### GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER - 3rd JULY 2022

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832								
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	8.00 pm	Christoph	ner Hughes, Michael Hughes and	<b>d DM</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv			
			of Hughe	s & Heneghan families, Carramor	e and &			
			Christophe	er's uncles Mick Gill & Peter Davis	Deceased			
			Kathleen	McMahon, Cahermaculick	Anniv			
			Michael 8	& Mary Swift and DM Swift fa	<b>mily,</b> 58 <sup>th</sup> , 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv			
			Cahermacı	ulick	& deceased			
				rtimer, Shrule	RIP 11/1/2021			
			Maria Mcl	<b>Entee O'Sullivan</b> , Ashbourne, Co. N	Meath 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv			
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	11.00 am	Sean McG	<b>Guiness,</b> Tobernadarry, Shrule	Month's Mind			
			James, Ca	atherine, Martin, Margaret & Ann	63 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv &			
			<b>Furey</b> , Kir	nlough	Deceased			
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30 am	Mass					
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30 am	Sean McG	Guinness, Tobernadarry, Shrule	RIP 03/06/2022			
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30 am	Special In	ntention				
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	7.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm to 7.55pm					
		8.00 pm		Lulling, Dalgan Demesne, Shrule	RIP 29/04/2022			
			Carmel M	cDonnell & DM of the Duddy fam	<b>ily,</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv &			
			Ramolin		deceased			
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	8.00 pm	Missa Pro	Populo – Mass for the people of th	ne parish			
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	11.00 am		<b>Mary Hughes</b> , Bullaun	19 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv			
			Jacinta M	cGath & Bridie Heneghan, Turin	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv			
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876								
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	6.30 pm		aye, his brother Eamonn and s				
				Patten, Croydon & formerly, Glenco	orrib RIP June 2022			
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	9.30 am		lary Daly, Glencorrib & DM memb				
				ly & Forde families	& Deceased			
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10.10 am		Patten (Née Maye), Croydon, UK/G				
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.00 pm	·					
		7.00 pm		Chandler, Carrigaline, Co. Cork	RIP 19/06/2022			
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.30 pm		l members of the Hogan, Bigg	•			
			_	ilies, Rostaff & Moyne	Deceased			
				nnelly, Toorard	14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv			
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30 am	Missa Pro	Populo - Mass for the people of th	ne parish			
CHURCH ROTAS FOR JULY 2022				SHRULE	GLENCORRIB			
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass				Donagh Greaney	Caroline Craddock			
LAY READERS – Morning Mass				Geraldine Casserley	Mary McNally			
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> – Vigil Mass				Maura Mullin	Mairead Geraghty			
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Morning				Phil Duddy	Michael Creaven			
USHERS				Kilmaine Rd, Kille & Cahermaculick	·			
	R SOCIETY			Kilmaine Rd, Kille & Cahermaculick	Gortbrack / The Parks			
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SHRULE & MOYNE CEMETERY MASSES: Unfortunately, this year, it was not possible to have the cemetery Masses at the graveyards due to the weather and were held in the churches respectively. Thanks to all involved - readers, musicians, planners and organizers and especially to all those who were able to attend. Hopefully, the liturgies brought people some comfort and consolation. Apologies if there was confusion as result of the change in location. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Let us pray for them, and may they pray for us.



### SHRULE GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY GAMES:

It was the most successful year yet for Shrule Glencorrib Kilroe community games at county level so well done and congratulations

to you all. Best of luck in Sligo at the

Connaughts on 24<sup>th</sup> July 6000 U8 60m Kayla Garvey 1st 5

U10 100m Charlotte Payne 2nd 3

U10 200m Ava Murphy 1st

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U12 100m Emma Burke 4th

U12 100m Dean Garvey 1st 🏅

U12 200m Jamie McDonagh 2nd

U14 100m Mikey Molloy 3rd 🏅

U16 100m Aoibhe McDermott 3rd

U12 ball throw Keilan Garvey 3rd 🏅

### LOOKING THROUGH THE RAIN

The playground is empty
All the children have gone home.
Rain is misting through the park.
An old man sits on the bench
Staring at the silent swings and slides
He doesn't see them.

He is looking at seventy years ago. It isn't raining there.



In 'How was it for you Doctor?' 1994 - Pat Ingoldsby

### A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

- Strange new trend at the office. People are putting names on food in the company fridge. Today I had a tuna sandwich named Linda.
- This morning my son said his ear hurt and I said on the inside or the outside, so he walks out the front door, comes back in and says both. Moments like this got me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.
- Remember those days when people used to write diaries and got mad when someone read them...
   Now they put everything on facebook and get annoyed when people don't read them...

### MY FAVOURITE QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

You don't have to know much when you come to Christ, you don't have to know the whole Gospel or you don't have to know the Bible. You come just like you are. The thief on the cross didn't know very much but he turned to Jesus while he was dying and said: Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom, just remember me". He had no time to join a church, he had no time to be baptised, he had no time for anything. He just said Lord,



remember me and that's all that was needed. Because Jesus said today, you will be with me in paradise. Where you worship God is not the most important thing. It's how you worship God that is important. You worship him in prayer, in going to Mass and the reading of the bible and taking part in the Eucharist.

THE PATTERN OF IRISH HOSPITALITY that was once spontaneous and instinctive is now largely prearranged. Unscheduled visits are not much welcomed anymore and sometimes they are greatly resented (especially if you happen to drop in during your favourite TV programme!). Pressures and developments in modern life are insulating us from family, neighbours and friends.

A pause for a chat, time spent bringing children to the park to run around and play, a visit to the hospital, the rediscovery of the tea pot and the picnic, gathering a few neighbours for a small barbecue in the back garden, some contribution to community life - aren't these things of some importance?



In this so called modern world, we need to broaden our concept of hospitality. At times it means doing difficult things. It means putting ourselves out a bit. It can mean welcoming, the refugee, the asylum seeker, the awkward relative, in our midst. Hospitality does not just involve cups of tea. It often is about buckets and buckets of tolerance, understanding and patience. *Fr. Gerry Jennings* 

### **HEADFORD LIBRARY DROP-IN SESSION:**

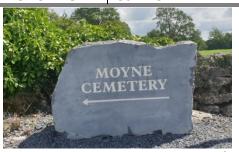
Get help installing our online resources on your phone or tablet/iPad so you can read ebooks, e-magazines, learn a language, or listen to an audiobook. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 3pm Headford Library. Bring your phone/tablet/iPad and drop in

The Worse feeling isn't being alone. It's being forgotten.

"Love is the only thing that can turn an enemy into a friend" Martin Luther King Jn.

PYX REMINDER: If you got the loan of a Pyx from the church and are no longer using it, could you return it to the church. Thank You.

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS									
Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery				
Gibbons	Jack	Shrule	02/07/2000	68	Shrule				
Egan	Nora	Shrule	02/07/2001	88	Shrule				
Molloy	James	Ballycurrin	03/07/1919	58	Killursa				
Payne	Patrick	Poulcappel	03/07/1920	88	Shrule				
Neill	Thomas	Mohology	03/07/1943	75	Shrule				
O'Sullivan	Stephen	The Parks	03/07/1955	22	Killursa				
O'Dwyer	Paddy	Ballisnahina	03/07/1982		Shrule				
Meenaghan	Mary	Cahernabruck	03/07/1997	86	Shrule				
Gannon	Delia	Cahermaculick	04/07/1979	74	Shrule				
Canavan	James	Gortbrack	04/07/1991	92	Killursa				
Swift	Michael	Cahermaculick	05/07/1964		Shrule				
Gannon	John	Boula	05/07/1997	81	Killursa				
Burke	Tom	Cahernabruck	06/07/2001	57	Shrule				
Garvey	Vincent	Shrule	06/07/2006	89	Shrule				
Naughton	Margaret	Mohology	07/07/1923	38	Shrule				
Moughan	Margaret	New Ballynalty	07/07/1929	86	Moyne				
Byrne	Brigid Mary	Tubbersharave	08/07/1916	79	Shrule				
Lynch	Peter	Gorthatubber	08/07/1921	80	Killursa				
Carroll	John	Longhill	08/07/1956	36	Donaghpatrick				
Murphy	John Joe	Ramolin	08/07/1998	83	Shrule				
Conneely	Patrick	Gortatubber	09/07/1952	40	Houndsman				
Naughton	Michael	Rostaff	09/07/1954	58	Moyne				
Cawley	Ellen	Shrule	09/07/1956	83	Shrule				
Burke	Patrick	Moyne	09/07/1975	82	Killursa				
O'Sullivan	Francis	Ballycurrin	09/07/1978	51	Killursa				
Byrne	Thomas	Woodpark	09/07/1984	76	Shrule				
Martyn	Paddy	Shrule	09/07/1989	75	Shrule				
Hennelly	Annie	Toorard	09/07/2008	92	Moyne				
Kavanagh	Michael	Shrule	10/07/1981	94	Shrule				
Burke	John	Glencorrib	10/07/1988	66	Shrule				
McDonnell	Carmel	Ramolin	10/07/2017	60	Shrule				



MOYNE CEMETERY: We wish to thank Conor Bohan, Rostaff for sourcing, supplying and installing the new sign in stone at Moyne Cemetery.

COVID PRECAUTIONS: As we experience this latest wave of Covid infection, parishioners are once again encouraged (it's not compulsory but it encouraged) to wear

face masks in church and

to sanitise their hands on

entering and leaving Mass.

Small things count.

SHRULE DISTRICT **VINTAGE** CLUB: Vintage show, auction and Family Fun day is taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday next July at Carrowoughteragh, Glencorrib, Shrule. Y9WA. Public welcome from 10am. There will be vintage cars, tractors, commercials and stationary



engines. Also we will have modified cars and our truck show. We also have a dog show and lots of amusements for all the family. Visit our website at <a href="https://www.shrulevintage.ie">www.shrulevintage.ie</a> for details or <a href="https://www.shrulevintage.ie">models</a> for details

**JULY IS THE MONTH** devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus. July, month of haymaking, month of holidaymaking, highlight of summer. In July, be with us, O Lord. The Pope's intention for this month: We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility. During the Summer, communities assemble to celebrate various events, religious, cultural and athletic. May they be always safe.

God Our Father, help us to be part of a community. May we respect God, ourselves, others and the environment and set up just and fair relationships wherever we may be. Amen.

The Happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything.



# SHRULE CHURCH RESTORATION & RENOVATION:

The second phase of restoration and renovation is now underway with the church in Shrule. The aim of the project is to ensure that church in Shrule continues to be a place of worship and

prayer, now and well into the future. In this phase, the plan is to reroof the church, complete the drainage works with new eaves and downpipes and paint the exterior of the church. This phase has been delayed owning to the age and necessary works to be done, along with the impact of Covid19 pandemic. I would like to thank both Shrule Church Renovation Committee as well the parish Finance committee for the ongoing support and commitment to this project. This work is possible because of your continuing support. Progress pictures will be posted in the church notice board as well as posted on Shrule Parish website and Facebook.

## THANK YOU PARISH CHOIRS & MUSICIANS:



As the summer starts, you will notice that the parish musicians and choirs will be taking a well-deserved break. Thank you to everyone involved for giving your time and talent; music adds so much to the liturgy. The plan is to have the full choirs back in mid to late September in both churches, so until then – thank you and enjoy a well-deserved break.

### SUNNY DAYS -GLENCORRIB -SUMMER CAMP

continues until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Closed for annual holidays from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August.



Re-opening Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. (depending on numbers that require the service for August) Activities will include: Art and crafts, Baking, Clay pottery, Puppet making, Creative play opportunities, Music and dance, Sports day, Face paint, Picnics, Summer walks, the all time favourite, sportsfield and many more

Cost: Camp hours and fees 10am to 3pm €18 Or 5 days (€85)

Full day care 7.30am to 5.30 €35 per child 10am-5.30pm €25 per child

Booking is essential. Bookings and queries please contact Sunny Days on 087 3118009 or email glencorribCommunityservices@gmail.com

### **HOLY HUMOUR**

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





### **SUMMER SOUNDS**

- "The less people know about how laws and sausages are made, the better." Bismark.
- "The workers have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to gain. Workers of the world, unite!" -Karl Marx.
- "Karl Marx wasn't a Marxist all the time. He got drunk in the Tottenham Court Rd." -Michael Foot.
- "Television is far more interesting than people. If it were not, we should have people standing in the corners of our rooms." Alan Coren.
- "When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened." Winston Churchill



### **JUST A THOUGHT - WHEN SOMEONE DIES**

When someone dies, the first thing to do is nothing. Don't run out and call the nurse. Don't pick up the phone. Take a deep breath and be present to the magnitude of the moment.

There's a grace to being at the bedside of someone you love as they make their transition out of this world. At the moment they take their last breath, there's an incredible sacredness in the space. The veil between the worlds opens.

We're so unprepared and untrained in how to deal with death that sometimes a kind of panic response kicks in. "They're dead!"

We knew they were going to die, so their being dead is not a surprise. It's not a problem to be solved. It's very sad, but it's not cause to panic.

If anything, their death is cause to take a deep breath, to stop, and be really present to what's happening. If you're at home, maybe put on the kettle and make a cup of tea.

Sit at the bedside and just be present to the experience in the room. What's happening for you? What might be happening for them? What other presences (God) is here that might be supporting them on their way? Tune into all the beauty and magic.

Pausing gives your soul a chance to adjust, because no matter how prepared we are, a death is still a shock. If we kick right into "do" mode, and call 911, or call the hospice, we never get a chance to absorb the enormity of the event.

Give yourself five minutes or 10 minutes, or 15 minutes just to be. You'll never get that time back again if you don't take it now.

After that, do the smallest thing you can. Call the one person who needs to be called. Engage whatever systems need to be engaged, but engage them at the very most minimal level. Move really, really, really, slowly, because this is a period where it's easy for body and soul to get separated.

Our bodies can gallop forwards, but sometimes our souls haven't caught up. If you have an opportunity to be quiet and be present, take it. Accept and acclimatize and adjust to what's happening. Then, as the train starts rolling, and all the things that happen after a death kick in,

you'll be better prepared.

You won't get a chance to catch your breath later on. You need to do it now.

Being present in the moments after death is an incredible gift to yourself, it's a gift to the people you're with, and it's a gift to the person who's just died. They're just a hair's breath away. They're just starting their new journey in the world without a body. If you keep a calm space around their body, and in the room, they're launched in a more beautiful way. It's a service to both sides of the veil.

Sarah Kerr



There's no storm that God won't carry you through. No bridge that God won't help you cross. No battle that God won't help you win. No heartache that God won't help you let go of. He is so much bigger than anything you will face today.

Leave everything in His hands and embrace this day confidently knowing that He will take care of you.

### SUPPORT FOR ADULTS AFFECTED BY GAMBLING:

If you are a gambler, or a spouse, partner, family member or friend affected by gambling?

Support is available from counsellor Martin Dunne at Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, Co Galway on Wednesdays and at Gort Family Resource Centre on Thursdays.

Email:

gsupport@loughreafamilyreso urcecentre.ie

THE GALWAY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES takes place 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It will be let by our new Bishop, Michael Duignan. For further info and booking please ☎ Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or email info@joewalshtours.ie

ARE YOU LIVING IN IRELAND UNDOCUMENTED? Do you know someone who may be an undocumented migrant? Undocumented people can apply for a legal status now. Applications for the new government undocumented scheme are open until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Don't miss this life changing opportunity. To check your eligibility and get support to apply visit the Migrants Rights Centre Ireland website www.mrci.ie or email info@mrci.ie or \$\alpha\$ 083-0755387.

**LIVING WELL** is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. Free online Living Well Programme – next programmes commences on (Limited Places) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-1pm - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7pm-9.30pm and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-1pm. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com



MAYO CANCER SUPPORT provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. ☎ 0949038407.

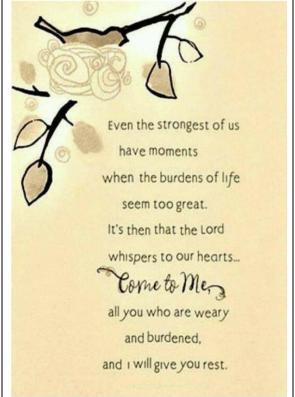
**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Wednesday at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further info from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine. **☎** 094-9375320.

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**JESUIT WEEK** is returning to Knock Shrine this year. Each session will be available to attend inperson, and will also be live-streamed on the Knock Shrine website and Facebook page. Jesuit Week runs from Sun 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July with three sessions per day at 10.30 am and 4.30 pm in Knock Basilica and at 8.30pm in the Apparition Chapel. The retreat will be led by Ashley Evans SJ







**ALIENS**: "Take us to your leader" **HUMANS**: "No.... You'll laugh at us."

The older I get the more I realise that the things that cost nothing hold the most value...

### 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.

### Shrule Church:

Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC

Account Name: Shrule Church Finance Committee:

IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and

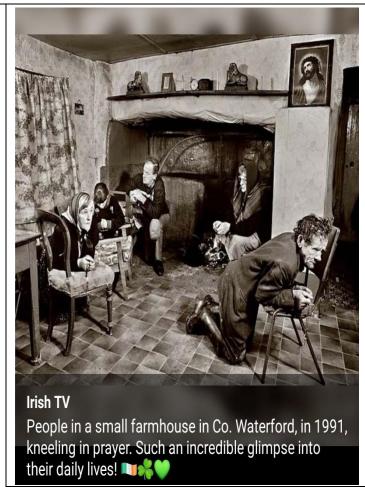
BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX
o Glencorrib Church:

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.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** 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. 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.

### 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.

### **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.

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#### **SHRULE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**

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

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

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH?

If you are interested, please call into the sacristy after Mass or during parish office opening hours or email parishofshrule3@gmail.com Thank You.

### THE BACK PAGE WITH GERALDINE MONAGHAN



### MAISIE KELLEGHAN RIP

A poem I have not shared before. A poem about the very lovely Maisie Kelleghan R.I.P. - Maisie was so familiar to me in my younger years, kind of like distant family - through my second family, the Kelleghan's. Maisie always seemed happy to me, and I remember being taken aback to learn of the grief and sadness she had endured in her life. She lost her husband when her children were very young and she suffered every parent's worst nightmare, when her beautiful daughter died tragically.

Maisie was someone who knew how to keep the best side outwards, despite what burdens she inevitably was shouldering.

The most thing I remember about Maisie was her laugh - you simply couldn't ignore it. It was contagious. I wrote this the night the lovely Maisie was buried and I share it with her family's permission.



The winter dew falls softly on the grasslands of Carramore,

While the early evening fog clings to the ground lamenting one of life's great characters.

The night sky creeps in and comes alive with a hundred thousand welcoming stars for the mammy and wife who has long since carried a burden too heavy for most.

Now the angels have melted the grief from her heart while Heaven welcomes it's much loved and loyal servant home.

Tonight the hearth of Paradise, is steeped in love and laughter and tea and cake, and everyone who can put talk down a bottle!

Maisie settles in amongst the friends and family who have come for the long awaited reunion...and she lets peace fill her heart as she looks back on a life well lived.

Courtesy of Geraldine Monaghan - 20 December 2021

### **EIGHTIES & NINETIES DALGAN.**

A wild place... truth be told.

We spoke our minds,

We fought our corners,

We learnt to be brazen and bold!

Sweetly digging our thumb nails into the stem of a daisy,

Or having a full blown scrap on the lawn,

Anything could happen on the Dalgan Road,

Possé life was strong!

We gathered clothes-pegs and blankets,

And made hideouts amongst the trees,

We carved footholds in the bark with pin-knives,

And played "shop" with the fallen leaves!

We debated if the strawberries were really worth it...

As we weighed up the electric fence!

The short straw... was really the short straw.

It had little to do with common sense!

We spent a summer building a raft,

So we could catch pike on Dooley's lake,

We just forgot that we needed a paddle...

And that our raft, didn't have a brake!

Then one of us got access to a Honda,

Which one of us we could not say,

The chances are, if that bike could talk Ted,

It would probably have plenty to say!

Now we stand here in this graveyard,

Familiar faces gathered once again,

We made the crack where we found it John,

And we'll always have memory lane.



