALL MEN - NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (17th January 2022 to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more.

A decision was made:



"QUOTE, UNQUOTE."

- **"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."** - Albert Einstein
- **"The economy depends about as much on economists as the weather does on weather forecasters."** - Jean-Paul Kauffmann
- **"The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes."** - Marcel Proust.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

is kept throughout the world each year from 18th to 25th January. The theme for 2022 is: ", "We saw the star in the east and came to worship Him," Matthew 2:2. We are obliged to pray for unity among Christians so that the mission of Christ will be fulfilled. Let us pray as Jesus asked us on the night before He died, "May they all be one, Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me, and I am in you so the world may believe it was you who sent me" (John 17:21).

Two major splits occurred in the Church of Christ. In 1014 the Eastern Church in Constantinople separated from the Church in Rome and became the Orthodox Church. In the 16th century in Europe there was a schism and the Protestant Churches, Lutheran, Calvinistic and Anglican among others were established. For over a century the unity of the churches is sought. This is called Ecumenism.

The following is a prayer for Church Unity:

Father of love you have called us to confraternity with your Son and to be witnesses to the Gospel.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit enable us to overcome divisions and remain steadfast that our joy may be complete.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FAIR WEATHER FRIEND:

The English Catholic writer, G.K. Chesterton was born in London in 1874. After an initial dalliance with the occult as a youngster, he became an increasingly orthodox High Anglican before his reception into the Catholic Church in 1922. There are moves afoot now to have him canonized. He attended the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932. He was fascinated by the city, but he was amused by it too, as the following little account will bear out:

In that strange town, the poorer were the streets, the richer were the street decorations. Men who could hardly read had written up inscriptions; and somehow they were dogmas as well as jokes. Somebody wrote: 'God Bless Christ the King.' I knew I was staring at one of the staggering paradoxes of Christianity. A priest told me that he had himself heard a very poor threadbare working woman saying in a tram on the way to the Congress, with a resignation perhaps slightly tinged with tartness: 'Well, if it rains now, He'll have brought it on himself.'

-Patrick Corish, 'The Irish Catholic Experience', page 258.