

# GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00 pm	<b>Bert Churchward</b> (Gurteen) <b>Joe (Spud) Murphy</b> (Dalgan Road)	21 <sup>st</sup> Anniv 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00 am	<b>Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses</b> Intentions	
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> from 3pm- 4pm	
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12- noon	<b>Seamus Davin</b> RIP (Dalgan Park)	<b>Funeral Mass</b>
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses</b> Intentions	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses</b> Intentions	
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan		<b>No Mass today</b>	
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00 pm	<b>Mary Sweeney, her husband John, her daughter Mary Lally and brother in law Lawrence</b> (Brodella)	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 45 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00 pm	<b>Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses</b> Intentions	
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00 am	<b>Richard &amp; Rita O'Neill</b> (Dalgan)	30 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> from 3pm- 4pm	

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

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30 pm	<b>Michael &amp; Nellie Hogan</b> and the deceased members of the <b>Biggins, Phugh, and Hogan families</b> (Rostaff)	37 <sup>th</sup> & 67 <sup>th</sup> Anniv / dec'd
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses</b> Intentions	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	<b>Mary O'Malley Kelly</b> (Ballinrobe)	RIP 09/12/2020
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00 pm	<b>Parish Christmas Cards – Triduum of Masses</b> Intentions	
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30 pm	<b>Michael &amp; Mary Keady</b> and the deceased members of <b>Keane &amp; Canavan families</b> (Dalgan/Brackloon/M. Henry)	45 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Thomas &amp; Delia Cottingham</b> (Mount Henry)	30 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. **In 2020, 13 families had the privilege of welcoming their child into God's family too.** We welcome them all into our Christian community and congratulate them and their parents on this wonderful occasion: Zack **Chambers**, Darragh **Naughton**, Patrick Martin **Higgins**, Roisin Maeve **Shaughnessy**, Jake Luke **O'Callaghan**, Tadhg Máirtín **Petty**, Amelia Mary Rose **Russell**, Ruby Mae **Toher**, Heather Mae **Murrin**, Harry Stephen **Langan**, Orla Louise **Biggins**, Nova Natalia **Murray** and Eoghan Vincent **Clarke**.



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF JESUS**, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start. Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he is submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission. The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family.

## JUST A THOUGHT

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.' We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

- The Lord is my Shepherd... That's a **Relationship!**
- I shall not want... That's **Supply!**
- He makes me to lie down in green pastures... That's **Rest!**
- He leads me the still waters by... That's **Refreshment!**
- My soul He doth restore again... That's **Healing!**
- He leads me in the paths of righteousness... That's **Guidance!**
- For His name sake... That's **Purpose!**
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death... That's **Testing!**
- I will fear no evil... That's **Protection!**
- For you are with me... That's **Faithfulness!**
- Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me... That's **Discipline!**
- You have prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies... That's **Hope!**
- You have anointed my head with oil... That's **Consecration!**
- My cup runs over... That's **Abundance!**
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life... That's **Blessing!**
- And I will dwell in the house of the Lord... That's **Security!**
- Forever... That's **Eternity!**

Face it, God loves you! What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives!

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

**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.

Both Shrule & Glencorrib churches are always open for quiet prayer and reflection.



## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR

- Paddy and Mick from Tuam were on an aeroplane and halfway through the flight to New York, Mick said "Paddy, if this plane was to turn upside down, do you think we'd fall out?" And Paddy replied "Nah, we'd still be friends"
- The guy in the local takeaway in Shrule says the best way to cook fish is to give it a good slap first. Sounds like codswallop to me?
- I haven't paid the annual subscription to my Scrabble club in Galway city, and now they're sending me threatening letters.
- You have €200, your daughter texts you to say she needs €100 and your son texts you to say he also needs €100. How much have you left?? Me: €200 and two unread texts. ☺



"Bad News! You have 2020 vision!"

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



<b>Surname</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Date Died</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>
Hennelly	Patrick	Glencorrib	09/01/1934	82	Killursa
Gallagher	Michael	Dereen (Kilmaine)	09/01/1939	53	Shrule
Laffey	Patrick	Mohology	09/01/1954	89	Shrule
McGaugh	John	Gortatubber	09/01/1977	71	Killursa
Sweeney	Thomas	Ballycurrin	09/01/1994	74	Killursa
Mohan	Michael	Ballynalty	09/01/1999	74	Moyne
Derrig	Anthony(Tony)	St. Mary's Road	09/01/2004	55	Shrule
Murphy	Joe (Spud)	Dalgan Road	09/01/2018	90	Shrule
Joyce	Mary E.	Parks	10/01/1921	64	Killursa
Tedders	Michael	Shrule	10/01/1940	24	Shrule
Carty	James	Carheens	10/01/1960	82	Shrule
Gavin	Richard	Toorard	10/01/1970	33	Shrule
Mulroe	Martin	Scardaune	10/01/1970	85	Shrule
Quinn	Joseph	Scardaune	10/01/1972	70	Donaghpatrick
Burke	Francis	Cloonbanane	10/01/1987	66	Shrule
Kavanagh	John	Cahernabruck	10/01/2014	92	Shrule
Buckley	Eamonn	Renmore & Kille	10/01/2017	83	Galway
Donohue	John	Ballynalty	11/01/1916	81	Moyne
Gannon	James	New Ballynalty	11/01/1922	82	Cross
Molloy	Elizabeth	Glasbally	11/01/1925	25	Killursa
Corbett	Thomas	Ramolin	11/01/1929	76	Shrule
Prendergast	Margaret	Shrule	11/01/1959	83	Shrule
Egan	May	Shrule	11/01/1998	93	Shrule
Mc Donagh	Sara	Ramolin	12/01/1916	69	Shrule
Burke	Brigid	Cloonbanane	12/01/1926	27	Shrule
Gibbons	Catherine Ann M.	Shrule	12/01/1965	2 mths.	Shrule
Craddock	Nancy	Wakefield	12/01/1970	52	Shrule
Mullin	Michael	Shrule	12/01/1977	77	Shrule
Ryan	Patrick(Pa)	Gurteen	12/01/2006	79	Shrule
Gallagher	Helen	Shrule	13/01/1922	49	Shrule
Moughan	Brigid	Brodella	13/01/1923	83	Shrule
McGath	Thomas	Ballycurrin	13/01/1932	76	Killursa
O'Connor	Catherine	Ower	13/01/1932	99	Killursa
Garvey	Margaret	Toorard	13/01/1976	68	Moyne
Hennelly	Nora	Glencorrib	14/01/1932	73	Killursa
Murphy	Margaret	Mochorra	14/01/1968	92	Shrule
Joyce	Peter	Glassvalley	14/01/1970	94	Killursa
Garvey	John	Gortbrack	15/01/1952	55	Killursa
Garvey	James	Boula	15/01/1968	86	Killursa
Sheridan	Willie	Ballisnahina	15/01/1992	81	Shrule
Naughton	Teresa	Rostaff	15/01/2011	79	Moyne
Gavin	John	Cruchfadha	16/01/1929	73	Shrule
Burke	Julia	Boula	16/01/1941	53	Cloughanover
Keleghan	Mrs.	Dereen	16/01/1941		Shrule
Donohue	Mary	Ballynalty	16/01/1969	88	Moyne
O'Dowd	Delia	Cahernabruck	16/01/1991	79	Shrule
Craddock	Jack	Shrule	16/01/1998	87	Shrule
Gavin	Margaret	Shrule	17/01/1951	82	Shrule
Molloy	Michael	The Parks	17/01/1961	67	Killursa
Lawless	Patrick	Wakefield	17/01/1979		Shrule
Duddy	Rosemary	Brodella	17/01/1980	1 Month	Shrule
Varley	Letitia	Mochorra	17/01/1990	84	Shrule
Shaughnessy	John	Ballynalty	17/01/1992	73	Killursa
McGing	John	Gurteen	17/01/1998	86	Roshill, Clonbur
O'Sullivan	Robert	Parks	17/01/2002	84	Killursa

**REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES:** If you're loved ones from the parish are not listed in our weekly listing 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"**

## 2021 - NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS – A BETTER PERSON

I don't know about you, but this December / January wishing someone a "Happy New Year" was something I found difficult to put much meaning into. I guess it was because of the difficult and horrible year we've all had in 2020. The past year felt like five years rolled into one. As 2020 ended and 2021 began, I tried to put the difficult parts of 2020 behind me and attempt to forget it and move on. However that is a mistake. Yeah, 2020 was a horrible year for all of us, but I believe we've learned a lot from it? 2020 has been a lesson for us all. It's been an incredibly challenging year but we all learned how resilient we are. We're able to adapt when faced with new challenges. Our parish and communities pulled together like never before. Our local healthcare workers donned PPE gear faced Covid like an army and delivered care safely to the elderly and does who needed it. Our local GAA club helped deliver groceries to those isolating at home. Fr. Viv put the Masses online on Facebook. Ushers kept the churches open and safe. Cleaners worked overtime. We all became like a big family looking out for each other and getting each other through it together. We learned how to care for each other especially those living on their own. We learned to never take things for granted. We've realized that we are more resourceful than we think. We've found new safer ways of doing old thing. Funerals for example. We all know about [www.rip.ie](http://www.rip.ie) now and writing condolences. We care about each other and everyone has something to contribute. And yeah, we've all learned how to cook a bit better too. We have learned a bit more about ourselves and our family. Teachers are brilliant and under-appreciated. School is open then it's closed again. They are doing their best to keep their students (our kids) motivated with online lessons and resources. We've all taken up walking a bit more. The new walkway in Glencorrib is rarely empty. Hobbies are important for mindfulness. We have reconnected with nature and our gardens and have learned to realize that a slower pace of life is healthy too. We've learned how important it is to communicate with those living on their own. The internet isn't all evil. Thing can change overnight. Our work/routine suddenly took a backseat to our family/friends And that's how it should be. We've all learned that it's okay not to be okay and to ask for help. Mental Health is not something to be ignored. As human beings we need each other. Having fun is the best medicine. Maybe just maybe what you thought you wanted isn't what you need. We need a lot less than we have. This year was the first time lots of us were forced to take a step back from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. Suddenly face-to-face social events and commutes were ripped out our schedules, giving us more time to do things we enjoy, or to simply relax and take it easy. There's no denying that lots of people will be taking this slower pace of life into 2021. And even as things start to pick back up again, we'll be mindful that we can live without constantly being on-the-go. If nothing else, I think we can all walk away from 2020 with a deeper understanding of our own vulnerabilities. And one, undeniable need is the one of community. Above all, we will move into 2021 knowing that we're better than we were last March/April. Because when we look back on 2020, we realise how resourceful and strong we can be. But now – largely down to the vaccine and our collective efforts – there's a little more optimism in the air. So, on that note, we've rounded up some of the positive things from 2020 – that we can take into the new year. So Happy New Year everyone And I mean it this time. ☺

*Kevin*



**Friends.**

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations of everything and the dreams we had. Days, months and years will pass until we rarely see each other. One day, our children will see our photos and ask, "Who are these people?" And we will smile with invisible tears and say, "It was with them that I had the best days of my life."

INSTEAD OF...	SAY.....
Keep a stiff upper lip	I can see you're hurting.
It's for the best	Wow, that's really hard.
I know how you feel	How are you really feeling?
God doesn't give you more than you can handle	Can I pray for you?
It's God's will	I'm so sorry that happened to you.
You should do _____!	I don't know what to say. How can I help?
You'll get over this in time.	Give yourself time to heal.
You'll be fine.	I'm here for you.

There is never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope...  
Life always offers you a second chance. It's called tomorrow.

<p><b>PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Seamus Davin</b> (Dalgan Park) who passed away on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Funeral Mass for Seamus will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January @ 12 noon. The funeral Mass will be on Shrule Parish Radio and Facebook.</p>	<p>It doesn't cost to pray to God.... but it sure Pays...</p>
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