#### SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 Parish email: parishofshrule3@gmail.com Parish Web: www.shruleglencorrib.com

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**OPENING HOURS** | Glencorrib - Curates House (Sunny Days), Wednesdays 10.30am to 12-noon

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY - (YEAR A) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876					
Sat	27th May	6:30 pm	Michael & Bridget Heuan, daughter Anne Rice &		
			brother-in-law Francis Rice		
Sun	28th May	9.30 am	Irene Dougan, Scotland		
			Eileen Howard & DM Howard Family		
		3.00 pm	Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 3pm to 4pm		
Wed	31st May	10:10 am	Eileen Moran		
Fri	2nd June	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm to 6.55pm		
		7:00 pm	Special Intention		
Sat	3rd June	6:30 pm	Special Intention		
Sun	4th June	9.30 am	Jimmy Corbett, Ballycurrin		

This weekend we welcome Fr Ger McCarthy to celebrate Mass with us in Fr Vivian's Absence

CHURCH ROTAS FOR JUNE	SHRULE	GLENCORRIB
LAY READERS – Vigil Mass	Maura Mullin	Lisa Moran
LAY READERS – Morning Mass	Geraldine Casserly	Ashling Donnelly
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> - Vigil Mass	Patricia Martyn	Monica Ryan
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> - Morning	John Muldoon	Volunteer
ALTAR SOCIETY	Shrule/Churchfields	Moyne/Toorard

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH?** Readers of the Word; Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Society volunteers, Choir, Musicians and Parish Secretary are needed. If you are interested, please call into the sacristy after Mass or during parish office opening hours or email parishofshrule3@gmail.com

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY 8PM THURSDAY



BEFORE YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DIET, I SHOULD WARN YOU, I FOLLOW YOU ON FACEBOOK

## HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE

## Riddle me this:

What word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?

(Last week's answer: A map)

I can resist everything except temptation. *(Oscar Wilde)* 

I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by. (*Douglas Adams.*)

Independent pilgrimage organiser James Treacy is arranging a Galway/Mayo pilgrimage to the Holy

Land for Christmas 2023, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Mount of Olives. Full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

Please contact James Treacy at 061 921470 or Email <u>jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com</u> for further information.



## Prayer for Vocations:

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know each of us by name. Through Baptism you reach into our hearts and call us to do something special for you with our lives. We pray for vocations. Give people the courage to

answer your call to follow you and serve the people of God. A vocation is a service to bring God's joy and love into a world that longs for it.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Family Support Drop-in Clinic**

Are you dealing with a difficult issue at home? Do you need a friendly ear to voice your concerns? Solas Family Resource Centre in conjunction with Tusla and Foroige are offering a **Family Support Community Drop-In Clinic on the first Wednesday of every month. The next clinic will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 1pm. No appointment needed** just call in for a cup of tea and a chat. We will provide a safe and confidential space to discuss your issues and concerns, we can support or link you with other services, provide information and guidance. If needs be you can contact John on 093-36446 or Eamonn on 086-1713384 for more information.

## THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE IN LOOUGH DERG

**Friday 23 to Sunday 25 June 2023**. Bus departing Renmore church at 7.15am on Friday (pick-up points can be arranged if required).

Cost €130 including bus. For more information and bookings please contact Anne on 086 838 1633 or Patrizia at 086 407 3192.

**Headford Dementia Café** will take place on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> May from 11-12:30 in Headford Hall. The Dementia Café is free and open to all people with dementia and their families. It is a relaxed space for people with dementia and their families to meet, chat and have a laugh. This month's guest speaker is Katie Grant, who is a Development Officer with Age Action. It promises to be an interesting talk. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. For more information, contact: Solas FRC @093-36446

Sunny Days are delighted to announce our Family Fete day will take place on Bank Holiday Monday June 5th in Glencorrib/ KiIlroe

Community sports field. Gates open 12.30pm. Come and join



us for a great family day out.

**Message of Pope Francis for Day of Prayer for Vocations: Vocation: Grace & Mission** (Full letter available in online Newsletter; printed here in 4 parts over 4 weeks – Part 4 of 4)

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May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you. With my blessing. *Rome, Saint John Lateran, 30 April 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter.* 

#### FRANCIS

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year, which concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.



It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptised. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptised following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the **birthday of the Church** - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

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Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Sheridan	Catherine	Mohology	27/05/1927	84	Shrule
Hyland	Patrick	Ballisnahina	27/05/1941	86	Moyne
Crampton	Mary	Shrule	27/05/1949	90	Shrule
Hogan	Helena	Rosdaff	27/05/1952	57	Moyne
Meenaghan	Kate	Gurteen	27/05/1955	60	Shrule
McGaugh	Eamon	Glassvalley	27/05/2006	68	Kilursa
Corbett	Richard	Anlacca	28/05/1917	77	Shrule
Higgins	Patrick	Dalgan	28/05/1933	91	Shrule
Corbett	Patrick	Anlacca	28/05/1936	64	Shrule
Davin	Delia	Dalgan	28/05/1979	74	Shrule
Lydon	Martin	Dalgan Park	28/05/1994	74	Shrule
Canavan	Mary	Ballycurrin	28/05/2008	84	Killursa
Mullin	Edward J.	Shrule	29/05/1945	71	Shrule
Crampton	Ann	Shrule	29/05/1975	82	Shrule
Duddy	Mary	Ramolin	29/05/1980	61	Shrule
Mangan	Michael	Boherbee	29/05/1997	22	Shrule
Petty	Baby Gerald	Ballisnahina	30/05/1949		Ross Erilly
Sheridan	Patrick	Dalgan Park	30/05/2017	69	Shrule
Connelly	Martin	Brodella	30/05/1985	82	Shrule
Burke	Margaret	Wakefield	31/05/1995	86	Shrule
Murphy	Anne	Ballycurrin	31/05/2015	49	Cross
Casey	Michael	De Clifford St.	01/06/1921	72	Shrule
Biggins	Thomas	Pulbee	01/06/1927	75	Moyne
Martyn	Mary	Shrule	01/06/1947	79	Shrule
Carroll	Mary	Longhill	01/06/1969	88	Donaghpatrick
Egan	Seamus	Shrule	01/06/1998	57	Shrule
Mangan	Patrick	Boherbee	01/06/2007	70	Shrule
Clabby	Marcus	De Clifford St.	02/06/1921	86	Shrule
Murphy	Mary	Shrule	02/06/1921	3	Shrule
Bodkin	James	Shrule	02/06/1932	69	New Quay
Flynn	Bridie	Glassvalley	02/06/2019	85	Killursa
Ward (Frehan)	Marie	Shrule	03/06/1968	05	Oxford
Hennelly	John L.	Toorard	03/06/1977	73	Moyne
O'Dowd	Michael	Cahernabruck	03/06/1977	70	Shrule
		Bullaun		86	
Hughes McGuinnass	Mary		03/06/2000	00	Shrule
McGuinness	Sean	Tobernadarry	03/06/2022	41	Shrule
Heneghan	Michael	Shrule	04/06/1933	41	Shrule
Lawless	Winifred	Wakefield	04/06/1958		Shrule
Thornton	Michael	Old Ballynalty	04/06/1951	69	Moyne
Farrell	Jimmy	Ballycurrin	04/06/2020		Shrule

Galway Diocesan Rosary Group meets every evening at 7:30pm to recite the rosary via Zoom. The Rosary Group is administered by Fr Martin Whelan, Diocesan Secretary and CC in Oranmore. If you would like to join the Rosary Group, just email galwaydiocesanrosary@gmail.com. The Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on June 27th to July 3rd. The fare is €850 for 6 nights which includes transportation to and from Galway/Shannon. Insurance is optional at €39 or pilgrims may have their own travel insurance. Further information can be got from Fr. Martin Moran, Killannin, Rosscahill, - 087/2508959. Bookings – Reservations – Enquiries to: Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2; email: info@joewalshtours.ie

Please take home your mass leaflet to reflect on the readings and prayers from today's service. It's an opportunity to deepen your spiritual journey and strengthen your relationship with God.

## THE MONSTER MAKING MACHINE

## A Multi-Media Show and Creative Workshop

Age Guide: 3-8 years (and their grown-ups) Duration: Show 30 mins / Workshop 15-30 mins

> 50 places only Book in advance

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Saturday 27 May 2023 11am

# **Community Centre**

Coming to...

Shrule

A fun, multi-media show for all the family with animation, puppetry, poetry, music and dance. During the performance puppets are created from 2D shapes by an ingenious monster making machine. Each character reveals its own special talent perfect for a mini monster circus. But there is trouble ahead, the star of the show gets stuck in the machine and needs help getting out...

The follow up workshop inspires children and grown ups to play and create using materials and concepts explored in the show.

Tickets - €8 per person https://shrulemonstermachine.eventbrite.ie



## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

## Vocation: Grace and Mission

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people! This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist <u>the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to</u> <u>respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its</u> <u>afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements</u>.

This year I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". This Day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others. We are called to a faith that bears witness, one that closely connects the life of grace, as experienced in the sacraments and ecclesial communion, to our apostolate in the world. Led by the Spirit, Christians are challenged to respond to existential peripheries and human dramas, ever conscious that the mission is God's work; it is not carried out by us alone, but always in ecclesial communion, together with our brothers and sisters, and under the guidance of the Church's pastors. For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love.

## "Chosen before the creation of the world"

The apostle Paul opens before us a remarkable horizon: in Christ, God the Father "chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will" (*Eph* 1:4-5). These words allow us to glimpse life at its fullest: <u>God has "conceived" us in his image and likeness and desires us to be his sons and daughters. We were created by love, for love and with love, and we are made for love.</u>

In the course of our lives, this call, which is part of the fibre of our being and the secret of our happiness, comes to us by the work of the Holy Spirit in ever new ways. It enlightens our minds, strengthens our wills, fills us with amazement and sets our hearts afire. At times, the Spirit comes to us in completely unexpected ways. So it was for me when, on 21 September 1953, as I was on my way to an annual school celebration, I was led to stop by a church and go to confession. That day changed my life and left a mark that has endured to the present day. **God's call to the gift of self tends to make itself known gradually: in our encounter with situations of poverty, in moments of prayer, when we see a clear witness to the Gospel, or read something that opens our minds.** When we hear God's word and sense that it is spoken directly to us, in the advice given by a fellow brother or sister, in moments of sickness or sorrow... In all the ways he calls us, God shows infinite creativity.

The Lord's initiative and his gracious gift call for a response on our part. **Vocation is "the interplay between divine choice and human freedom**", [1] a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart. The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found. This is the fundamental structure of what we mean by vocation: God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love. **We realize that we are beloved sons and daughters of the one Father, and we come to see ourselves as brothers and sisters of one another.** Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, when at last she "saw" this clearly, exclaimed, "At last I have found my calling: my call is love. Indeed, I have found my proper place in the Church... In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be love". [2]

## "I am a mission on this earth"

God's call, we said, includes a "sending". There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. **God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent. Saint Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16).** And the First Letter of John begins with the words, "What we have heard and seen, looked at and touched – the Word made flesh – we declare also to you, so that our joy may be complete" (cf. 1:1-4).

Five years ago, in the Apostolic Exhortation <u>Gaudete et Exsultate</u>, I spoke to every baptized person, saying, "You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission" (No. 23). Yes, because each and every one of us is able to say: "I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (<u>Evangelii Gaudium</u>, 273).

**Our shared mission as Christians is to bear joyful witness wherever we find ourselves, through our actions and words**, to the experience of being with Jesus and members of his community, which is the Church. **That mission finds expression in works of material and spiritual mercy, in a welcoming and gentle way of life that reflects closeness, compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the culture of waste and indifference.** By being a neighbour, like the Good Samaritan (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37), we come to understand the heart of our Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served (cf. *Mk* 10:45).

This missionary activity does not arise simply from our own abilities, plans and projects, nor from our sheer willpower or our efforts to practice the virtues; it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus. Only then can we testify to a Person, a Life, and thus become "apostles". Only then can we regard ourselves as "sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising, healing and freeing" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

The Gospel icon of this experience is that of the two disciples journeying to Emmaus. After their encounter with the risen Jesus, they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?" (*Lk* 24:32). In those disciples, we can see what it means to have "hearts on fire, feet on the move". [3] This is also my fervent hope for the coming World Youth Day in Lisbon, to which I joyfully look forward, with its

motto: "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). May every man and woman feel called to arise and go in haste, with hearts on fire.

#### Called together and convened.

The evangelist Mark relates the moment when Jesus called to himself twelve disciples, each by name. He appointed them to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the message, to heal infirmities and to cast out demons (cf. *Mk* 3:13-15). The Lord thus laid the foundations of his new community. The Twelve were people from different social classes and trades; none of them was a person of influence. The Gospels speak too of other callings, like that of the 72 disciples whom Jesus sent out two by two (cf. *Lk* 10:1).

**The Church is an** *Ecclesia*, the Greek word for *an assembly of persons called and convened*, in order to form the <u>community of missionary disciples of Jesus Christ committed to sharing</u> <u>love among themselves</u> (cf. *Jn* 13:34; 15:12) and spreading that love to all others, so that God's kingdom may come.

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# Pray for Life Novena 2023

## Join thousands of people across Ireland to Pray for Life!

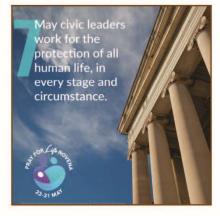


he Pray for Life Novena (prayforlife.ie) is an invitation to people across Ireland, and indeed across the world, to pray for the protection of human life. The novena, an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, begins on 23 May 2023 and ends on 31 May, the wonderful feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth.

Participants who sign up on the prayforlife.ie website are sent the novena prayer each day to their email in-box; the daily prayer includes the intention of the day, a short intercession, a reflection, and a suggested action to help build a culture for life. A downloadable copy of the novena for printing is also available on the website.

This feast day of the Visitation sums up beautifully what the Pray for Life novena is about: a celebration of joy in new life, even in what can seem like difficult and challenging circumstances. Mary was moved by grace to an act of faith and allowed God the Father to guide her. She is the first evangeliser: she carries Jesus in her womb, and John in Elizabeth's womb recognises him and leaps for joy. What transpires for their lives is remarkable. The consequence of Mary saying 'yes' and her simple act of faith is transformative and redemptive for humanity. When each of us respond with joy and courage to the prompt of the Holy Spirit, as Mary did, we can transform not only our own lives but the whole of society. We can return again to a society which values and protects all life, especially at the earliest and most vulnerable stages. We can build again a





society that understands a fundamental truth: that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection, that we each have a Father who wants us to 'have life and have it more abundantly' (John 10:10) What a powerful reality, that as members of the Body of Christ we can help those in their darkest moments, we can spiritually and practically connect with those feeling isolated, alone and undervalued: we can make a difference!

Last year was the first year of the Pray for Life novena, and the response was heart-warming and extremely encouraging: thousands of people of good will across Ireland and beyond joined in praying for life. The daily intentions included prayers for expectant mothers and fathers, for unborn children, for those who defend life, and for an end to abortion. We heard from parishes, prayer groups and families around Ireland who arranged to pray the novena together as a community, and who in turn shared it with others. This year again, the



Council for Life encourages parishes or other groups to pray the novena together in their church, prayer group or family.

If you are praying the novena as a group, please get in touch via the website *www.prayforlife.ie* to let us know, so that together we can build a sense of a community of life, and of praying together, inviting and encouraging others to join us.

The aim of this Novena is to help nurture a culture that respects all human life and to promote the protection of life in its entirety from the moment of conception to its natural end. We invite you to unite in prayer with thousands of people all over the country. We know that if we continue to pray and act and never give up, all human life will once again be valued and protected in our country.

'Bow down then before the power of God now, and he will raise you up on the appointed day; unload all your worries on him, since he is looking after you'

1 PT 5:7 FROM EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY