

# GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2022

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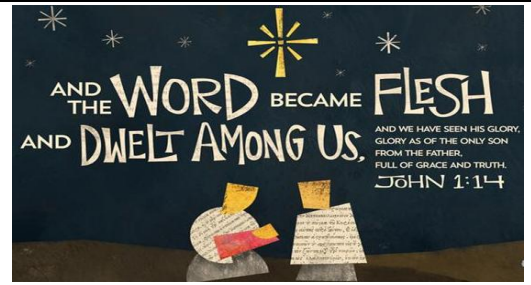
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8.00 pm	<b>Christmas Tridium Masses</b>	Mass Cards
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	11.00 am	<b>Josie (Joe) McDonnell</b> , Dalgan	Months Mind
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Jackie Heneghan</b> , Joyce Park	RIP 13/11/2019
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Ray Walshe &amp; Aine Boyle</b>	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Mary Heneghan</b> , Shrulegrove	16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Thomas &amp; Mary Meenaghan</b> , Churchpark	
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm to 7.55pm</b>	
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00 pm	<b>Seamus Davin</b> Dalgan Park	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
			<b>Francis Flaherty &amp; DM Flaherty family</b> , Brodella	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
			<b>Martin &amp; Catherine Nalty</b> , Carraun	50 <sup>th</sup> /36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00 am	<b>Bert Churchward</b> , Gurteen	22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00 am	<b>Frank Mortimer</b> , Shrule	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv

### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	6.30 pm	<b>John &amp; Mary Martyn</b> , Ballynalty/Carrowoughteragh	22 <sup>nd</sup> / 51 <sup>st</sup> (A)
			<b>John Reddington</b> , Gortbrack	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Mary Donohue &amp; DM Donohue family</b> , Glencorrib	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	<b>Paul Brosnan</b> , London	Deceased
			<b>Linda Green</b> , England	Deceased
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo – Mass for the people of the parish</b>	
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm to 6.55pm</b>	
		7.00 pm	<b>Vincent Ruane</b> , his son <b>Colm</b> and daughter	45 <sup>th</sup> Anniv, Dec'd
			<b>Carolann Mannion</b> , Ballynalty & Glenamaddy	& RIP 06/09/2021
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30 pm	<b>Jim Toher and DM of the Toher family</b> , Glencorrib & Ballynalty	28 <sup>th</sup> Anniv & deceased
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Mary Kelly (nee O'Malley)</b> Ballynew and her parents <b>Tom &amp; Annie O'Malley</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv & deceased
		3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm</b>	

**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 is a Church Holyday.

Masses in both Churches: **Glencorrib @ 7pm and Shrule @ 8pm.**

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2022

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

- Each church has an altar society that is divided into areas with responsibility for 1 month for the flowers.
- Ushers continue to provide valuable support & assistance, so please continue supporting your community at this time.
- If you wish to volunteer, please email [parishofshrule3@gmail.com](mailto:parishofshrule3@gmail.com) for more information.

**SUNDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** resumes in Glencorrib Church on Sunday next 9<sup>th</sup> January @ 3pm. Please feel free to drop in for the hour or 30 mins, 15 mins or 10 mins.

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

Christmas Due 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.

### 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 Shrule post office as well as donate online. Further information is found on the page attached to the Parish Envelopes 2022

## THANK YOU PARISH ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS

Most, if not all boxes of envelopes should be distributed at this stage.

The parish finance committee and I would like to express a sincere word of thanks to all the people who volunteer to distribute these boxes each year.

The envelope system is providing essential funding for the running of both churches and allows the parish to avail of the tax rebate scheme. Thank you for your continuing financial support.

## JUST A THOUGHT

Before Christmas, I was in the waiting room of my good doctor I recently succumbed to the now universal practice of "fiddling" with my mobile phone. I discovered that I have several hundred "Contacts" and I came up with the brainwave - why not send Christmas Greetings via my mobile phone and skip the arduous job of writing Christmas Cards, looking for addresses etc. As I scrolled through that list, an uncomfortable reality dawned: quite a few on that list had died (well, ten of them to be precise). Now there is nothing so embarrassing as sending a Christmas Card to a person who is no longer in a position to receive it! They may have died, but their contact numbers remained inscribed (forever?) on my phone! Is it a betrayal of our friendship to remove them now, an act of feckless disloyalty? I'm sure you all have the same experience as me, but the deletion of the contact numbers of departed friends is a guilt-inducing exercise. In a sense they are like ghosts on my phone. Their numbers still in my "contacts list". They range from friendly acquaintance to people I've known for half my life, close friends who enriched my world immeasurably. Flicking through the list, a few have succumbed to Covid, others with various diseases of our time, some younger, a few older than yours truly, all special and unique. Their names are now a roll call of regret - friendships over. The new practice of people leaving a Condolence Message on R.I.P. and all the nice things say about the deceased is gratifying and heart warming. (Pity we didn't send those messages to them while they were still with us!) Friendship is a great gift. A gift can mean a skill or talent, and some have it, for generosity and hospitality. A gift is also something freely offered, without the obligations of family connections.

Christianity recognizes the importance of friendship to the human condition, with the Gospels recording how much Jesus' friends matter to him too, as he visits and shares meals with them. When Mary and Martha tell him that their brother, his friend Lazarus, has died, he is devastated, and weeps. This love experienced in friendship, is a selfless love totally committed to the well-being of others. If someone loves another just for their sake and purely desires their well-being, then that is akin to the love of the God the Father for each and every person. While this love is most visible at Christmas time, it is in fact eternal. **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE. I've decided to leave these names on my phone**

## NEW YEAR BLESSING

Thank you, lord, for giving me the brand-new year ahead.  
Help me to live the way I should as each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend.  
Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty help me to fill it with good things.  
Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings.  
Please give the leaders of our world a courage born of peace  
That they might lead us gently and all the fighting cease.  
Please give to all upon the earth a heart that's filled with love.  
A gentle happy way to live with your blessings from above.  
Birds singing their song loud and clear,  
Announcing to the world a new year is here.

## MANY THANKS TO FR. VIVIAN

who has done tremendous work to make our Christmas celebration so meaningful and safe in these Covid times. We pray that God will reward him and keep him, his parents and the entire Loughrey family safe in 2022. We remember in a special way this Christmas, his brother Declan who passed away in 2021 and will keep him and his wife Caroline and young family in our thoughts and prayers.

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



<b>Surname</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Date Died</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>
<b>Kennedy</b>	William	Shrule	01/01/1916	86	Shrule
<b>Higgins</b>	Patrick St. Leger	Shrule	01/01/1919	80	Shrule
<b>Moran</b>	Michael (Rev.)	Glencorrib	01/01/1954	50	Dalغان, Navan
<b>Davin</b>	Patrick J.(Bob)	Dalغان	01/01/1993	46	Shrule
<b>Lynch</b>	Helena	The Parks	02/01/1950	90	Killursa
<b>Dooley</b>	Mary	Ramolin	02/01/1962	92	Shrule
<b>Burke</b>	Thomas	Cloonbanane	02/01/1963	74	Shrule
<b>O'Neill</b>	Brigid	Mohology	02/01/1970	60	Shrule
<b>Kavanagh</b>	Mary	Cahernabruck	02/01/1983	88	Shrule
<b>Churchward</b>	Bert	Gurteen	02/01/2000	71	Shrule
<b>Biggins</b>	Thomas	Mohorra	03/01/1917	56	Moyne
<b>Keville</b>	Patrick	Moyne	03/01/1934	71	Moyne
<b>Ruane</b>	Vincent	Ballynalty	03/01/1977	52	Glenamaddy
<b>Doherty</b>	Norah	Shrule	03/01/1981	62	Lisacul
<b>Buckley</b>	Anne	Moorgagagh	03/01/1991	82	Shrule
<b>Langan</b>	Martin	Shrule	04/01/1922	4	Shrule
<b>Kyne</b>	Martin	Brackloon	04/01/1942	71	Shrule
<b>Corbett</b>	Francis	Shrule	04/01/1966	66	Shrule
<b>Egan</b>	John	Shrule	04/01/1992	83	Shrule
<b>Kenny</b>	Kathleen	Toorard	04/01/1997	70	Moyne
<b>Newell</b>	John	Kilroe	04/01/1983	73	Killursa
<b>Nalty</b>	Catherine	Carraun	04/01/1986	79	Shrule
<b>Donnellan</b>	James	Dalغان Road	04/01/2008	53	Shrule
<b>Moran</b>	Frank	Glencorrib & Dublin	04/01/2010	64	Dublin
<b>Mellett</b>	Mary	Mohorra	05/01/1951	51	Shrule
<b>Curley</b>	Mary	Shrule	05/01/1962	2	Knock
<b>McDonagh</b>	May	Carramore	05/01/1994	88	Shrule
<b>Reynolds</b>	Jack	Dalغان	05/01/2000	76	Shrule
<b>Murphy</b>	Patrick	Cahernabruck	05/01/2002	74	Shrule
<b>Heneghan</b>	Mary	Shrulegrove	05/01/2005	68	Shrule
<b>Staunton</b>	Michael	Brodella	05/01/2010	31	Roscommon
<b>O'Flynn</b>	Catherine	Old Ballynalty	06/01/1925	82	Moyne
<b>Mohan</b>	Patrick	Ballynalty	06/01/1956	71	Moyne
<b>Noone</b>	Sara	Woodpark	06/01/1965	88	Shrule
<b>Geraghty</b>	Bernard	Corrinreedra	06/01/1970	66	Killursa
<b>McDonagh</b>	William	Ramolin	06/01/1985	84	Shrule
<b>Byrne</b>	Michael	Manchester& Mochorra	06/01/1997	79	Shrule
<b>Tallon</b>	Honor	Shrule	07/01/1918	73	Shrule
<b>Hennelly</b>	Mary	Glencorrib	07/01/1932	75	Killursa
<b>Burke</b>	John	Tubbersharave	07/01/1943	24	Shrule
<b>Carty</b>	Mrs.	Carheen	07/01/1944	71	Shrule
<b>Dooley</b>	Bridie	Lakeview	07/01/2001	81	Shrule
<b>Mohan</b>	Frances	Glencorrib	07/01/2020	83	Moyne
<b>Murphy</b>	Mary	New Ballynalty	08/01/1925	80	Shrule
<b>Harte</b>	James	Mount Henry	08/01/1960	69	Killursa
<b>Hare</b>	John	Rostaff	08/01/1963	78	Moyne
<b>Keady</b>	Mary	Dalغان Road	08/01/1988	42	Shrule
<b>Martyn</b>	Sarah	Wakefield	08/01/1991	81	Shrule
<b>Flaherty</b>	Frank	Brodella	08/01/1996	47	Shrule
<b>O'Neill</b>	Eugene	Clifden/Dalغان	08/01/2011		Shrule
<b>Davin</b>	Seamus	Dalغان Park	08/01/2021	72	Shrule
<b>Hennelly</b>	Patrick	Glencorrib	09/01/1934	82	Killursa
<b>Gallagher</b>	Michael	Dereen (Kilmaine)	09/01/1939	53	Shrule
<b>Laffey</b>	Patrick	Mohology	09/01/1954	89	Shrule
<b>McGaugh</b>	John	Gortatubber	09/01/1977	71	Killursa

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<b>Sweeney</b>	Thomas	Ballycurrin	09/01/1994	74	Killursa
<b>Mohan</b>	Michael	Ballynalty	09/01/1999	74	Moyne
<b>Derrig</b>	Anthony (Tony)	St. Mary's Road	09/01/2004	55	Shrule
<b>Murphy</b>	Joe (Spud)	Dalgan Road	09/01/2018	90	Shrule

**PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Angela Acton (née Davitt),** Ballycushion, Kilmaine (wife of Donal Acton) Funeral Mass for Angela took place at St. Patrick's Church Kilmaine on Tuesday last 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021. RIP



**Justin Hennelly** (late of Dublin and Headford) Funeral Mass took place at Church of Saint Paul of The Cross, Mount Argus, Dublin 6 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January followed by burial in Moyne Cemetery on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 RIP

**MAY THIS COMING YEAR** bring new beginnings, new focus, new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and a lot of new inspirations and blessings in your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with joy, peace and good health, prosperity and pure happiness. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

**WISE MEN AND WISDOM:** Some translations of the gospels render the Latin 'MAGI' as 'astrologers'. ('Magician' has the same root). Their faith in the 'birth star' of the Christ Child strongly supports this translation. But the Catholic Church has always been deeply suspicious of astrology and astrologers. Hence, it either allowed the word 'MAGI' stand in its original Latin form, or else it translated it rather loosely and harmlessly as 'The Three Wise Men'. Catholic suspicion of astrology crystallised in Medieval times. Astrologers were held in high esteem and, in many quarters, they rivalled priests and prelates as 'stewards of the divine mysteries'. Most royal courts had their own official astrologer. It was his sole function to predict the future accurately. (Economists perform this function today!). The king's policies were then trimmed accordingly. The 15<sup>th</sup> century French King, Louis XI, was no exception. He was a devout believer in astrology. Not surprisingly then, he was filled with apprehension when the court astrologer foretold disaster: the favourite mistress of the King would die within eight days. She duly obliged by dying on the fifth day. Louis decided to follow the time-honoured practice of astute political leaders: "If the news is bad, kill the messenger!" He resolved to have his unfortunate astrologer murdered. But not before he conducted a little experiment. He decided to test the accuracy of his astrologer's foresight first. Having already engaged the executioner, he summoned the astrologer to his apartments. "You claim to understand astrology and to know the fate of others," Louis demanded, "so tell me at once what your own fate will be and how long you have to live?" "I shall die just three days before my beloved King," replied the wily astrologer. From that day, the astrologer became the most favoured and most protected member of the Royal Court! While all wise men are not astrologers, some astrologers, at least, are wise men!

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION** of all the nativity depictions, this one seems the most satisfying. No parade of animals, shepherds, drummer boys, oriental wise guys, or hovering angels. Only the family. Joseph taking care of the baby Jesus, while Mary is peacefully "....asleep on the hay"



It's an unwed woman who carries God  
 It's the pagans from the East who recognises God.  
 It's the workers in the field who hear from God.  
 It's the marginalised neighbourhood who welcomes God.  
 It's God who chooses the lowly and broken to rise.  
 Christmas and the New Year are here. Let hope in.

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**A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR**

When a new child visited Sunny Days, one of the childcare assistants greeted him and asked him his age. The little boy held up 3 fingers. "Oh, you're 3", said the assistant. "And when will You be 4?" The child stared at her and after a few seconds replied, "When I hold up the other finger."

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Jill from Shrule complained to Nina from Glencorrib, "Rosey told me that you told her the secret I told you not to tell her." "Well", replied Nina in a hurt tone, "I told her not to tell you I told her." "Oh dear!", sighed Jill. "Well, don't tell her I told you that she told me."

## JUST A THOUGHT

It's the late 4th century. You're a British monk named Pelagius. You travel to Rome in a genuine search for sanctity, but you're appalled by what you see: the Romans have a capacity for food, drink and sex that is truly astonishing.

The pandemic created many Pelagians. Did you notice the increase in those taking exercise on our roads during lockdown, cycling, running and power-walking? All in search of the perfect body, Pelagians all! We can expect another increase in these activities from New Year's Day forward. My friend has a Smart Watch that displays his pulse rate, how many steps he's taken that day, and hours he's slept. It's all about maximising his fitness. As he shows it to me he starts saying how, during a very stressful meeting, his heart rate tripled. Even as he is recalling this story, his pulse rate starts rising. I wonder if this watch is a help or a hindrance to his achieving physical perfection.



At the start of the year, many of us experience an inner battle, between the self that has over-indulged and feels dissatisfied, and the self that wants to be, 'Fitter, happier.' And by now many of us have embarked on self-help strategies to achieve that lower pulse rate, deeper sleep and greater fitness. Or, what Americans call 'self-optimising'.

But this desire to be a better version of ourselves is more than faddish; it's fundamental and it raises important questions: 'What is the best I can be?' 'Can I do it on my own?' My annual attempt at self-optimising usually involves negotiations around bread, beer, watching sport, taking (very moderate) exercise and a resolve to feed the soul. The latter is always the one I find hardest. And the reasons are not hard to find. A pithy proverb in the Old Testament wisdom literature sums up the problem somewhat inelegantly: 'Habit is the ballast that chains the dog to its vomit!'

Scripture has much to say on self-help and its pitfalls. Real success is found in forgetting the self rather than in relying on the self. Trying to be the best version of ourselves is a worthy aim, but it involves more than achieving a low pulse rate and higher productivity. It requires a belief that people find their best selves when they give up the self-help and look, instead, to the source of the perfection they desire.

*Fr. Dick Lyng OSA.*

**Be at peace with your neighbors and love them as yourself. Be at peace with your family for there lies your greatest wealth. Be at peace with your friends for friendship cannot be bought. Be at peace with your enemies for this is what Christ taught. Be at peace with yourself, and all things shall be well. Be at peace with God, and within you He will dwell.**

i am a catholic by heart

### 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.

**PARISH OFFICE  
OPENING HOURS:**

**Shrute Parochial House**  
Tuesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

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

**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.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER**

to open and close Shrute church at the weekends only. Please contact Fr. Vivian if you can help out. Thank you.

**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

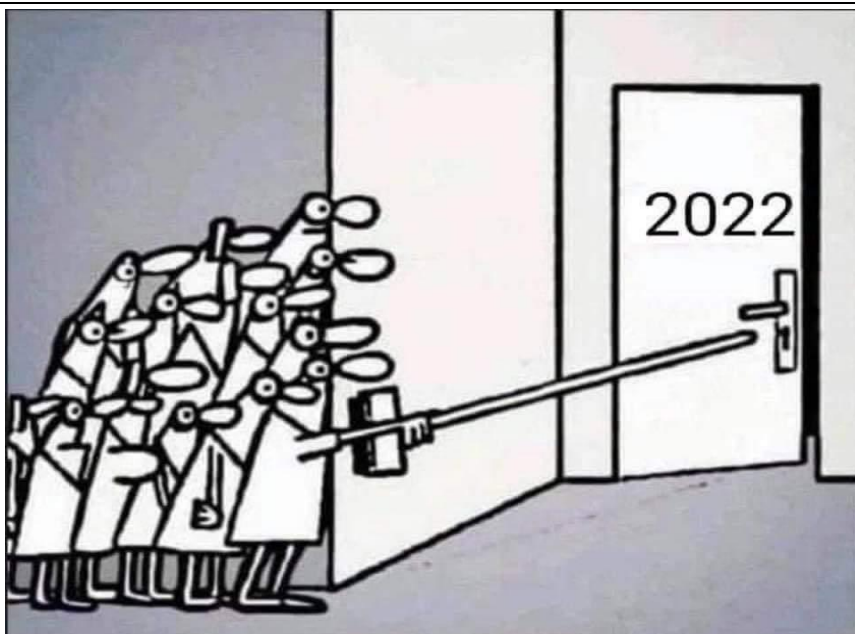


## PHYSICAL EXERCISES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Physical exercise is good for you. I know that I should do it daily, but my body doesn't want me to do too much, so I have worked out this program of strenuous activities that do not require physical exercise. You are invited to use my program without charge.

- 01) Beating around the bush
- 02) Jumping to conclusions
- 03) Climbing the walls
- 04) Swallowing my pride
- 05) Passing the buck
- 06) Throwing my weight around
- 07) Dragging my heels
- 08) Pushing my luck
- 09) Making mountains out of molehills
- 10) Hitting the nail on the head
- 11) Wading through paperwork
- 12) Bending over backwards
- 13) Jumping on the bandwagon
- 14) Balancing the books
- 15) Running around in circles
- 16) Tooting my own horn
- 17) Climbing the ladder of success
- 18) Pulling out the stops
- 19) Adding fuel to the fire
- 20) Opening a can of worms
- 21) Putting my foot in my mouth
- 22) Starting the ball rolling
- 23) Going over the edge
- 24) Picking up the pieces

Whew! What a workout! I think I'll exercise my caution now and sit down.

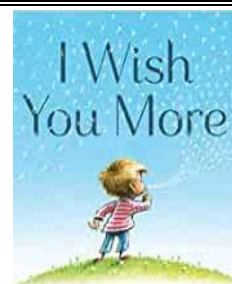


**Something to think about:** The Earth is 4.6 billion years old. Let's scale that to 46 years. We have been here for 4 hours. Our industrial revolution began 1 minute ago. In that time, we have destroyed more than 50% of the world's forests.

**This isn't sustainable.**

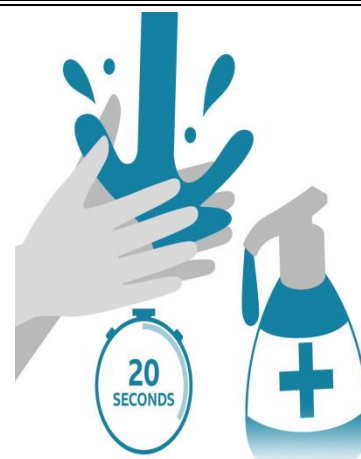
## I WISH YOU

- I wish you health so you may enjoy each day in comfort.
- I wish you the love of friends and family and peace within your heart.
- I wish you the beauty of nature that you may enjoy the work of God.
- I wish you the wisdom to choose priorities for those things that really matter in life.
- I wish you generosity so you may share all good things that come to you.
- I wish you happiness and joy and blessings for the New Year.
- I wish you the best of everything that you so well deserve.



**COVID PROGRESS: Europe and the US:** Across Europe and the U.S., records for new infections are being set as the Omicron variant tears through populations with a swiftness outpacing anything witnessed over the past two years. The World Health Organisation warned that, together with the Delta variant, Omicron could create a "tsunami" of infections that could overwhelm health care systems. Ireland, Britain, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy and Spain all set records for new daily case counts this week. At the moment, none of those nations are reporting major rises in hospitalizations, although the surge is only a few weeks old.

For vaccinated people, Omicron may be milder than previous variants, but the wave of new infections is causing chaos for hospitals, testing centres and businesses. Appointments at Tests centres are increasingly hard to find, even in places like Ireland where they were once in reliable supply. Record numbers: France set a record with 208,000 new daily cases on Wednesday, the most recorded in any European country since the pandemic began. **STAY SAFE OUT THERE AND STAY STRONG**



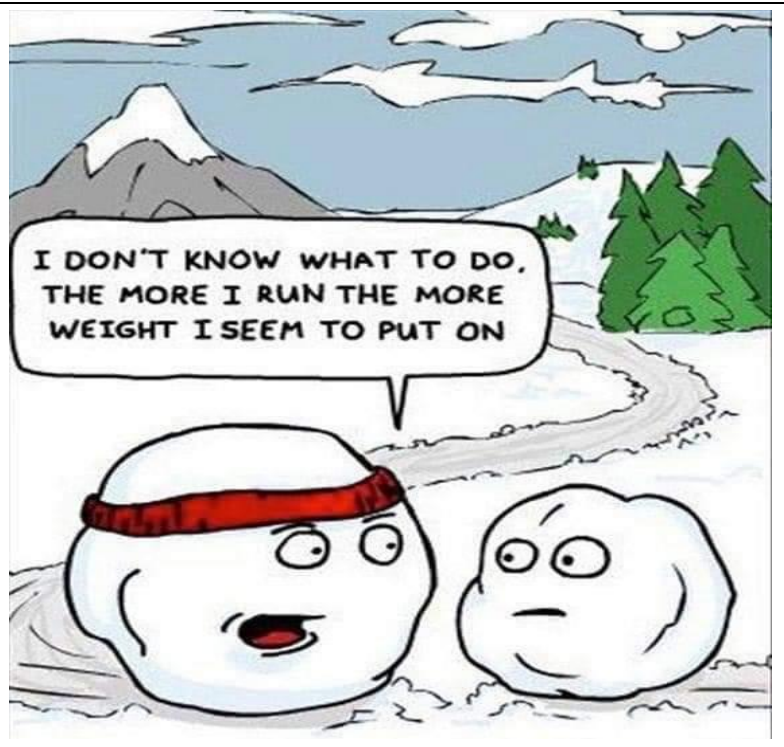
Wash hands for about 20 seconds with soap and hot water or use a sanitiser gel

**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 (17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.exodus90.com) to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thur Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 Passcode: 997298

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

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**QUOTE:** "Santa comes if ye are good. Jesus comes because we aren't"

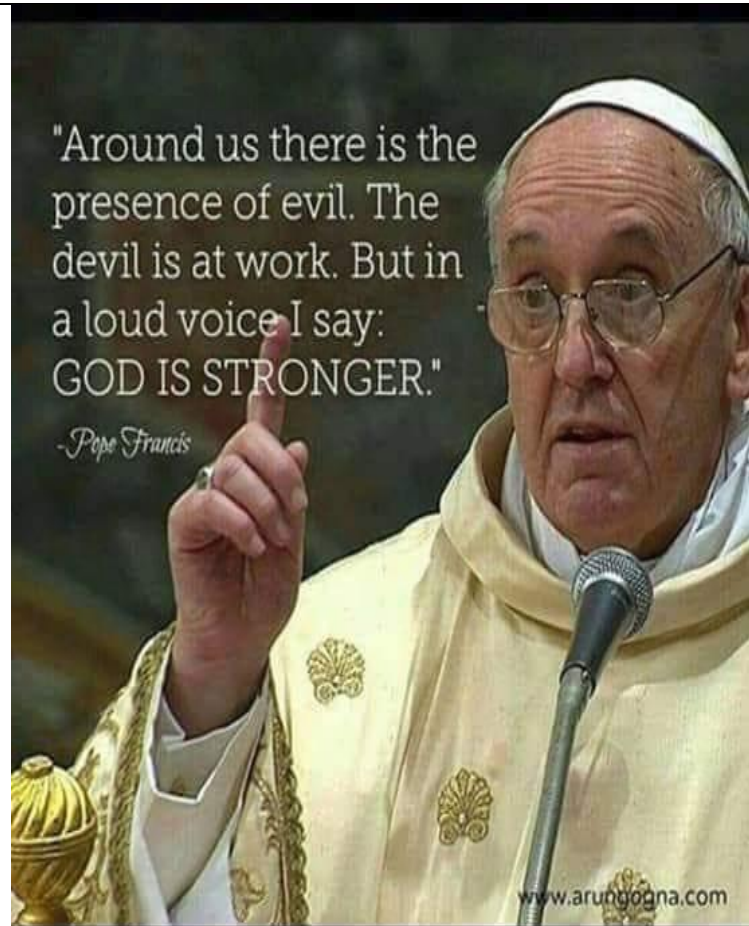


**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** If you are not able to come together to celebrate Mass and receive communion, please find time to pray and receive Jesus spiritually.

**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](mailto:glencorrib2000@gmail.com) with their details. **"To be forgotten is to die twice"**

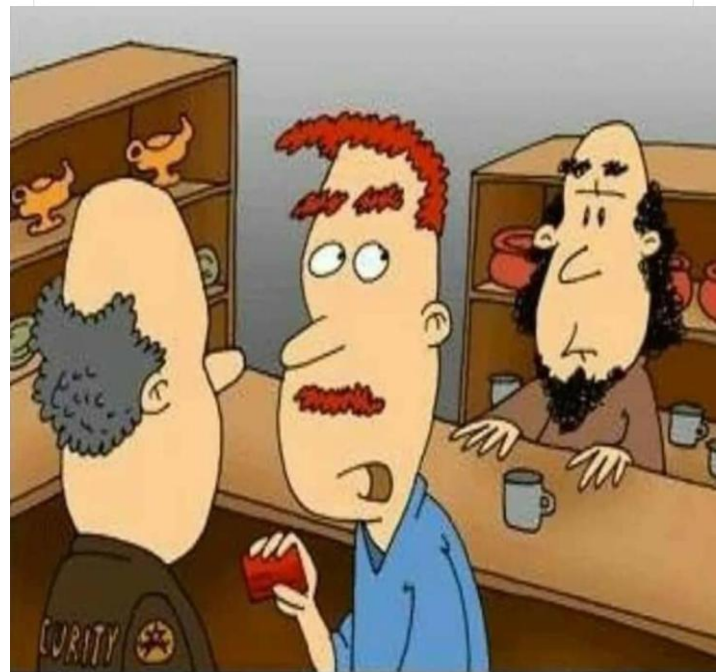


"Around us there is the presence of evil. The devil is at work. But in a loud voice I say: **GOD IS STRONGER.**"

*Pope Francis*

[www.arunogogna.com](http://www.arunogogna.com)

And he had no fixed address.



See Acts 9:1-19)

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**THIS PAUL GUY IS TRYING TO USE A CREDIT CARD THAT BELONGS TO SOMEONE NAMED SAUL**

I'm going to dedicate this poem to all the Irish exiles who live on their own across the world. To wish them a happy Christmas.

## AN EXILES CHRISTMAS

It was Christmas eve in London, And an Irishman, called Joe.  
Stood by an upstairs window That looked on the street below.  
He could see the shoppers passing by, Their voices filled with cheer.  
As they shouted happy Christmas, And a prosperous new year.

As he looked around the little room, That for years had been his home.  
He was fifty years in London, Since he crossed the ocean foam.  
His youthful days behind him now, And his working days Long gone.  
In retirement, his days were spent On his own, to carry on.

He could hear a church bell ringing, On the street across the way.  
Where mass was celebrated, on The eve of Christmas day.  
Then a choir started singing, and The strains of silent night,  
Came drifting through the window. Into Joe's old flat that night.

As he listened to the singing, He began to shed a tear.  
For he always felt emotional, On Christmas eve each year.  
When old memories came flooding back, And his thoughts began to stray.  
To his childhood days in Ireland, Long ago and far away

He could see again the old thatched house, At the corner of the lane.  
Oh what he'd give to be a lad, and be back there once again.  
The candle in the window, To light a Welcome way.  
For the virgin and the Christ child, On the eve of Christmas day.

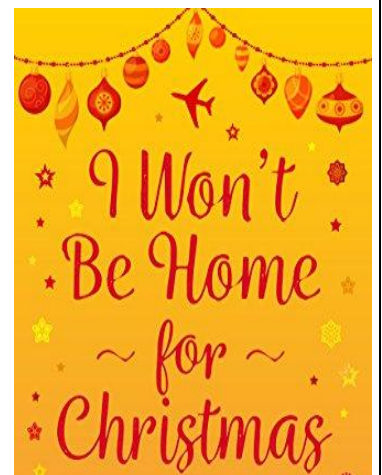
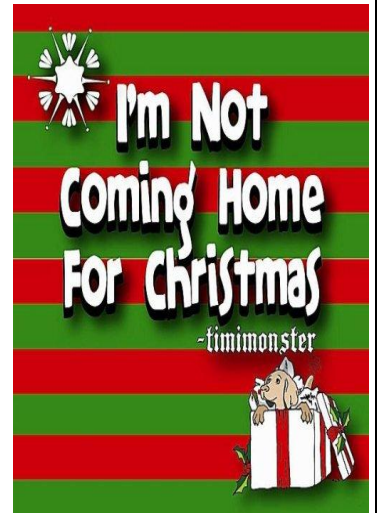
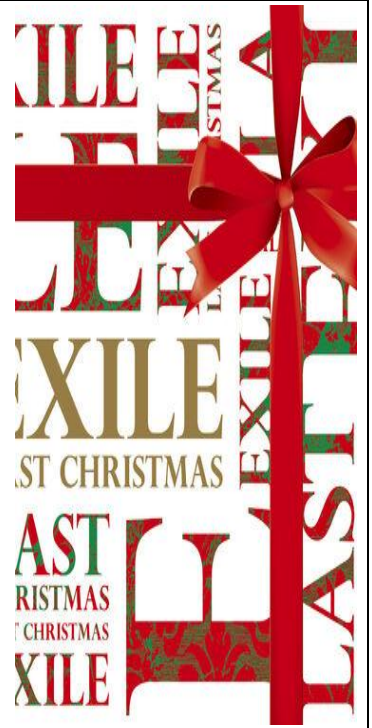
The Holly and the ivy, and the cards Around the fire.  
And his mothers Christmas cooking, That would fill you with desire.  
The boxes left for Santa Claus, In the hopes that he would call.  
With the toys to play on Christmas day, The happiest times of all.

As his memories began to fade, reality Set in.  
He was back once more in London, In his little flat again.  
And he drew his coat around him, as he Sat back in his chair.  
And for all those in his memories, he began to say a prayer.  
And he asked the Lord, to grant them rest, In the land beyond the sky.  
All the folks he once shared Christmas with, In the happy years gone by.

Tomorrow at the centre, he will meet his Old friend Jack,  
An Irishman just like himself. That never made it back.  
They will have their Christmas Dinner, and a glass or two of beer,  
As they join their old acquaintances, And the friends they love so dear.  
Everybody has their party piece, To raise a bit of cheer.  
At their Christmas get together. In the centre every year.

So to all our Irish exiles, in lands far off and near.  
The blessing of this Christmas time we wish you all this year.  
And although we are divided, by land and sky, and foam,  
A very merry Christmas, from the Irish Folks at home.

Martin O'Hara © 29/11/2021



**SVP – ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITY:** "We've a fella who lost his job. He was a taxi driver, and obviously the work dried up... He and his family, three kids, are now homeless. They've been placed in a 1 bedroom flat. You can see the poverty. For a lot of these families, it's about survival at the moment... that's where we are now." — SVP Volunteer, Noel

Our volunteers visit families in emergency homeless accommodation and those at risk of becoming homeless. Your Christmas donation today could help families like these in our region with food, winter jackets and presents for the children





**ALONE:** My name is Karen Byrne I work for ALONE as a Volunteer Support Officer for CHO 2 also reflected as Counties Galway, Mayo & Roscommon. We are currently seeking **Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers** in the Galway Diocese, as we've had a growing appeal from older people seeking support. With older people regaining their confidence and re-emerging back into society we want to be able to provide our services all across the Country and within the communities. In the online parish newsletter we have further details as well as why we are recruiting and a little more background information about ALONE. Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? There are friendships waiting on every corner. ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please email Karen on [karen.byrne@alone.ie](mailto:karen.byrne@alone.ie) or ☎ Karen on 0860576401



**VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**  
**SEEKING: VISITATION SUPPORT & BEFRIENDING VOLUNTEERS**

**What is Support & Befriending?**

ALONE's Support & Befriending service provides companionship and practical support to older people who would like extra social contact. Trained and Garda-vetted volunteers provide weekly visits or telephone calls which enable older people to feel secure and supported at home. The service provides assistance to solve everyday problems, offers friendship and companionship, and links the older person in with local events and activities through social prescribing. Through regular contact with large numbers of individuals, Telephone and Visitation volunteers enable the implementation of national strategies by communicating relevant messaging and information. ALONE's support staff are on-hand to provide the older person with further support as and when required.

**What we are currently recruiting for is, Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers.**

**ALONE's Visitation Support & Befriending** Service provides regular visits to an older person from a volunteer who provides one-to-one companionship and practical support. Volunteers can support with practical tasks and provide information on local activities and relevant initiatives. All volunteers are trained, Garda vetted and receive support from ALONE staff.

**Why are ALONE recruiting?**

ALONE are recruiting volunteers in CHO 2 also reflected as Counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon; as we currently have older people in this locality who want to avail of the Visitation Support & Befriending service ALONE offer. Older People have recently been identified in these Counties and we would love to recruit volunteers in these areas to create lasting friendships. Older People are now emerging from long periods of social isolation and we want to make their re-emergence journey as easy as possible with a friend by their side.

**For more information on Visitation Support & Befriending**

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering with ALONE. We really appreciate your support and can't wait to hear from you. If you would like to begin your application process, please click the following link to start your volunteering journey. <https://www.tfaforms.com/4890717> Feel free to get in touch with your local Volunteer Support Officer to learn more about the role of volunteering with ALONE, you can do so by contacting Karen Byrne VSO CHO2 086 057 6401 or [karen.byrne@alone.ie](mailto:karen.byrne@alone.ie)

**If you are an older person who is seeking support**

ALONE's National Support Line is available on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. Contact [hello@alone.ie](mailto:hello@alone.ie) for any further information.



**General Description of ALONE**

ALONE is a national organisation that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish. We work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties. We provide an integrated system of Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing, Housing with Support and Assistive Technology. We use individualised support plans, provide a point of contact for access to health, financial benefits and supports, social care, housing, transport and other arising needs using technology and other services and activities to improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. We have almost 3,000 volunteers throughout the Country who conduct and provide practical supports to older people, visits and phone calls, linking older people into social activity and being a companion.

**Social Media Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ALONEIreland/>**

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/alone.ireland/?hl=en>

Twitter - [https://twitter.com/ALONE\\_IRELAND](https://twitter.com/ALONE_IRELAND)

### 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:**

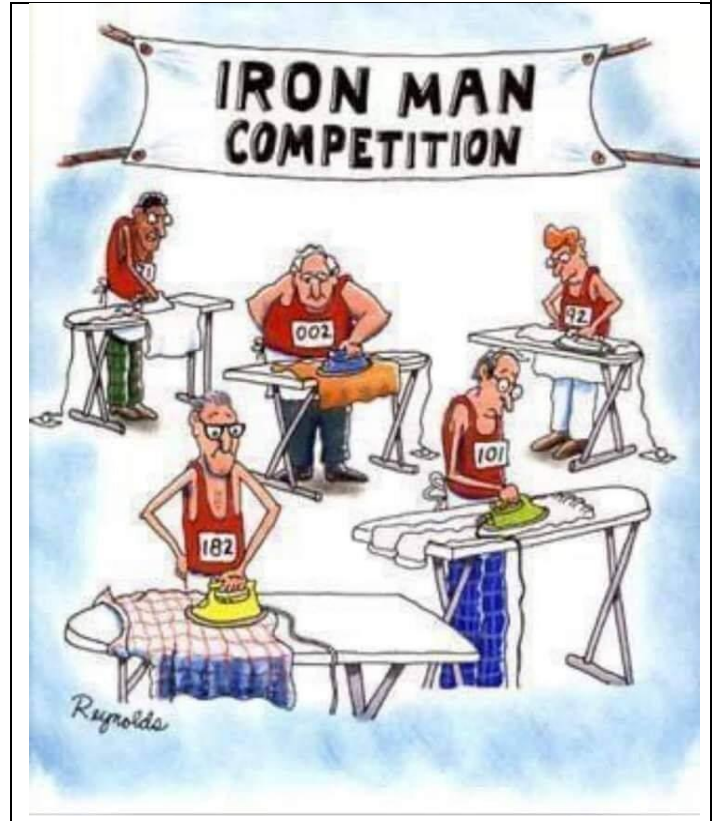
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#### ○ **Glencorrib Church:**

- Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC  
Account Name: Shrle Glencorrib Church:  
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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.



#### **CHILD MINDER 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

#### **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](http://www.nln.ie)