

# **GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

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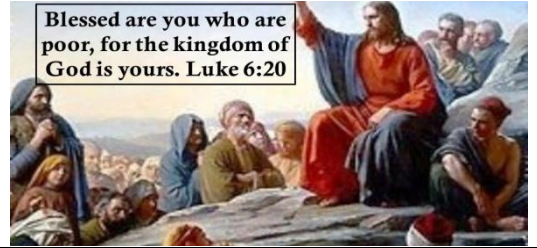
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Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Luke 6:20



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## **SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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

Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00 pm	<b>John Joe Walsh</b> , Kinlough	Month's Mind
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00 am	<b>Canon Noel Mullin</b> , Shrule & PP Claregalway	12 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Mass</b>	
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>John Joe Walsh</b> , Kinlough	RIP 09/01/2022
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Mass</b>	
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 7.00pm to 7.55pm</b>	
		8.00 pm	<b>Jack Walsh</b> , Brodella	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00 pm	<b>Thomas Egan</b> , Ohio & Main Street, Shrule <b>DM of the Shrule &amp; District Vintage Club</b> <b>Jimmie, Bridie &amp; Michael Kelleghan</b> <b>Chrissie &amp; Paddy Burke and their son</b> <b>Tom</b> , Ardmoran	Month's Mind Deceased members 35 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> & 51 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Anniv & Deceased
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00 am	<b>Kathleen &amp; Declan Biggins</b> , Dalgan Park	8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv

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

Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	<b>Kenneth Monaghan</b> , Ballycurrin <b>Michael Flood</b> , Ballynalty	6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Michael &amp; Toni (Antonette) Walshe</b> , The Parks	7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
		3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm</b>	
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.10 am	<b>Private Intention</b>	Private Intention
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6.30pm to 6.55pm</b>	
		7.00 pm	<b>Paddy Varley</b> , Mochara	RIP 24/11/2021
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	<b>Thomas &amp; Mary Mellett &amp; DM Mellett family</b> , Mochara	54 <sup>th</sup> & 71 <sup>st</sup> Anniv & deceased
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Mai &amp; James Hyland</b> , Ballisnahina	24 <sup>th</sup> & 52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
		3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3pm to 4pm</b>	

### **CHURCH ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>SHRULE</b>	<b>GLENCORRIB</b>
<b>LAY READERS</b> – Vigil Mass	Ann O'Brien	Monica O'Connor
<b>LAY READERS</b> – Morning Mass	Maryclare Mullin	Various readers
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> – Vigil Mass	Ann Geraghty	Frances Cotter
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> – Morning	Carmel Forde	Petrina Joyce
<b>USHERS</b>	Dalgan Park & Brackloon	Ballisnahina & Cathair Ard
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Dalgan Demesne, Gurteen & Carramore	Ballisnahina & Cathair Ard

**VOLUNTEER:** If you wish to volunteer for any of the above ministries, please call into the sacristy after Mass or during parish office opening hours or email [parishofshrul3@gmail.com](mailto:parishofshrul3@gmail.com) Thank You ☺

### **A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR**

- Cleaning the house fascinates everyone in my family... They can sit and watch me for hours!!!
- Are all partners the same, or is it just mine that remembers everything I do and say for training and quality purposes.
- The thief stealing T-Shirts in order of size is still at large.
- Prison Gates Area: Do not pick up hitchhikers.

### **JOIN A 4-PART CHOIR:**

Want to sing Mozart's Requiem? Galway Choral Association begins rehearsals on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February, for a concert in 2023. New members welcome to join in the next three weeks. Mary Curtin (PRO). Email [admin@galwaychoral.ie](mailto:admin@galwaychoral.ie) or see Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GalwayChoralAssociation>

Have you wished **"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"** to that someone special in your life this weekend.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP MICHAEL DUIGNAN (CLONFERT) IS TO BE THE NEW BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

A native of Athlone, Co Roscommon, Bishop Michael was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1970. He is the eldest of six children and attended Cloonakilla National School, Bealnamulla and St Aloysius College, Athlone. He studied for the Priesthood at St Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan, Co Wicklow and at the Pontifical Irish College in Rome. He was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Elphin on the 17th July 1994. Returning to Rome to complete postgraduate studies, he then served at the Cathedral Parish, Sligo and as Chaplain to the Institute of Technology, Sligo.

Subsequently, he completed Doctoral Studies in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He returned to Ireland in 2001 to take up the position of Curate in the Parish of Ahamlish and Innismurray in north Sligo and was appointed Diocesan Secretary before taking up the position of Lecturer in Religious Education and Theology at St Angela's College, Sligo and later Head of Religious Education and Chaplaincy Programmes.

In 2014, he was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Elphin and Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation. Bishop Michael was also National Director of the Permanent Diaconate and National Co-ordinator of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate. He has been involved over the years in numerous adult faith formation programmes, training programmes for ministry, formation of catechists, youth ministry programmes and formation of school chaplains and teachers of religious education. He sat on the Theological Commission for the cause for canonisation of the Servant of God Edward Flanagan and was Chair of the organising committee for the visit of Pope Francis to Knock Shrine in 2018.

He served for many years as Chairperson of the Board of Management of the College of the Immaculate Conception, Summerhill, Sligo. On the 16th July 2019, Bishop Michael was named by Pope Francis as Bishop of Clonfert succeeding Bishop John Kirby. He was ordained at St Brendan's Cathedral in Loughrea on the 13th October 2019 and took as his Episcopal motto "Respicite ad eum et illuminamini". (Psalm 34) "Look towards Him and be radiant". As a part the Episcopal Conference, he is a member of the Commission for Pastoral Care; Chair of the Council for Immigrants; Member of the Council for Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development; Member of the Council for Finance and General Purposes and member of the National Training Authority for the Permanent Diaconate in Ireland.

### OTHER INTERESTING READING IN OUR ONLINE PARISH NEWSLETTER

- Bringing Two or More Dioceses Together *in persona episcopi*
- Speaking notes of Bishop Michael Duignan on his appointment as Bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh & Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora while continuing to serve as Bp of Clonfert.
- Words of Bishop Brendan Kelly welcoming the appointment of Bishop Michael Duignan as Bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora.

We will also be serialising this in the printed newsletter over the next few weeks



### RESULTS OF THE SHRULE, GLENCORRIB & KILROE WILDLIFE SURVEY:

SGK Environment Group would like to announce that the findings of the survey are now available to see on [www.Shrule.ie](http://www.Shrule.ie) A document highlighting the key findings of the survey is now available for everyone to see link <http://shrule.ie/wildlife-survey/> Some key findings identified in our area

- 75 different bird types
- 120 Invertebrates (including 17 different butterflies)
- 15 different mammal types.



### SHRULE & DISTRICT VINTAGE CLUB

is holding an Autojumble and Auction on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Shrule Hall. Eircode H91 FX39. Antiques, Vintage cars, tractors, commercials & farm machinery. Start time is 10am until 5pm. Auction items to be entered by 12-noon. Visit our website at [www.shrulevintage.ie](http://www.shrulevintage.ie) for details or ☎ Bartley on 086-8246671 or Martin on 085-8595085.

**HEADFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** is pleased to announce the return of Headford's St. Patrick's Day parade, at 12.45pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. For more details see Facebook: Headford and District Association or email [hadassociation2003@gmail.com](mailto:hadassociation2003@gmail.com) Headfest are pleased to announce that this years' festival will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, featuring Mike Denver, All Folked Up, Johnny Brady and more, plus a host of community events. For information see Facebook: Headfest



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



Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Biggins	Bridget	Ballynalty	12/02/1937	84	Moyne
Laffey	Katie	Mohology	12/02/1972	84	Shrule
McDonagh	Nora	Tubberkeerane	12/02/1990	77	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Kathleen	Mochorra	12/02/2007	92	Shrule
Moffatt	Christopher	Glencorrib	12/02/2008	1 day	Moyne
Sweeney	Michael	Brodella	13/02/1952	80	Shrule
Geraghty	Joseph	Boula	13/02/1991	84	Moyne
Durkan	John	Shrule	13/02/2005	83	Castlebar
Murphy	Denis	Mochorra	14/02/1916	79	Shrule
Joyce	John	Gorthbrack	14/02/1924	77	Killursa
Molloy	Brigid	Ballynalty	14/02/1941	86	Moyne
Feeney	John	Brodella	14/02/1943	65	Shrule
Hogan	Michael	Rostaff	14/02/1950	88	Moyne
Geraghty	Tim	The Parks	14/02/1972	83	Ross Abbey
Biggins	Michael	Dalgan	14/02/1985	89	Killursa
Conroy	Mary	Mohorra	15/02/1920	80	Shrule
Corbett	Thomas	Kinlough	15/02/1922	70	Shrule
O'Sullivan	Morgan	Parks	15/02/1934		Killursa
Walsh	Margaret	Brodella	15/02/1938	69	Shrule
Thornton	Patrick	Polbee	15/02/1983	89	Moyne
Tallon	Jane	Shrule	16/02/1925	69	Shrule
Murphy	James	Shrule	16/02/1934	35	Shrule
Connor	Margaret	Boula	16/02/1941	70	Moyne
Walsh	Brigid	Ramolin	16/02/1947	62	Shrule
Moughan	Brigid	Cahernabrock	16/02/1964	76	Shrule
O'Sullivan	Richard Joseph	Ballycurrin	16/02/2016	72	Killursa
Haire	John	Rostaff	17/02/1927	87	Moyne
Payne	Margaret	Dalgan	17/02/1950	65	Shrule
Keville	James	Moyne	17/02/1957	86	Moyne
O'Malley	James	Mohology	17/02/1962	87	Shrule
Murphy	Brigid	Glencorrib	17/02/1964	90	Shrule
Egan	Michael	Brodella	17/02/1985	85	Shrule
Murphy	Julia	Cahernabrock	17/02/1999	77	Shrule
Hoade	Eugene	Cullagh	17/02/2012	40	Donaghpatrick
Biggins	Kathleen	Dalgan	17/02/2014		Shrule
Tedders	John	Shrule	18/02/1920	70	Shrule
Walsh	Elizabeth	Ballycurrin	18/02/1932	73	Killursa
Carty	Julia	Carheens, Dalgan	18/02/1998	80	Shrule
Gibsey	Patrick	Kille	19/02/1946		Shrule
Nolan	Patrick	Cloonbanane	19/02/1971	65	Shrule
Clarkin	Margaret	Glasbally	20/02/1919	57	Killursa
Kyne	Brigid	Brackloon	20/02/1926	60	Shrule
Garvey	Michael	Kilroe	20/02/1932	41	Killursa
Miadh	Elizabeth	Tubbersharave	20/02/1933	49	Shrule
Flynn	Brigid	Ballycurrin	20/02/1953	86	Ross Abbey
Gilmore	John	Caher	20/02/1981	74	Kilmaine
Pender	Ned	Shrule	20/02/1981	78	Shrule
Corbett	Michael	Anlacca	20/02/1988	85	Shrule

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

**GALWAY SOLEMN NOVENA – ONLINE THIS YEAR** – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Two sessions daily 9.30am & 7.30pm. Website [www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena)  
 Full details on our online parish newsletter and on printed newsletter next weekend.



## THE PARABLE OF THE CHINESE FARMER

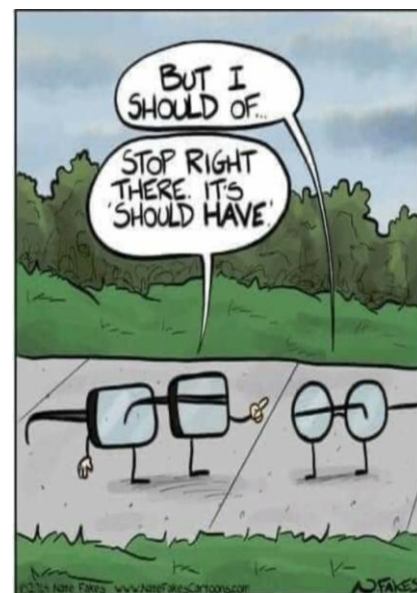
Once upon a time there was a Chinese farmer whose horse ran away. That evening, all of his neighbours came around to commiserate. They said, "We are so sorry to hear your horse has run away. This is most unfortunate." The farmer said, "**Maybe.**" The next day the horse came back bringing seven wild horses with it, and in the evening everybody came back and said, "Oh, isn't that lucky. What a great turn of events. You now have eight horses!" The farmer again said, "**Maybe.**"

The following day his son tried to break one of the horses, and while riding it, he was thrown and broke his leg. The neighbours then said, "Oh dear, that's too bad," and the farmer responded, "**Maybe.**"

The next day the conscription officers came around to conscript people into the army, and they rejected his son because he had a broken leg. Again all the neighbours came around and said, "Isn't that great!" Again, he said, "**Maybe.**"

The whole process of nature is an integrated process of immense complexity, and it's really impossible to tell whether anything that happens in it is good or bad—because you never know what will be the consequence of the misfortune; or, you never know what will be the consequences of good fortune. It is easy to make judgements about life. When something unpleasant happens, a person claims that it is terrible, clinging to an idea of terribleness. When something appears to be good, then someone will claim it as good and cling to an idea of good, but will suffer when it goes away.

Those who are wise are not attached to ideas of good and bad, right and wrong, ugliness and beauty. They patiently watch without judgement, aware of change, and open to what may come. They are not as fixed on conclusions about the answer in life, but rather, live in the mystery. They listen in stillness, not overflowing with opinions about how something appears, or should be, or what they believe about it. Mindfully, they accept what is arising and passing. They do not hide from their fear or anxiety or uncertainty. They flow with what comes, not stuck to their thoughts, open to unfolding nuances.



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## SHRULE/GLENCORRIB GAA & LGFA CLUB AGM:

The Club AGM for 2021 was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in Glencorrib/Kilroe Community Centre with a large attendance on the night. Outgoing Chairperson David Craddock gave a comprehensive account of all income & expenditure for the past year and in reviewing the club targets set for 2021 was pleased to advise that 8 out of the 12 targets set, had been achieved in the past 12 months.

Speaking from the floor, Tom Moffatt gave an update on the Glencorrib/Kilroe Community Sports Field with David Ryan giving an update on the Shrule dressing room/clubhouse development.

In the Chairperson's report David Craddock thanked all the club officers, members and volunteers who give up so much of their time to run the club. He wished the new management, teams, players and supporters the very best in their endeavours in the coming year and asked everyone that could to support the club again by renewing their membership for 2022, which is now open.

In accepting the role of Chairperson, Michael Donnelly in a brief speech, thanked sincerely the outgoing club officers David Craddock and Philip Gray for their trojan work in the past four years and wished them well in the future. The Club hope is for a very successful year ahead both on and off the field, and we thank all who attended this year's AGM.

Chairperson: Michael Donnelly  
Vice Chairperson: Matthew Murphy  
Treasurer: Philip Rossiter  
Assistant Treasurer: Veggie  
Secretary: Sarah McKirdy  
Assistant Secretary: Aisling O'Sullivan  
Club Register: Ruth Cawley  
PRO: Sean McGuinness  
Co. Board Deligate: Mattie Murphy

Bord Na Nog Chairperson: Paul Gibbons  
Bord Na Nog Secretary: Sharon Hughes  
Bord Na Nog Treasurer: Donnacha Roche  
Bord Na Nog Coaching Officer: John Murray  
Shrule Sportfield Trustee: John Muldoon  
Glencorrib Sportfield Trustee: Tom Moffatt  
LGFA Chairperson: Denise Fahy  
LGFA Secretary: Mary Bruen  
LGFA Treasurer: Austine Payne

## BRINGING TWO OR MORE DIOCESES TOGETHER *IN PERSONA EPISCOPI*

The Latin term *in persona episcopi* literally means "in the person of the bishop" and is used by the Catholic Church to designate the union of two or more dioceses, under one bishop. In fact, the determining factor in this case is that both dioceses are pastorally governed by a sole bishop. The diocesan structures and institutions (cathedral churches, cathedral chapters, curial offices and officials, college of consulters, presbyteral council, diocesan pastoral councils, etc), diocesan goods (lands, bank accounts, cultural properties, etc) and juridical competences in Canon Law and Civil Law (trusteeship, charities, etc.) of each of the respective dioceses are left unaltered.

In other words, the only change is that, instead of each diocese having its own respective bishop, one sole bishop exercises the pastoral governance of both dioceses equally, according to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the one and the other.

Each diocese maintains its identity and handles its own cultural heritage as it deems fit. Each keeps its own personnel or can share with other dioceses; priests will not normally be asked to minister beyond their own diocese unless by a special request or mandate. Each diocese will handle its financial administration independently and will make its own pastoral decisions as usual. Of course, the mutual cooperation between both dioceses, as has been hitherto the case, is not excluded. In fact, constant consultation, support and sharing of expertise ought to be encouraged.

From the experience of other dioceses where this has been experimented, there is evidence that many factors enhance the future survival of the Dioceses, which unite and cooperate *in persona episcopi*. This form of union under one bishop is not an amalgamation and does not suppress any of the two dioceses. It respects the autonomy and allows for the functionality of the individual jurisdictions. It is a mild and practical form of union between dioceses and can be a temporary or permanent provision.



**CAREGIVER RECRUITMENT DAY:** work for a Homecare Provider in Castlebar who provide Home Help to the elderly in their homes and as we are finding it hard to recruit enough staff to service all the clients who need care we are hoping to add a note to the parish newsletter that we are holding an in-house Caregiver Recruitment Fair on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022** from 10am-3pm. ☎ 0949044785

There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.

Don't **SPRING** into garden clean-up too soon ...  
**Wait** until temperatures are consistently above 10°C (50°F)  
Many butterflies, bees & other pollinators are currently wintering in dead leaves & hollowed out stems of last years plants  
**LET THEM BEE** 

"The loneliest people are the kindest. The saddest people smile the brightest. The most damaged people are the wisest. All because they do not wish to see anyone else suffer the way they do." -  
Anonymous



## **SPEAKING NOTES OF BISHOP MICHAEL DUIGNAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS BISHOP OF GALWAY, KILMACDUAGH AND APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF KILFENORA WHILE CONTINUING TO SERVE AS BISHOP OF CLONFERT**

Good Morning! Thank you for coming here today, I very much appreciate your warm welcome.

### **Childhood Memories**

With the passing of time and the advance of age our memories fade somewhat. At this stage, I cannot remember every detail but I do remember the rather rudimentary rope swing. As children, we used to beg our mother to push us high up into the air and over and back for as long as she had the time and the patience.

Often as she pushed, she sang and at times, we sang along with her. She nearly always started to the quick tempo of "Her eyes they shone like diamonds, I thought her the queen of the land, And her hair hung over her shoulders, Tied up with a black velvet band." We knew when she was coming towards the end. The pace would slow down and she would sing: "If you ever go across the sea to Ireland. Then maybe at the closing of your day.

You will sit and watch the moon rise over Claddagh. And see the sun go down on Galway Bay." Back then, I would never have imagined that one day I would be standing here, within a stone's throw from the Claddagh and that famous bay that runs from Co. Galway through to Co. Clare, having been appointed by Pope Francis as the next Bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora.

### **A Rich Heritage of Faith and Gaelic Culture**

Tá a fhios agam go bhfuil oidhreacht luachmhar an chreidimh láidir sna dúichí seo i nGaillimh, i gContae an Chláir agus i Maigh Eo. Cuireadh na fréamhacha sin síos i laethanta tosaigh na Críostaíochta in Éirinn.

(I am conscious of the rich heritage of faith in these parts of Galway, Clare and Mayo that has deep roots in the early days of Christianity in Ireland.)

Rugadh in aice le Baile Átha Luain mé agus tá cur amach agam ar Chathair na Gaillimhe ó laethanta m'óige. Blianta ina dhiadh sin agus mé ag obair i gColáiste San Aingeal i Sligeach is minic a tháinig mé go dtí an ollscoil trasna an bhóthair uaim anseo.

(Born in Athlone, I am familiar with the City of Galway from my childhood days. In later years, my work with St Angela's College in Sligo brought me frequently to the University across the road.)

Bhain mé taitheamh i gcónaí as fuinneamh agus cruthaitheacht mhuintir an cheantair seo agus an tuiscint dhomhain a bhí acu ar a n-oidhreacht Ghaelach idir cheol, léann, spórt agus na healaíona.

(I have always enjoyed the vibrancy and creativity of the people of this area and their deep rich appreciation for the best of our Gaelic traditions in the arts, music, sport and learning.

Aithním freisin an fíorghrá atá agaibh don Ghaeilge. Cosúil le chuile dhuine eile, rinne mé staidéar ar an nGaeilge ar scoil, ach ina dhiadh sin, agus mé ag staidéar thar lear, ní raibh mórán deiseanna agam mo chuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh. Tá meirg tagtha ar mo chuid Gaeilge dá bharr, agus tá obair le déanamh agam ar mo chuid líofachta. É sin ráite, tá suim mhór agam inár dteanga dhúchais agus anois agus mé ag teacht go Gaillimh tá spreagadh agam nach raibh agam roimhe seo mo shuim sa teanga a mhúscailt agus feabhas a chur ar mo chuid Gaeilge in athuair.

(I am also conscious of your genuine love for the Irish Language. Like most people, I studied Irish at school. I then studied abroad for many years and had few opportunities to use the Irish I had learned. At this stage, my Irish has grown rusty. It is not as fluent as I would like it to be. I have a great interest in the language and I now have a motive that I have not had before to rekindle that interest and improve my Irish.)

Tá súil agam gur féidir liom é seo a dhéanamh le cabhair ó phobail na bparóistí Gaeltachta sa



Deoise. Tá súil agam go mbeidh foighne agaibh liom agus mé i mbun foghlama arís. Tá mé ag súil go mór le bualadh libh go luath.

(It is my hope that I can do this in particular with the help of the people of our Gaeltacht parishes. I hope you will be patient teachers and I look forward to visiting you soon.)

### Since October 2019

On a personal level, these last few years have had more of the feel of a giant rollercoaster than the gentle rocking of a childhood swing. In October 2019, I was ordained Bishop of Clonfert and received a warm and generous welcome from the priests, religious and people of the Diocese. In March 2020, we entered what has until now seemed to be an interminable battle with Covid-19. At a stage when I had hoped to meet people, we had to stay apart for the health of everyone. On one hand, lockdown after lockdown presented great challenges to ministry and curtailed many of my plans. On the other hand, it gave me a great opportunity to spend time on the phone in conversation with and to get to know our priests. It also allowed me the opportunity to reach out by means of the wonders of the internet to the Diocese as a whole.

### Bishop Again for the First Time

Last November, things took another turn, when we heard that Pope Francis was thinking of appointing one bishop for two Dioceses - the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora.

Soon afterwards, we had very fruitful and positive facilitated discussions with our priests, groups of laity from every parish and our diocesan committees on the topic of our future. More than once, the question emerged as to who would be the new bishop for the two dioceses and how would he be able to manage all the moving parts. Although others may have made presumptions about whom it would be - I never did. Last week when Archbishop Okolo asked me on behalf of Pope Francis to become the Bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh and the Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora along with being the Bishop of Clonfert - it was like being asked again to be a bishop for the first time. A moment, where half of you feels like turning away, while the other half of you feels called to stay and do the Lord's work. I am very conscious of my own sinfulness, of my own flaws and weaknesses, my particular ways and shortcomings, my need to listen and to learn. At times, the thought has crossed my mind that the Holy Spirit must indeed have a sense of humour in trusting me with the care of not just one but with two distinct dioceses. Such however is now the reality I find myself in. I pray as I have done on many occasions in my life for the grace - as the words of Katherine von Schlegel's great hymn Be Still My Soul so beautifully puts it - "to leave to my God to order and provide".

### A "Western Spring"

There is no doubt that today is a historic day for the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora. It is also a historic day for the Diocese of Clonfert and indeed for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Under the guidance of St Peter himself in the person of Pope Francis - we have been nudged together to do something genuinely new. To paraphrase the words of that great poet from the Aran Islands - Máirtín Ó Díreáin we are being called to bring about a new "An tEarrach Thiar" - a "Western Spring". As faith communities, we have been through and are living through enormous changes. The times we are called to live in are very different from those of the past. There is much that we are engaged in that is no longer capable of holding up to others the life-giving meaning of the Gospel as well as it once did. There is much that we need to free ourselves "from" in order to free ourselves "for" the journey of the road ahead.



My son, the bishop. Mona Duignan shares a joke with her son, Michael Duignan, the new head of the Clonfert diocese (Pic. John McElroy).

## **Prayerful Discernment**

Today, we turn a new page in the history of the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and the Diocese of Clonfert. We begin a new stage in our journey. A stage that I hope will be in the best sense of the term deeply "synodal". Over the next months and years, there is much to be worked out and work it out we will together. It will require patience and generosity from all of us, from our parish communities and our dioceses. It will mean both listening to each other and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the process, we are called to prayerfully discern how we, as a people of faith, are to walk together into the future. A future that will require all of us – bishop,



priests, religious and laity to work shoulder to shoulder, to renew in our own hearts a lively sense that life is better not worse when lived with Christ. With our hearts renewed, perhaps our greatest challenge will be to respectfully show forth in deed and word the value of knowing Christ. To unlock the life-changing potential of the Gospel, especially for those who lie hurt and broken, feeling rejected, on the edges of our church and our society.

## **In Gratitude**

I would like to thank His Holiness Pope Francis for placing this trust in me. Thank you also to his representative in Ireland, Archbishop Okolo, for his gentle encouragement, guidance and support over the last while. I would like to acknowledge the support and guidance of the Bishops of the Western Province - Archbishop Francis Duffy (and previously Archbishop Emeritus Michael Neary), - Bishop John Fleming, Bishop Kevin Doran and Bishop Paul Dempsey. I would also like to mention and thank Bishop Emeritus John Kirby for his leadership of the Diocese of Clonfert over the years and his kindness and assistance to me.

Today marks the anniversary of Bishop Brendan's installation here as Bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora. I do not think we should let a day like today go by without recording the debt of gratitude the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and indeed the Diocese of Achonry owe to you for your many years of faithful service as a priest and bishop.

I would also like to acknowledge your contribution at a national level as part of the Episcopal Conference and in particular your work in the area of Catholic Education. Retirement will not fully come for a while yet, but when it does finally come, Bishop Brendan, you deserve it. I hope you will forgive me if I interrupt now and again for a bit of advice. I am sure all here, wish you all God's blessings for a healthy and happy future

I would like to thank all who were involved in preparing for today, those here in the Cathedral especially Monsignor Peter Rabitte and Father John Gerard Acton, all who enhanced the liturgy this morning. I am delighted to be joined here this morning by Father Michael Mc Loughlin Dean of the Diocesan Chapter. Thank you also to Father Martin Whelan and the staff in the Galway Diocesan Office along with, Monsignor Cathal Geraghty, Marcella Fallon and Isabelle Mulkern in the Clonfert Diocesan Office. Finally, I would like to thank my family and friends to whom I owe an immense debt of gratitude for their love throughout the years.

## **Prayers and Pilgrimage**

Later today, I hope to visit the Poor Clare Convent on Nuns' Island to ask the sisters there to pray for me and for our two dioceses at this time. This evening, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, I will make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert to invoke Our Lady's intercession for the road ahead and on this World Day of the Sick to remember all those who are sick at this time.

In conclusion, I invite you to pray with me in silence for a few moments. Let us pray for the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora and the Diocese of Clonfert - their people, priests, religious and all those men and women of good will who find a home there. Pray for me, that in spite of my weakness, God may strengthen me for the task ahead. Pray that we may make good companions on the journey and that our future will be blessed because we, together with Christ, have travelled on the "Way" (Jn 14:6).



## WORDS OF BISHOP BRENDAN KELLY WELCOMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP MICHAEL DUIGNAN AS BISHOP OF GALWAY, KILMACDUAGH AND KILFENORA

'Bíodh lúcháir ort, a Iarúsailéim, bíodh áthas oraibh, lucht a páirte...' (Isáia 66.10)

Is maith an lá é seo don deoiseas seo, agus cosúil leis an fáidh Isáia fadó ag caint le Cathair Iarúsailéim, bíodh lúchair orainn: tá an Pápa Proinsias, faoi anáil an Spioraid Naomh, tréis aoire nua a chuir chugainn.

('Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her...' (Is 66.10)

Like the prophet Isaiah of old in the first line of the first reading for this feast-day of our Lady of Lourdes 2022, we in our turn can cry out today 'Rejoice, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora, and be glad for her, all you who love her...', for the Holy Father Pope Francis, prompted by the Holy Spirit, has sent us a new shepherd.)



Fáiltím go fial mar sin inniu roimh ionadaí an Phápa, An t-Ardeaspag Jude Thaddeus Okolo, atá tagtha chugainn leis an deá-scéal. Fáiltím go mór ar bhúr son ar fad roimh an t-Easpag Mícheál Ó Duibhgeannáin, easpag nua Na Gaillimhe, Cill Mhic Duaich agus Cill Fhionnúrach. Go mba fada buan thú, a Easpaig Mhichíl, inár measc. Guímíd beannacht Dé ort, agus faoi choimirce Muire Máthair go raibh tú agus aoireacht an deoise seo á ghlacadh agat inniu.

(On behalf of the people of God of these dioceses and the priests, I warmly welcome you, Archbishop Okolo, who have come to us with this good news today; and I warmly and particularly welcome you, Bishop Michael, as new shepherd and father of this diocesan community.

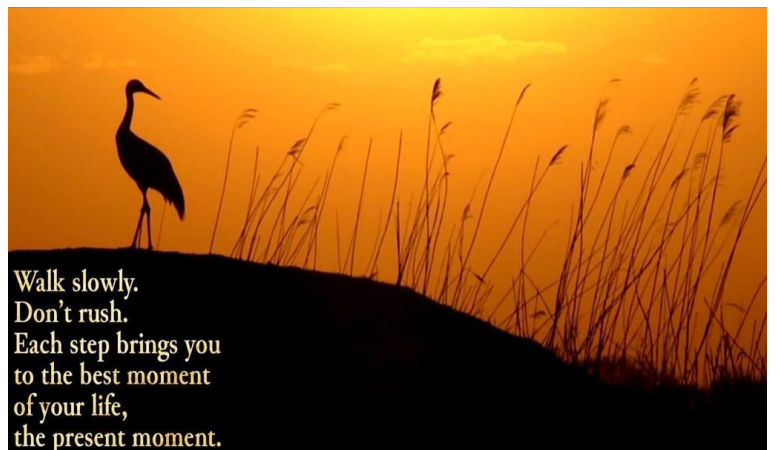
We pray the blessing of the Holy Trinity on you as you assume this further onerous responsibility entrusted to you by the Lord through the Holy Father, and we pray Mary, Mother of the Church, to be with you as protector, comforter and guide.

Four years ago on this same feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, I was privileged to be installed here as Bishop in the diocese for which I was ordained almost 51 years ago, and had spent all of a very happy and varied priestly ministry. The call to return here as Bishop from the diocese of Achonry was a surprise to say the least. Today I am full of gratitude to God for these short years as bishop of a people and place that I love and would always call home. And with all my heart, I thank the people and the priests of the diocese for their welcome, support, generosity to me, their tolerance and above all your prayers.

I consider it providential that just as this feast of Our Lady of Lourdes marked the beginning of my Episcopal ministry here four years ago, so this day marks the announcement of its completion. That can only be a source of peace and great confidence for me now as I prepare to hand the reins over, as it were, to you, Bishop Michael. The loving hand of Providence it is that has chosen you for this diocese now in 2022, and we can only be grateful and rejoice.

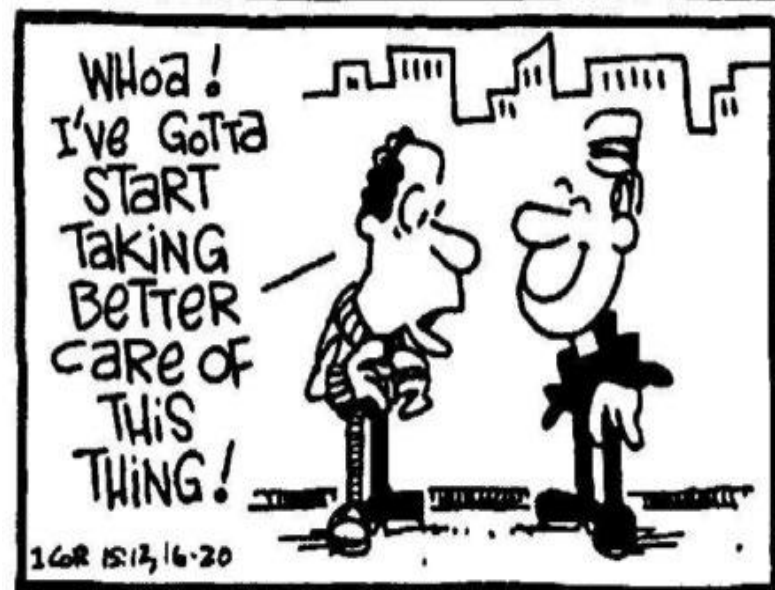
On a personal note, I am delighted with your appointment. Having worked with you since my days in Achonry and particularly these last few years since your appointment to Clonfert, I can assure the people of this diocese of your capacity for diligent and careful work, your generosity and willingness to listen, and above all, your deep trust in God and your commitment to serving Him first, so that you may be the people's good servant too, after the heart of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ himself. There is much work to be done, in what Pope Francis identifies as a whole 'new era' in the life of the Church. Fear not. The strength of God is with you. I can assure you the faithful, priests and people, of this diocese of Galway Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora will welcome you with joy and will sustain you every day with their prayers.

Mar sin, a Easpaig Mhichíl, guím neart agus rath Dé ort anois is tú i mbun an chinnireacht atá. bronnta ort san obair chinniúnach atá romhat i nGaillimh, Cill Mac Duach agus Cill Fhionnúrach, comh maith le Cluain Fearta



Walk slowly.  
Don't rush.  
Each step brings you  
to the best moment  
of your life,  
the present moment.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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.glencorribns.ie](http://www.glencorribns.ie)

**SHRULE NS:** Please email the school [office@shrulens.ie](mailto:office@shrulens.ie) for further information. <http://www.shrulens.ie/>

**KILROE NS** For further information, please email the school [kilroeschool@gmail.com](mailto: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> E: [office@ballycushion.com](mailto:office@ballycushion.com)

**FOOTSTEPS PRESCHOOL** @ Glencorrib NS, Glencorrib. ECCE preschool (2 Free Preschool Years) National Childcare Scheme available. Email [edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com) or ☎ Helen 086-1717833

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## GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY WALKWAY - 2022 OPERATION

**TRANSFORMATION WALKS:** Join us for our weekly 5km walk at Glencorrib Kilroe Community Walkway every Sunday @ 11 am.

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**NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT:** Details of our 3 NS and Preschool enrolment can be found on our online Parish newsletter

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**TAI CHI CLASSES** every Thursday in Kilmaine Comm Centre @ 7pm. ☎ 087-9567020

**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 open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, ☎ 0818222024

### 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"



## Height of Mobile Addiction





**PARISH NOTES:**  
**WAYS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS:**

With the resumption of public liturgies, the following ways now in place to make contributions. These contributions make the works been carried out possible. Thank you for your continuing support in these unfamiliar times. At weekend Masses, Shrle Post Office. Drop off at Parochial House (Tuesdays, 10.30 am - 12noon) or Curates' House (Wednesdays, 10.30 am - 12noon) or Banking Online or Standing Order. Details of each church bank account have been provided below.

○ **Shrle Church:**

- Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC

Account Name: Shrle Church Finance Committee:

IBAN IE10ULSB98525010138070 and

BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

○ **Glencorrib Church:**

- Bank: Ulster Bank Ireland DAC

Account Name: Shrle Glencorrib Church:

IBAN IE97ULSB98525010138153 and

BIC: ULSBIE2DXXX

With banking online please ensure **full name is given** as reference when making the standing order or

account transfer, so the parish has a record of who has made their weekly contribution through each bank account. This is **very important** for the Charitable Donation Scheme. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Welcome to those Outside of Parish:**

People outside of the parish are most welcome to attend public liturgies in the parish. Please observe guidelines.

Regarding contributions please continue to support your parish and use your own parish envelopes. It is standard practice for envelopes to be returned to their respective parishes.

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

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**The happiest  
people in life are  
the givers,  
not the  
receivers.**

**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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**JOB VACANCY:** Exciting employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Applications are invited for an Operations Manager which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack email [mary@loughderg.org](mailto:mary@loughderg.org) or ☎ Mary 0719861518

**cheaper Luas tickets, just  
what I needed"**





**GALWAY SOLEMN NOVENA:** Greetings from the Cathedral. We are currently preparing for another Solemn Novena, which will adopt a temporary change in format this year. The Novena will take place online between **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of February** and **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of March**.

A new format for the annual Galway Novena has been announced this week. Recognising that COVID 19 can still cause very real harm, the upcoming Novena will be celebrated 'online' and participants will have two opportunities each day to log-on to a live liturgy of prayer, worship, music, preaching and blessing directly from Gal way Cathedral.

In recent comments, Cathedral Parish Priest, Monsignor Peter Rabbitte has invited people of all ages and backgrounds across the city and beyond to put some time aside during the Novena to focus on the meaning of their lives, the order of their priorities and their relationship with God, family and community. According to Monsignor Rabbitte "We see in the Gospel that Jesus constantly seeks out time and space to contemplate His relationship with the Father and to speak and listen to Him in prayer. Even though this year our Novena will gather people online rather than in great crowds, this great Festival of Faith will give each of us the opportunity to do as Christ did – to find solace, comfort, hope, understanding and love from a loving Father'.

# Online Novena

21<sup>st</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022

Two Sessions Daily: 9.30AM & 7.30PM



The Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrated only online this year.

[www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena)

## Novena Theme

### St. Joseph, a Man for all Seasons

#### Daily Focus

#### Novena Times

Day 1  
Joseph's Dreams: listening to God in a time of adversity. Discerning God's will.

Day 2  
Joseph a just person, a person of integrity: he acted towards Mary with gentleness and compassion.

Day 3  
The challenging mission of family life.

Day 4  
Joseph's attitudes challenge the culture of toxic masculinity that is prevalent today.

Day 5  
Suffering is part of life's journey. Joseph suffered also.

Day 6  
Born in a stable: the crisis of homelessness and inequality. The scandal of direct provision.

Day 7  
The importance of community, especially the elderly, in passing on the faith.

Day 8  
The responsibilities of fatherhood.

Day 9  
The carpenter's son: the value of work.

#### Mass: 9.30am and 7.30pm

Please note: the Cathedral will remain closed during Novena Masses. The regular in person Cathedral Mass schedule will continue as normal, except for the following change: Mass on Sunday will be celebrated at 10.30am (Gacilge), 12.30pm & 6pm.

Taizé Prayer: each Monday from 8.30pm to 9pm.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in person each weekday from 3pm - 5pm.

#### Private Prayer

The Cathedral will be open daily for private prayer.

#### Petitions & Thanksgivings

You are welcome to submit petitions and thanksgivings online or in person. All petitions & thanksgivings submitted online will be printed and placed before the icon of Our Lady.

#### Novena Mass Cards

Novena Mass cards are now available in the Cathedral Book and Gift Shop.



The new format Novena will begin on February 21st and will run for nine days until March 1st. With the theme "St. Joseph, a man for all seasons", online Novena liturgies from the Cathedral, led by the Redemptorist Fathers, will be streamed at 9.30am and 7.30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 'in-person' each weekday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm. There will also be facilities on the Novena website to submit Petitions and Thanksgivings and arrange to have a candle lit on your behalf before the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The traditional Novena Mass cards are now available from the Cathedral Book and Gift Shop.

In welcoming the details of the 2022 Novena, newly ordained Fr. John Gerard Acton, who now ministers in Galway Cathedral, said "the Church was founded on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and is always striving to make new beginnings, to bring new life and new hope to the world and to find new ways of bringing the reality and message of the Gospel to new people.

COVID 19 has prevented us doing many things over the past two years but we have learned to adapt to changing circumstances. The new format of the Novena this year is somewhat of an experiment but, please God, it will be a catalyst for renewal and joy for each of us, after a long and difficult winter.

The 2022 Galway Cathedral Novena can be

accessed online from February 21st at [www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena)



## MAYO PPN FREE SPRING TRAINING - Book your Place Now!

Course	Date	Time
<b>Instagram for Beginners:</b> Learn how to carry out basic actions on Instagram, develop engaging posts and how to grow inter-action, particularly with a younger audience.	8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10am to 11.30am 7.30pm to 9pm
<b>Graphic Design</b> Participants will be able to design eye catching posters, flyers and invitations for community events, using a free graphic design tool.	16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb or 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10am to 11.30am 7.30pm to 9pm
<b>How to Manage your Social Media:</b> This is for groups who al-ready have basic knowledge of how to post on Facebook, Instagram, but who want to improve their posting, reach and engagement. Not suitable for absolute beginners.	17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb or 31 <sup>st</sup> March & 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10am to 11.30am 7.30pm to 9pm
<b>Twitter:</b> Twitter is the preferred medium for communicating with funders, local authorities, journalists, public agencies, influencers and for learning, sharing and interacting.	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> March or 5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10am to 11.30am 7.30pm to 9pm
To book your chosen course, email <a href="mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie">mayoppn@mayococo.ie</a> with your name and phone number. Places are limited and available to first come – first served basis.		

### 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)



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

Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (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.

**Teacher: "Where is your homework?"**

**Student: "I lost it fighting some kid who said you weren't the best teacher in school."**

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

### GLENCORRIB KILROE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

With many of the Covid19 restrictions now being lifted. Some groups are looking to book the community centre again. As COVID-19 numbers remain high, it's important to continue to put safety first.

**Keep groups small:** Gatherings should not be larger than 25 people and should not occur in spaces that do not permit social distancing.

**Support hand hygiene:** Please use the hand sanitizer at the door on entry and exit of the community centre. This can greatly reduce the transmission of germs on shared surfaces.

**Wear your mask:** Like social distancing, wearing a mask is an extremely effective way to limit the transmission of respiratory illnesses.

**Avoid offering food during the meeting:** Self explanatory

**Speak up:** As a meeting organizer, make sure that you know these rules and feel comfortable talking to other attendees about safety. Consider having the host or speaker remind the group of safety best practices before the meeting starts. We are all in this together and that means helping each other stay safe

**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.**

