

GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 17th JANUARY 2021

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John 1:35-42



The First Disciples of Jesus

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1832

Sat	16 th Jan	8.00 pm	Parish Christmas Cards	Intentions
Sun	17 th Jan	11.00 am	Kathleen Robinson (Ramolin) Richard & Rita O'Neill (Dalgan)	Month's Mind 30 th & 25 th Anniv
Sun	17 th Jan	3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	
Mon	18 th Jan	9.30 am	Padraig Derrig (Gurteen, Shrule)	RIP 24/11/2020
Other daily Masses this week: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 9.30 am				
Fri	22 nd Jan	8.00 pm	Mary Maughan (Cahernabrock) Harry Heneghan (Dalgan Road) Padraig Gibsey , his grandparents Tommy & Rose Gibsey & deceased members of the Gibsey family (Kille)	2 nd Anniv 15 th Anniv 25 th , 41 st 28 th Anniv
Sat	23 rd Jan	8.00 pm	John Reilly and his parents Jack & Delia (Carramore)	13 th Anniv
Sun	24 th Jan	11.00 am	Ellen & Edward Ryan (Dalgan Park)	34 th & 49 th Anniv
Sun	24 th Jan	3.00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm- 4pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GLENCORRIB - Dedicated 1876

Sat	16 th Jan	6.30 pm	Michael & Mary Keady and the deceased members of Keane & Canavan families (Dalgan/Brackloon/M. Henry)	45 th & 23 rd Anniv
Sun	17 th Jan	9.30 am	Thomas & Delia Cottingham (Mounthenry) Robert O'Sullivan (The Parks)	30 th & 30 th Anniv 19 th Anniv
Wed	20 th Jan	10.00 am	John Moran (Glencorrib)	RIP 28/09/2020
Fri	22 nd Jan	7.00 pm	Parish Christmas Cards Intentions	
Sat	23 rd Jan	6.30 pm	Willie & Nellie Sheridan (Ravenhill, Ballisnahina) Bridie & Andrew Egan (Inishmacatreer)	29 th Anniv/dec'd 1 st & 28 th Anniv
Sun	24 th Jan	9.30 am	Parish Christmas Cards Intentions	

PARISH OFFICE TIMES: Shrule Parochial House every Tuesday (10.30am–12noon) Glencorrib Curate House every Wednesday (10.30am–12noon) You are welcome to call outside these times, and if Fr. Loughrey is not available, please leave a message ☎ 093-31262.

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.

GLENCORRIB NATIONAL SCHOOL is now enrolling for **September 2021**. Applications for admission will be accepted until Friday 26th March. Parents interested in enrolling their children should email glencorribns@gmail.com for more information. (Please see our school website www.glencorribns.ie for our Admission Policy and Admissions Notice.)

THE PERFECT CHURCH

If you should find the perfect church
 Without one fault or smear,
 For goodness sake, don't join that church.
 You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church
 Where all the worries cease,
 Then pass it by, lest joining it,
 You'd spoil the masterpiece!

If you should find the perfect church
 Then don't you ever dare
 To tread upon such holy ground.
 You'd be a misfit there!

Since no such perfect church exists,
 Made up of perfect men,
 Let's cease on looking for that church

And love the Church we're in – Anon

CHURCHES OPEN: Both Shrule & Glencorrib churches are always open for quiet prayer and reflection

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

KATHLEEN ROBINSON, RAMOLIN 1926-2020 RIP

Kathleen Robinson was born in 1926 she was the second youngest child of Stephen McDonagh and Catherine Casey. She had four brothers Martin, Paddy, Jack and Joe and three sisters, Sadie, Rita and Mary. Kathleen McDonagh attended Shrule National School. She then went on to work in Dublin for a while and then went to England where she trained as a nurse. A few years later, she immigrated to New York and continued nursing career. She always enjoyed talking about her times in the States and recalled many stories about her times there. It was there she met her wonderful loving husband Rupert Robinson whom she adored. Unfortunately Rupert passed way before his time in 1991. Kathleen was blessed with a wonderful daughter Maggie. Kathleen looked forward to her visits to England and staying with Maggie and her three grandchildren and later on her nine great grandchildren. Kathleen had planned to spend Christmas 2020 with them but unfortunately passed away before then. She adored her family and they will miss her terrible. Kathleen loved classical music, especially Mozart. Like the music, she was a classy lady who was always dressed in the best clothing. If you had the pleasure of her company, you would be greatly entertained and a laugh was always guaranteed. She had a wonderful life travelling to many parts of the world. But nowhere was as good as her family home in Ramolin, Shrule for Kathleen as she truly loved her birth place in Co Mayo. She has the most spectacular house everything was perfect. She loved poetry and politics. Kathleen would never be told what to do and she lived her life to the full. She always encouraged young people to keep going and enjoy life and go to college. Keep educating yourselves always. Kathleen loved attending Mass and was a lay reader for many years. She will be sadly missed. We've learned so much from Kathleen and we will never forget her and the wonderful knowledge she had of life. Her final days in hospital were spent with her daughter Maggie and her grandson Alex. Kathleen also had her nieces, nephews and great grand nieces visit her and she was so grateful to the staff at Mayo General Hospital who cared so well for her and also its Palliative Care team. Kathleen passed away peacefully on the 9th of December 2020. RIP.



Obituary and photo courtesy of the McDonald and the Robinson families.

PARISH ENVELOPES & NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Over the last few weeks, this year's parish envelopes have been delivered – there may be a delay in some areas as I was late in notifying some distributors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support this past year.

If you are interested in finding out where your money is going – check out 'Renovations' on the parish website www.shruleglencorrib.com where you can find photos and videos of recent work carried out on Shrule church as well as works carried out in Glencorrib. These works are made only possible by YOUR contributions. You are ensuring with your help and support, both Shrule & Glencorrib churches will be fitting places of worship both now and for future generations.

I would encourage parishioners to use their parish envelopes as this enables the parish to benefit from the tax rebate of your contributions. You can drop off your envelopes in a special box at Shrule Post office or during Parish office hours, Tuesday in Shrule and Wednesday in Glencorrib. Thank you

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR: A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?" The mother answered, "God made Adam & Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made." Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved." The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?" The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple: I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."



CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Walsh (Shrule) & Myles Connelly (Abbeyknockmoy) who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on the 30th of December 2020. We wish them many years of health & happiness together.

**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
Gavin	John	Cruchfadh	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	Cahernabru	16/01/1991	79	Shrule
Cradock	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
Flynn	Brigid	Old Ballynalty	18/01/1965	92	Moyne
Sweeney	Patrick	Glassvalley	18/01/1973	82	Killursa
Cottingham	Thomas	Mount Henry	18/01/1991	87	Killursa
Gavin	Kathleen	Toorard	18/01/1991	83	Shrule
Cosgrove	Michael	Moyne & Dublin	18/01/1994	74	Dublin
Gibsey	Padraig	Kille	18/01/1996	22	Shrule
Whelan	Thomas	Corrinreedra	19/01/1949	70	Killursa
Meenaghan	Joe	Gurteen	19/01/1980	64	Shrule
Sheridan	Paddy	Dalغان Yard	19/01/1998	87	Shrule
Joyce	Patrick	Glassvalley	19/01/2004		Killursa
Dowd	Brigid	Cahernabru	20/01/1922	79	Shrule
O'Dea	Catherine	Dalغان	20/01/1950	59	Shrule
Murphy	Patrick	Shrule	20/01/1959	75	Shrule
Mullin	Joe	Shrule	20/01/2013	79	Shrule
Flood	Mary	Ballynalty	21/01/1920	68	Cross
Duddy	Paddy	Brodella	21/01/1995	73	Shrule
Hughes	Bridget	Bullaun	21/01/2000	89	Kilmaine
Reilly	John	Carramore	21/01/2008	52	Shrule
Egan	Bridie	Inishmacatree	21/01/2020		Cong Abbey
Conneely	Brigid	Cnocfada	22/01/1932	71	Shrule
Moran	Susan	Glencorrib	22/01/1935		Billypark
Molloy	Brigid	Glassvalley	22/01/1947	89	Killursa
Heneghan	Harry	Dalغان Road	22/01/2006	68	Shrule
Maughan	Mary	Cahernabru	22/01/2019	96	Shrule

**PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER
THE RECENTLY DECEASED**



← **Frank Mortimer**, Shrule. Our condolences to his wife Carmel and the family. Funeral Mass for Frank took place at St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on Wednesday 16th January 2021. RIP

Noel Coleman, Cahermaculick, Shrule. Our condolences to his wife Helen and the family. Funeral Mass for Noel took place at St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on Saturday 16th January 2021. RIP →



Mary Halloran (Née Tighe)
Cross East, Cross. Funeral Mass for Mary takes place at the Church of The Sacred Heart, Cross on Monday 18th January. RIP

Mattie Scales, Rafee, Headford. Funeral Mass for Mattie takes place at St. Mary's Church, Headford on Sunday 17th January. RIP
For many years, Mattie was a loyal supporter of our weekly card game in Glencorrib and will be very much missed as a good friend by everyone.



Seamus Davin, Dalغان Park, Shrule. Our condolences to his daughters Caroline (UK) & Jackie (UK). Funeral Mass for Seamus took place at St. Joseph's Church Shrule on Monday last 11th January RIP



THE FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT REALISED BY ARCHBISHOP NEARY ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT INTO MOTHER & BABY HOMES

Statement by Archbishop Michael Neary on the publication of the Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes

I welcome the publication by the Minister for Children of the *Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes*. The Report contents are a cause for shame as we are confronted in our very recent history with the scandalous way in which vulnerable women and children in our society were deprived of care and dignity and subjected to humiliation.

The Church of Jesus Christ was intended to bring hope and healing, yet it brought harm and hurt for many of these women and children. Many were left broken, betrayed and disillusioned. For them, and all of us, these revelations seriously tarnished the image of the Church. The delight and joy which we associate with the birth of a new baby instead became clouded with darkness and gloom. This was a time when single pregnant women and their children were labelled as "unmarried mothers" and "illegitimate", and then judged, stigmatised, and ostracised by their own families, by their communities, and the Church. These attitudes were wrong and very sad. The Church failed in its responsibility to love and cherish those who were thus diminished. What this Report makes clear to me is that when the Church is not serving with compassion, it is failing. For that I am genuinely sorry. As a Church leader I apologise unreservedly.

The Tuam Children's Home was owned by Galway County Council and operated by the Bon Secours Sisters. The Council, on behalf of the State, was responsible for the residents. While the diocese never had an administration role in the running of the Home, it had a pastoral one, in that the priests of Tuam parish served as chaplains.

While everything in the Diocesan Archives relating to the Home has been shared with the Commission, the archive does not hold any information relating to the Home's living conditions. Nor does it give us any insight into the helplessness and suffering of these mothers who were separated from their babies either by death or adoption. Today, how can we even begin to comprehend the raw pain and psychological damage of family separation and its devastating consequences on loving mothers and on the emotional development of their children? Must we ask as to the whereabouts of the fathers? Had the Church been more forthright in acknowledging the responsibility of the men who fathered these children, the outcome for many young mothers and their children would have been very different indeed.

Through the Commission's Interim Statement in March 2017, I was horrified to learn that they discovered many human remains at the Tuam site, which, on analysis, matched the time scale of the operation of the Home. These discoveries underline the enormous suffering and pain for the little ones and their mothers.

Furthermore, the disparity which continues to exist between the Register of Deaths, and the absence of burial location records, is a critical aspect of this sad story which remains un-reconciled. This disparity is a matter of great public concern. The burial pattern in the Home in Tuam, more than any other single occurrence, has, understandably, caused the most outrage. While the Report makes for difficult reading, every step towards uncovering the complete truth regarding the burial pattern is welcome. In this way, as a society, we can take appropriate steps to heal the wounds caused, and we will be enabled to move forward together.

The Commission's Report provides expert insight into many shameful aspects of our social history. It focuses on the State's culture and its inter-relationships with local authorities, Church, families and individuals. I wish to pay tribute to Judge Yvonne Murphy and her team for the critical and detailed work undertaken. I would like to acknowledge the work carried out by Catherine Corless for her investigative work which has afforded dignity, justice and truth to the deceased and their

families. I also wish to acknowledge the contributions of the former residents, and all who cooperated with the Commission. A continuation of this multifaceted analysis – however challenging – will assist the maturing of our society, prevent such atrocities from ever happening again, and thereby go some way in serving the common good.

Again, I acknowledge and humbly ask forgiveness for the abject failure of the Church for the pain and suffering visited on those women and their children in the Mother and Baby Homes nationally.



Back in the day when men were men and cars were tractors

A WORD IN YOUR EAR: The 'Mother and Baby Homes' report was always going to severely embarrass the Church. And rightly so! The historic treatment of unmarried mothers and their babies was a major scandal. I don't know of anyone, clerical or lay, who would be foolish enough to defend the Church's behaviour in this area.



In June 2014, when the 'Tuam Babies' story first emerged, Brendan Hoban, who writes a weekly column in the Western People, addressed some related issues. (So Brendan is in effect writing this column this week!) He began his piece as follows: Once upon a time the priest knew everything. And anyone who wanted to know anything asked a priest. 'Father' always knew best. We know now, with the great benefit of hindsight, that this wasn't such a good idea. For one thing the priest sometimes imagined he knew more than he did; there were no 'unknowns' in that self-contained and ultra confident clerical world. And sometimes the people imagined they knew less than they knew. For every action, we learned in science class, there's a reaction. If the pendulum swings to one extremity, the chances are that it will eventually swing to the other.

When power is abused, when position becomes more important than common sense, there's a serious imbalance. And eventually the house of cards crumbles. Now we live in a very different country. Now the priest knows nothing and anything he says is either wrong or self-serving or defensive or controlling or oppressive. Or whatever you're having yourself.

How did we get from there to here, from infallibility to demonisation? The reasons are multiple and, no doubt, social commentators will analyse them in future years to plot the change. But one thing, I believe, is driving the rejection of the Catholic Church, the demonisation of clergy and religious, and the privatisation of religion. Anger and its first cousin, resentment.

"Shortly after the Tuam story broke, I tried to sum up what was known. I quoted the Irish Times report that much of the media coverage was inaccurate, as Catherine Corless had intimated, and I suggested that we needed to get hard data before we could pronounce definitively on it."

I also said two other things about the controversy. One, that the Catholic Church had to take responsibility for the failure of its personnel in the running of those homes and more generally for helping to create in Irish society an attitude to unmarried mothers that was unchristian, indeed inhuman. Two, I said that we had to remember that the women's families had rejected them and their babies and that civil authorities and Irish society in general had to take responsibility too. (By the way, the recent report makes the same point, only more strongly).

I felt, in the circumstances, that those were reasonable points to make. But my comments drew a very negative response, principally because I was a priest and what I was saying was interpreted as excusing, rationalising. To paraphrase Mandy Rice-Davis, 'He would say that, wouldn't he'.

The plain and simple truth is that the hurt can be so deep, the emotion so raw that it's just not possible for priests or religious to engage with such issues in anything like rational debate. Once priests knew everything. Now we're not trusted to say anything.

Fr. Dick Lyng OSA.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

It was a Month's Mind Mass and the parish priest expected the farmer in the sacristy to hand him an envelope with the usual stipend and thank him before departing. However, the man appeared a little uncertain. Instead of an envelope he held Euro notes rolled up in his fist and he looked quizzically at the priest. "How much do we owe you for the Mass, Father?" he asked; then, after a slight pause, he added, "we did the readings ourselves."

REMEMBER ME

Remember me whenever you're blue
 Remember me when there's no one holding you
 Any time you feel like you can't make it through
 Remember me and I will be with you

Remember me whenever you're afraid
 And when you lose your dreams along the way
 Any time you feel like you can't make it through
 Remember me and I will be with you

Every night and every day I'll be by your side
 Just reach out and take my hand and I will be your guide
 And any time you feel like you can't make it through
 Remember me and I will be with you

Remember me whenever you're afraid
 Remember me if there's someone in my place
 Any time you feel like you can't make it through
 Remember me and I will be with you.

Christie Hennessy

JUST A THOUGHT:

I hope you are well. It has been a tough old week in a lot of ways. The Covid figures are frightening, the Report on Mother and Baby homes was harrowing, and what happened last week in Washington when a mob stormed one of the major institutions of our democratic way of life was scary. Society can be so cruel and uncaring at times. As a child going to school my favourite class was "history" when the teacher would tell us of times past. He would inform us of wars, and famines and evictions and what people did to other people in the past. I remembering reacting - "how could people be so stupid and so wrong in their lifestyles, judgements and practices?" Our generation was not like that! We are enlightened and better educated. However, I wonder what will be the issues of our era that some future Taoiseach or Bishop will be apologising for relating to our time. Discrimination and unfairness in our society is still rife. Off the top of my head, the way we are polluting the environment, treatment of migrants, travellers, poor people, the way we prioritise special needs of young and old alike, continue to build future ghettos in our major cities etc. are issues that need attention. Matthews Gospel "First take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye" comes to mind here.

After one particular History lesson I remember the teacher turning to the class and saying "now boys and girls I want you to get out your pens and paper and write 10 things you would change in our world if you were Taoiseach. This week Joe Biden will be installed as President of the U.S.A., making him one of the most powerful people on this planet. What changes will he make? Will he make people lives more secure, and safer? Ten days ago Britain left the "EU". - What changes for the better will that bring about for its people if any? Each evening we are glued to the radio/T.V. to get the latest news on Covid 19 and what plans the "experts" have for dealing with it.

A Story -

A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement. She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!". The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied, "Well, I made a big difference for that one!".



Phrases like "Judge not and you will not be Judged" and "If we all do a little it will help a lot!" come to mind. If the Covid19 pandemic teaches us anything it is that we are all vulnerable and the way to overcome this problem is to watch out and care for one another. Jesus gave us the plan and the example - we just have to go and do it! Have a good week and stay safe. *Fr. Gerry Jennings*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The week of prayer for Christian unity takes place from the 18th. -25th. January. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family. For more information visit: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021](#) **To download resources visit:** [Resources for the Week of Prayer 2021](#)

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 are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am -8pm, by calling ☎ 0818 222 024

FATHERS DISAPPEAR, UNTRACEABLE AND UNSEEN, IN TRAGEDY SPANNING DECADES. Punishment fell on women while men got on with the rest of their lives. In the harrowing personal stories of how desperate Irish women were forced to enter through the unwelcoming doors of mother and baby homes, their partners in pregnancy are cast as mere bit players. The men at the heart of this wide-ranging tragedy that spanned decades feature merely as the shadowy instigators of misfortune, before being allowed to disappear into the backdrop, unseen and largely untraceable. In a deeply conservative Ireland that pre-dated contraception and where parish priests sometimes turned up at dance halls to ensure couples were not dancing too closely, punishment fell on the woman for falling pregnant and for falling to safeguard her chastity.

Nicola Anderson - Irish Independent