SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWSLETTER - 3rd APRIL 2022

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832									
Sat	2 nd Apr	8.00 pm		lsh and John Walsh Snr.,					
Sun	3 rd Apr	11.00 am		gins, Ballycushion	15 th Anniv				
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		3.00 pm		the Blessed Sacrament:	3pm to 4pm				
Mon	4 th Apr		No Mass						
Tue	5 th Apr	9.30 am		een Pender, Shrule	48 th Anniv				
Wed	6 th Apr	9.30 am	\ \ !	lurphy, Dalgan Road and h	nis 4 th Anniv &				
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Thu	7 th Apr	9.30 am	Ita McMorroy	Ita McMorroy Layden					
			Special Inter						
Fri	8 th Apr	7.00 pm	Adoration of	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm to 7.55pm					
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Sun	10 th Apr			ael Hyland, St. Mary's Roa					
3.00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm									
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876									
Sat	2 nd Apr	6.30 pm	Brendan Donohue and his grandparents 33 rd ,						
			Michael & Nora Coyne, Ballynalty 57 th & 48 th Anniv						
			Anointing of the sick during Mass						
Sun	3 rd Apr	9.30 am	Thomas & Del	ia Cottingham, Mounthen	ry 31 st & 31 st Anniv				
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm								
Wed	6 th Apr	10.10 am	Special intention						
Fri	8 th Apr	6.30 pm		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm to 6.55pm					
		7.00 pm	Liz McClusky						
			Eimear Daly , Lissananny, Kilconly RIP 08/03/2022						
Sat	9 th Apr	6.30 pm	Maura Carr , G		17 th Anniv				
Sun	10 th Apr	9.30 am	Missa Pro Populo - Mass for the people of the parish						
	3.00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm								
CHUF	RCH ROTAS	S FOR APRIL	. 2022	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB				
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass				Sharon Geraghty	Volunteer for this week only				
LAY READERS – Morning Mass				Princess Farrell	Ronan Petty				
		MINISTERS -		Martina Jennings	Nellie Hogan				
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS				Carmel Heneghan	Geraldine Donohue				
USHERS Wakefield – Volunteers Needed for April Rostaff									
ALTAR SOCIETY Kilmaine Rd, Kille & Cahermaculick Rostaff									
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE GLENCORRIB CHURCH CHOIR									

THIS WEEKEND: The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses this weekend of 2nd / 3rd April to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families

Collection for Ukraine

and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. practice for Easter will take place on Tuesday 5th April @ 8pm. All members are welcome back and new members are also invited.

CHILDMINDER WANTED to look after 2 kids. A 3 year old & 1

their own home. Flexible hours.

/ Text Elaine on - 0872399745

year old, Monday to Friday in

WESTERN ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY

Many thanks to all those who supported the recent Western Alzheimer's Tea Day at Shrule Post Office on Friday last. A total of €537 was contributed. We wish to thank Claire McGuiness



for the use of Shrule Post Office, the organisers, the many volunteers who made the tea and most of all, all those who supported the charity and donated.

DAFFODIL DAY/
IRISH CANCER
SOCIETY - Many
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supported the recent



Daffodil Day fundraiser in Shrule Post Office. A total of €1,640 was donated. We wish to thank Claire McGuiness for the use of Shrule Post Office, the organisers, the many volunteers and most of all, all those who supported the charity and donated.

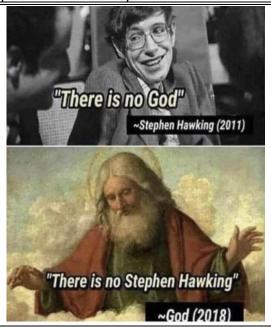
HELLO HEADFORD HOW ARE YOU?

Hello, How Are You? is a simple yet effective mental health promotion campaign developed by Mental Health Ireland, that encourages people to say 'Hello' and ask 'How, Are You?' The concept of the Hello, How are you? Campaign is to ask with meaning, and to really listen to the person's response.

The campaign breaks down the steps: H.E.L.L.O.(H=Hello, E= Engage, L=Listen, L=Learn and O=Options) which supports people to reach out, say hello and ask how are you?

On Friday, 8th April 2022, Solas Family Resource Centre invite all to attend an event in St. George's Square, Headford from 12noon to 3pm. The event hopes to create a greater awareness and understanding of mental health. Help increase confidence in starting conversations about mental health and normalising conversations about mental health in all settings. The special guest speaker is Maria Walsh MEP. Joining us on the day will be members of the Claddagh Watch Patrol The programme for the day

12noon – PCH Headford Orchestra & Choir 12.30pm: Maria Walsh MEP - Guest Speaker 1.30pm: Matt Cunningham Band 2.00pm: Noelie Mc Donnell 2.30pm Don Stiffe



Always have each others backs

JUST A THOUGHT:

During a prank, a student stuck a paper on his classmate's back that said "I'm Stupid", and asked the rest of the class not to tell the boy. Thus the students began laughing on and off...

Came afternoon maths class started and their teacher wrote a difficult question on the board. No one was able to answer it except the boy with the sticker. Amid the unexplained giggles, he walked toward the board and solved the problem.

The teacher asked the class to clap for him and remove the paper on his back. She told him: "It seems that you don't know about the paper your classmate has pasted on your back."

Then the teacher looked at the rest of the class and said:

"Before I give you a punishment, let me tell you 2 things:

First, throughout your Life, people will put labels on you with many

nasty words to stop your progress. Had your classmate known about the paper, he wouldn't have gotten up to answer the question.

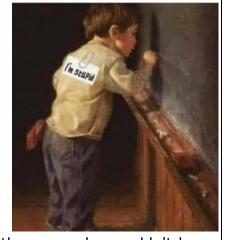
All you have to do in Life is ignore the labels people give you and seize every opportunity you have to learn, grow and improve yourself."

"Second, it's clear that he doesn't have any loyal friend among you all to tell him about the sticker. It doesn't matter how many friends you have - it is the loyalty you share with your friends that matters.

If you don't have friends who can defend you behind your back, who can watch over you, protect you and who genuinely care about you, you are better off alone." Always have each other's backs.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:

- In the story of the Prodigal Son, the Sunday school teacher asked the children. "Who was upset that the younger brother had returned". A child answered, "The fattened calf".
- My partner said I never listen to them, or something like that.
- This is my step ladder, I never knew my real ladder.



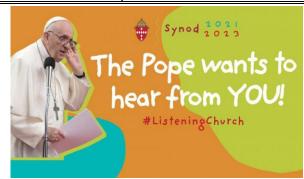
PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THOSE WHO DIED ON THIS WEEK IN FORMER YEARS						
Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery	
Cottingham	Delia	Mount Henry	01/04/1991		Killursa	
Conneely	Julia	Gortatubber	02/04/1960	91	Killursa	
Madden	Michael	Brodella	03/04/1986	80	Shrule	
Burke	Sr. Catherine	Cloonbanane	03/04/2011		Shrule	
Geraghty	Mary	Shrule	03/04/2012		Shrule	
Pender	Brigid	Shrule	04/04/1977	76	Shrule	
Walsh	John	Abbeytown	04/04/1985		Abbeytown	
Higgins	Kathleen	Ballycushion	04/04/2007	63	Kilmaine	
Walsh	John Joe	Abbeytown	04/04/2013	58	Shrule	
Loftus	David	Boula	05/04/1922	68	Killursa	
Walsh	Francis	Brodella	05/04/1937	29	Shrule	
Davin	James	St. Mary's Road	05/04/1954	75	Shrule	
O'Neill	Paddy	Dalgan.	05/04/2013	80	Shrule	
O'Sullivan	Nora	Gortbrack	05/04/2020	78	Killursa	
O'Dea	Martin	Polacopple	06/04/1916	61	Shrule	
Golding	Mrs.	Shrule	06/04/1942	79	Kilmaine	
Moughan	Brigid	Tubberkeerane	06/04/1943	85	Shrule	
Langan	John	Shrule	06/04/1997	78	Shrule	
Myers	Stephen	Shrule	07/04/1923	24	Shrule	
Hennelly	Michael	Glencorrib	07/04/1943	80	Killursa	
Flood	Patrick	Ballynalty	07/04/1958	81	Billypark	
Sweeney	John	Brodella	07/04/1976	70	Shrule	
Conway	Albert	Killiney	07/04/2021	71	Moyne	
Monahan	Mary	Toorard	08/04/1920	74	Moyne	
Gannon	Brigid	Toorard	08/04/1973	83	Billypark	
Byrne	Thomas	Tubbersharave	09/04/1919	80	Shrule	
Gannon	Mary	Boula	09/04/1927	101	Killursa	
Frehan	Julia	Shrule	09/04/1960	74	Shrule	
Naughton	Mary	Rostaff	09/04/1961	57	Moyne	
Sweeney	Peter	Glassvalley	09/04/1968	73	Killursa	
Garvey	Margaret	Gortbrack	09/04/1980	82	Killursa	
Swindells	Rita	Rochdale	09/04/1990		Donaghpatrick	
Kennedy	Margaret	Woodpark	09/04/2005	84	Shrule	
Dooley	Patrick	Cullagh	10/04/1929	88	Cloughanover	
Cottingham	Patrick	Mount Henry	10/04/1932	20	Killursa	
Flood	John	Glencorrib	10/04/1997	83	Donaghpatrick	
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PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Ann Holt (Née Egan) Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin and formerly of Castletown, Cross. Sister of Bridie Mellett, Mochara. Funeral Mass for Ann too place in Dublin on Monday 28th March 2022. RIP

"PATHWAY TO DIALOGUE"

Pope Francis is asking the Church to listen to every voice in the community, the entire People of God. Each and all have a view to offer on our Church and no-one can be excluded! In the words of Pope Francis we aspire "to plant dreams ... allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds and warm hearts..." (Pope Francis, address of 3 October 2018).



We are holding such a Synodal Gathering on Thursday April 7th, 7:30-8.45pm in St. Joseph's Shrule for parishioners of St. Joseph's and the Immaculate Conception, Glencorrib. All are welcome as we come together to listen to each other and enter into an ongoing dialogue in the Irish Church that will lead to transformation and change. Fr. Gerard McCarthy, along with another member of the Diocesan Synodal Team, will chair the meeting.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT are seeking participants for the West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon, taking place on 1st May, to help raise vital funds for local cancer support services. For more info please **2** 094 9038407.

ISN'T IT WEIRD that we have one hand that knows how to do everything and another that just sits there like "I don't know how to hold a pencil"

CELEBRATING ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING MASS

There will be a community celebration of the Anointing of the Sick at

this weekend Masses – 2nd & 3rd April 2022.

Glencorrib, Saturday April 2nd 6.30pm When: Shrule: Sunday April 3rd 11.00am

Anyone, regardless of age, can receive the sacrament if they suffer ill health, experienced an accident, are currently sick, undergoing medical treatment or going for surgery. 'The Sacrament of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death' CCC1514

You or a family member or friend or neighbour are welcome to receive the Sacrament at these community celebrations.

Purpose of the Sacrament: The Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament, meaning that through the rite and ritual (the prayers and actions) of the sacrament, the

Real Presence of God is present. The experience of the Sacrament varies from person to person. For some, it is reassuring and comforting to know that in their illness, the Church remembers them & prays with them for return to good health. The anointing for others reaffirms their faith and belief in God at a time of fear and uncertainty. The sacrament can bring healing from the physical to mental to the spiritual. While often the sacrament is administered privately, the ideal moment to celebrate the Sacrament is in a community gathering, often during the celebration of the Eucharist. This gives emphasis and focus that those who are ill are not alone but part of the Church community and are in the community's prayers in a very visible manner. Through the anointing, the faith community express their support to the sick in

their illness and continues to express Jesus work of healing. The purpose of the Sacrament is to convey a message of hope and comfort, including to those who are careers.

Who is it for?: Many people believe the Anointing of the Sick is just for the extremely old, the critically ill and the only time to be received is close to death. It is often referred to as the 'Last Rites'. This misunderstanding has created an under

appreciation of this sacrament. This sacrament is not about dying and death but is about life and living! Put another way, God does not want us to suffer as such a premise makes nonsense of our redemption. Rather, God wants us to have life and have it to the full. The purpose of the Sacrament, of the Anointing of the Sick is for those who are sick, in pain or suffering to assure them that God is present and with them at this worrying time of their lives.

Who Can Receive?: In the Letter of James 5:13, James writes, "Is anyone among you sick: He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise them up".

Faith & Medicine: It is important to remember that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick complements medical treatment. It does not replace it. God uses the skill of the medical staff as well as medical techniques to restore

health. Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Catholics feel and experience pain as do all other people. Our faith provides us with an avenue to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering. Research shows that where people acknowledge and attend to their spiritual, they not only face illness with more confidence and resolve but in fact, show greater recovery. There are numerous times in Scripture where Christ visited and healed the sick and the sacrament gives' expression to God's presence in our lives.

These 2 branches of human life complement each other. The Sacrament of the Sick does not remove the mystery of suffering; rather it gives expression to the healing presence of God in the midst of suffering.

THE 40TH MAYO PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIP

will take place on Sunday 10th April 2022 on the farm of Adrian Barry, Glebe House, Kilcommon, Roundfort F12 XK68. Music by Eunice Moran & Band. Official opening by Anna May McHugh. Special appearance by Galway Blazers.



'Ah, spring! Wonder what's been going on in the world.

IF YOU'RE STILL DRIVING AROUND IN THAT BEAT-UP OLD PAST...



NATIONAL SCHOOLS ENROLMENT 2022/2023

GLENCORRIB NS:

Enrolment forms and all other info can be found on the "Enrolment" tab of our school website www.qlencorribns.ie

SHRULE NS: Please email the school office@shrulens.ie for further information. http://www.shrulens.ie/

KILROE NS For further information, please email the school kilroeschool@gmail.com or visit https://www.kilroens.ie/

BALLYCUSHION NATIONAL SCHOOL: Enrolment forms can be found on the "Enrol Now" tab on our website.

http://www.ballycushion.com Email: office@ballycushion.com

FOOTSTEPS PRESCHOOL @ Glencorrib NS, Glencorrib. ECCE preschool (2 Free Preschool Years) National Childcare Scheme available. Email

edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com or ☎ Helen 086-1717833

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



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"



I'm sure by April all will be good and back to normal.

April:



THE WILDE RIVER DRAMA GROUP, Ballinrobe Present "Hooked" by Gillian Grattan in O'Brien's Memorial Hall, The Neale on Thursday 7th Friday 8th & Saturday 9th April. Doors Open 8pm. Tickets available from D Biggins, Ballinrobe \$\alpha\$ 0949542444 on online via Eventbrite.

THIS WEEK 'THE **WAY** Community 94.6fm Claremorris Radio discusses the upcoming Census 22. The Census in on Sunday night 3rd April 2022. Guest speaker is Pat O Rourke Midlands Regional Supervisor Census 22. program will provide information on The importance of the Census? Do we have to answer all questions? Is the form available in other languages? What happens if I refuse to take the Census form? Where can I get help? Confidentiality? and many more. Claremorris Community Radio will broadcast 'The Way it is' on Monday 28th March at 7pm, and again on Friday 1st April @ 5pm. Listen in on 94.6fm or www.ccr946.ie or via the Tunelm app on your smartphone.



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.

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

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.



GALWAY CENTRE INDEPENDENT LIVING has been supplying Caring/Assisting Services persons and with disabilities since 1994. Due to an increased demand for our services Homecare and our Personal Assistance Service to People with disabilities we are now recruiting in your area. If you have QQI Healthcare award and experience we can offer €14.50 per hour. Please forward CV to vacancies@gcil.ie or contact Ann on 091-773910.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN BOTH CHURCHES

Every Sundays in Lent: 3pm-4pm.

All are welcome. We would like to invite you to spend some time in prayer this Lent. 5 mins or 10 mins or whatever length of time



up to one hour. Suggestions of things to pray for family, self, community, world peace, sick or those in need.

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

For those who are interested, we are delighted to offer a **Free of Charge Online Easter Triduum Retreat**. The retreat consists of four short video reflections based on the artwork of the Dominican artist Fra Angelico. "When I am Lifted up from the Earth" Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico

The presenter is Michael Dunleavy OP a member of the Irish Dominican Province. He studied theology at the Dominican House of Studies, Tallaght and the Angelicum University, Rome. Michael has always had a keen interest in music and the arts; and, in his Dominican ministry, has preached retreats and presented conferences on the theme of the beauty of the Christian faith as portrayed in masterpieces of art and masterworks of music.

Please find more information about the retreat and how to register here

Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico "When I am lifted up from the Earth" The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a Free of Charge online retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

Visit our website *prioryinstitute.com* or click on this link https://bit.ly/3DWrTkx to register/find out more. *Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information. Frances O'Loughlin, Marketing Manager,* The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, D24 W410. ☎ (01) 404 8129

SHRULE GLENCORRIB GAA & LGFA NEWS: Membership for 2022 is now open and Shrule/Glencorrib GAA & LGFA Club invites you to become a member of your local club. Whether you are a player, ex player, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, friend, relative or supporter, there is a place for everyone in Shrule/Glencorrib

https://reg.sportlomo.com/club/gaa/connacht/mayo/shruleglencorrib





WELL DONE TO OUR 6
SHRULE/GLENCORRIB LADS WITH THEIR COUNTY TODAY
V GALWAY, ROSCOMMON & LEITRIM

MAYO PPN FREE SPRING TRAINING COURSES 2022	Date	Time
Twitter: Twitter is the preferred medium for communicating with funders, local authorities, journalists, public agencies, influencers and for learning, sharing and interacting.		10am to 11.30am 7.30pm to 9pm

To book your chosen course, email **mayoppn@mayococo.ie** with your name and phone number. Places are limited and available to first come – first served basis.



GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

To book the community centre please **≅** Dell Maye on 087 7542740.

It is now mandatory to book the hall before any meeting takes place.

Thank You.

STAMP DONATIONS: You may have seen the box of stamps in Shrule post office, or the box in Glencorrib church porch? These used stamps are collected by a religious order based in Dublin called 'Handmaids of the Sacred Hearts' who recycle the stamps



so they can be sold to stamp collectors. The money raised from this is used to give financial support to various projects the order is involved in around the world. They have sent some booklets which are available in the church porches with information on the work they are able to do as a result of your support. Thank you for your kind support, and if you have not recycled your old stamps, maybe you will consider doing it now

SHRULE GLENCORRIB GAA & LGFA CLUB LOTTO



Congratulations to **Marie O'Malley** who is the winner of the 5 free lines for next week's draw Next week's jackpot is now €22,800!!!!! https://bit.ly/shruleglencorribGAA

Thank you all for your support! 60

THE CENSUS IS TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Census Enumerators are calling to every home in the country

CENSUS 3 APRIL 2022 www.census.ie

to deliver census forms from now until census day. They will return after census night to collect your completed form. Enumerators can help you with any census queries that you have, and there is more information at census.ie Census is carried out by the Central Statistics Office. Enumerators wear yellow hi-viz jackets and carry an ID badge. It is very important that everyone is counted so we need householders to open their door to receive the form. A caller at the door can be unwelcome so I would appreciate your support ensure the success of this important undertaking. The census is a count, and account, of Ireland's population on Census Night (Sunday 3 April 2022). By law, everyone in the country on that night must be included on a census form. Census data gives vital information to help plan for homes, schools, hospitals, transport, age related services and many other services that are needed in our communities and country. One of the great strengths of the census is that it shows the number of people living in each region, county, town and local area in Ireland, and provides detailed population figures at each level. These help to identify the demand for services both locally and nationally. Census returns are treated as strictly private and used only for statistical purposes.

"QUOTE, UNQUOTE"

- "He was born with the attitude towards all attractive women that a fisherman has towards all the trout in the stream, and he never saw any reason to change it." -Rex Stout.
- Democracy means government by discussion but it is only effective if you can stop people talking." -C. Atlee.
- "Asking a working writer what he feels about critics is like asking a lamp-post how it feels about dogs." –Christopher Hampton.

THE JOURNEY IS SHORT.

An elderly woman got on a bus and sat down. At the next stop, a strong, grumpy young woman climbed up and sat down beside the old woman, hitting her with her numerous bags.

When she saw that the elderly woman remained silent, the young woman asked her why she had not complained when she hit her with her bags?

The elderly woman replied with a Smile: "There is no need to be rude or discuss something so insignificant, as my trip next to you is so short, because I am going to get off at the next stop."

This answer deserves to be written in gold letters: "There is no need to discuss something so insignificant, because our journey together is too short."

Each of us must understand that our time in this world is so short, that darkening it with useless arguments, jealousy, not forgiving others; discontentment and bad attitudes are a ridiculous waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart? Stay calm.

The trip is too short.

Did someone betray you, intimidate, cheat or humiliate you? Relax - Don't be Stressed

The trip is too short.

Did someone insult you without reason? Stay calm. Ignore it.

The trip is too short.

Did a neighbour make a comment that you didn't like? Stay calm. Ignore him. Forgive that.

The trip is too short.

Whatever the problem someone has brought us, remember that our journey together is too short. No one knows the length of our trip. Nobody knows when it will arrive at its stop.

Our trip together is too short.

Let us appreciate friends and family.

Let us be respectful, kind and forgiving.

Because we will be filled with gratitude and joy, after all

Our trip together is very short.

Share your smile to everyone....

Our trip is Very Short!

-Author Unknown

EMPATHY

When you plant lettuce, if it does not grow well don't blame the lettuce. You look for reasons it is not doing well. It may need fertilizer, or more water, or less sun. You never blame the lettuce. Yet, if we have problems with our friends or family, we blame the other person. But if we know how to take care of them, they will grow well, like the lettuce. Blaming has no positive effect at all, nor does trying to persuade using reason and argument. That is my experience. No blame, no reasoning, no argument, just understanding. If you understand, and you show that you understand, you can love, and the situation will change.

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BITS AND PIECES

"Heating of atmosphere, due to the burning of fossil fuels, is seemingly upending that process long appeared unshakeable. A new study reveals that many bird species are nesting and laying their eggs a month earlier than they did a century ago. Nesting earlier puts birds at risk of sudden cold snaps".

A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

War leaves disturbing images behind. "Napalm Girl" is a famous photo that shocked the world in 1972. The picture shows a naked 9-year-old girl, screaming in pain for help and running toward the cameras of journalists. She survived the burning to become an international journalist with Associated Press.

In 1989 the Tiananmen Square protest was brutally crushed, but the events produced the iconic photo of the 20th Century - a lone protester standing defiantly in front of a line of army tanks. It's not known who he was or what happened to him but he has become the defining image of protests.

The photographs that have emerged from the war in Ukraine over the past few weeks have borne indisputable witness to things no human being wishes to see: a mother and her children killed trying



to flee a war zone, a pregnant woman being stretchered out of a bombed maternity hospital, mass graves. If journalism is the first rough draft of history, photography is the first call to emotional response.

For over a century, media historians have debated "image overload," the idea that being exposed to so many different images so often is numbing us, rendering us incapable of feeling. Yet the pictures coming out of Ukraine prove that war photography has lost none of its power to stop

people in their tracks.

These reflections were prompted by two videos of war I watched this week. One was a young woman outside the railway station in Kyiv, playing the piano while the air raid sirens howl across the fearful city. The calm beauty of music and the girl defied the threats – music that, if silenced here by bombs, will be played elsewhere by someone else.

The second showed a group of soldiers playing instruments and dancing during a break from the grimness. The small crowd loved it – an interval of joy. But, you might ask what's the point? Is it defiance? Or sheer bloody mindedness? A gesture of order against a landscape of chaos?



There is a long tradition behind them. Three thousand years ago a prophet called Jeremiah was about to be sent off into exile with his people. Military defeat had led to loss and humiliation for a people who thought God had been on their side and couldn't now understand the abandonment they felt. And, as loss dominated everything – as life seemed to be ending – Jeremiah bought a field. Pointless – the exile in Babylon might last for decades or, even, centuries?

Jeremiah had no illusions about suffering, but he was also able to imagine a different future. Many of his friends thought he was deluded. But, he was drawn by a vision of God and life that saw beyond the immediate, convinced that out of the destruction new life will come. So, he buys a field that someone else might one day cultivate to feed a community or start an economy.

Jeremiah refused to let violence have the last word. So do the Ukrainian soldiers and the young pianist. In this sense, hope has a melody and life has a rhythm that makes us dance. Fr Dick Lyng.



Very few people know this but the tiny pocket on your jeans is for your salary.



SYNODAL PATHWAY

THE CARDINAL overseeing the worldwide synod has said the process is an attempt to end the Church's "culture of silence" about its problems including the clerical sexual abuse crisis and the "deep divisions" that exist between Catholics.

Cardinal Mario Grech (RIGHT), the secretary general of the Synod of Bishops office in Rome, said the synod is an opportunity to have a "frank and open" discussion on the fundamental questions about the future of Catholicism.

"There are problems, issues, within the Church about which we choose to remain silent rather than speaking," he said during a Mass to open a three-day meeting of church leaders, "The Road to a Synodal Church", at the Catholic Chaplaincy of the University of Oxford on 24 March.



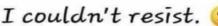
"The clearest example which comes to everyone's mind is the sexual abuse crisis that the Church went through and is still going through."

The cardinal cited disagreements over the liturgy, the role of women in the Church, political divisions, and why some "want to exclude certain categories from our pews", a reference to LGBT Catholics.

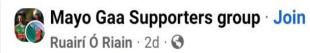
Meanwhile, the chair of the steering committee for Ireland's national synodal pathway has said it is important for people to hear about some of the challenges the bishops face and how they believe synodality could develop a more collaborative leadership in the Church.



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