

# GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWSLETTER – 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021

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**“He gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.”**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00 pm	<b>Joe Mullin</b> (St. Mary’s Road)	8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11.00 am	<b>Ann Murphy</b> (Mocharra) <b>Mary Joyce</b> (Brodella)	9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> from 3pm- 4pm	
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Patrick Stokes</b> (Donaghpatrick)	
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Paddy &amp; Della Muldoon</b> (St. Mary’s Road)	40 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Students and teachers and all working online</b> Intentions	
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb		<b>No Mass today</b>	
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00 pm	<b>Civil Leaders</b>	Intentions
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00 pm	<b>Edward &amp; Sarah Brennan</b> (Ballybockagh)	Anniv 20 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00 am	<b>Seamus Davin</b> (Dalgan Park)	Month’s Mind
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> from 3pm- 4pm	

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

Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30 pm	<b>Jim &amp; Breege Leonard</b> (Castlebar/Balla & <b>Colm Horkan</b> (Charlestown)	11 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv RIP 18/06/2020
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.30 am	<b>Mary Donohue</b> (Woodpark/Ballynalty/Ballycurrin) Month’s Mind	
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b> – Mass for the people of the parish	
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10.00 am	<b>Mary Kelly</b> (Née O’Malley) Manchester/Ballinrobe	RIP 09/12/2020
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	<b>All those with Covid19 and all those self-isolating</b>	
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	<b>Kenneth Monaghan</b> (Ballycurrin) <b>John O’Shea</b> (Camberley UK) <b>Michael &amp; Toni Walshe</b> (The Parks)	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Recently deceased 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	<b>Michael Flood</b> (Ballynalty) <b>John Moran</b> (Glencorrib)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv RIP 28/09/2020

### MASSES FOR COMING WEEK

**Weekend Masses:** Jan 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> – St. Bridget crosses blessed during Masses & available in church after Mass. A word of thanks to Bernie, Noreen, Rita & Bernie for making the St. Bridget’s Crosses.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** Mass at usual time in Shrule. Rushes or St. Bridget’s belt will not be available this year due to pandemic.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas Day: The Presentation in the Temple – Candlemas Day**

On this feast, an elderly couple, Anna and Simeon make a prophecy as they see the forty-day old child Jesus presented in the Temple. They call him a ‘light to enlighten all people’. It is for this reason candles for use in the church and homes are blessed on this day. **Masses in evening only: 6.30pm Glencorrib & 8pm Shrule.** Masses will be broadcasted on radio & parish Facebook page. Candles will be blessed during Mass. In light of pandemic and to avoid people making repeated journeys to church on Candlemas and Feast of St. Blaise, Fr. Vivian will be  **blessing throats**  after each Mass on Tuesday at the following times. **7pm – 7.30pm Glencorrib 8.30pm – 9pm Shrule.** Those wishing to have their throats blessed are required to face covering and maintain social distance during blessing. There is to be NO physical contact at any stage during blessing. Thank you for your understanding & help in this matter. People may also collect blessed candles at this time also.

**Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feast of St. Blaise:** Masses will be as normal in Shrule & Glencorrib. Fr. Vivian will be available for blessing of throats after Mass in Glencorrib. All coming to church are reminded to maintain social distance at all times, to wear a face covering & sanitize hand regularly.

## MARY DONOHUE (NÉE GARVEY) 1928-2020 - WOODPARK, BALLYNALTY & BALLYCURRIN

Mary Garvey was born in Ballycurrin on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1928. Her parents were Mike Garvey and Catherine Murphy, Brodella. She was the youngest of seven, four brothers and two sisters.

Mary joined her sister Bridie and two brothers John and Jim in Birmingham in 1954. She worked there for two years before returning home to Ballycurrin in 1956.

Mary married Jack Donohue in 1957. They had four children, Bernie, Breege, Tommie (deceased 2015) and Michael. Mary quickly settled in Ballynalty where she had a great circle of good neighbours, who always supported each other in good times and bad.

In 1972, Jack and Mary, along with a few other families, availed of a land commission change, and so the family moved over to "the farm" in Glencorrib. This meant they would have the land all together and life would be a bit easier. Mary continued helping out on the farm along with regularly visiting her original home in Ballycurrin. Mary and Jack loved music and dancing and on a few occasions took part in the set dancing in Glencorrib hall. Unfortunately Jack passed away in 1990.

Mary enjoyed the simple things in life. She was a regular mass goer and made many trips to Knock. Mary also liked going to Bingo and would sometimes bring the grandchildren with her on the bus, which they loved because even if they didn't win, Granny would always have treats in the bag.

Mary was always content and happy to be at home and really enjoyed the company of family, friends and neighbours when they visited. She especially loved to see her grandchildren coming.

Mary was also a Great Granny of nine great grandchildren. We thank God for Mary's healthy 92 years. Mary passed away peacefully on December 29th, 2020.

The family wish to thank everybody for their support during this sad time. Rest In Peace Mam x.

*Photo and obituary courtesy of the Donohue family.*



**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. It is possible to drop off weekly envelopes at Shrule PO though out the week and/or drop them off at the curate's house in Glencorrib on Wednesdays after Mass up to 12-noon. Thank you again for your continued support, especially in these difficult times.

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

### **GLENCORRIB NS is now enrolling for September 2021.**

Applications for admission will be accepted until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Parents interested in enrolling their children should email [glencorribns@gmail.com](mailto:glencorribns@gmail.com) for more information. (Please see our school website [www.glencorribns.ie](http://www.glencorribns.ie) for our Admission Policy etc

### **HAVE YOU ROOM IN YOUR HOME? HAVE YOU ROOM IN YOUR HEART?\_\_**

Home Sharers required. Would you be interested in sharing your home and supporting a person with additional needs, for a few hours per day, a couple days per month, or long term? We are looking for single people, couples, married people and/or families to provide short or long term respite for children or adults. If you are interested please ☎ Western Care Association, Social Work Dept. on 094 9025133

### **ST. JOSEPH'S NS, SHRULE is now taking enrolments for September 2021.**

Any parents wishing to enrol their children may apply by contacting the school office by email on: [shrulsec@gmail.com](mailto:shrulsec@gmail.com) for an information pack/application form. See our school website [www.shrulens.ie](http://www.shrulens.ie) for more info. Closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Diocesan Pastoral Centre Collection 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021:** There is a designated white envelope in the parish envelope box for this collection. This collection supports the ongoing development in theology, spirituality and life-giving liturgy such as presentation talks to the EM & Lector, bible studies as well as pastoral council presentations and safeguarding and vetting in parishes throughout the diocese including Shrule. Please support the pastoral centre in its work. Thank you

**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>
Shaughnessy	Michael	Ballynalty	29/01/2017	72	Killursa
King	Thomas	Ballycurrin	30/01/1937	82	Killursa
Murphy	John	Mochorra	30/01/1956	82	Shrule
Joyce	Mary	Cahernabruck	30/01/1960	84	Shrule
Burke	Peter	Polbee	30/01/1966	91	Shrule
Sullivan	Mary	Parks	30/01/1979	78	Killursa
Murphy	Ann	Mochorra	30/01/2012		Shrule
Dooley	Fergus	Brodella	30/01/2015	84	Shrule
Keane	Andrew	Shrule	31/01/1951	75	Shrule
Keady	Sara	Carheens, Dalgan	31/01/1952	83	Shrule
Biggins	Mary Margaret	Ballynalty	31/01/1953	7	Moyne
Madden	John	Brodella	31/01/1955	78	Shrule
Garvey	Julia	Shrule	31/01/1963	79	Shrule
Hennelly	Michael	Toorard	31/01/1978	86	Killursa
O'Neill	Richard	Dalgan	31/01/1991	78	Shrule
Molloy	Michael	Ballisnahina	31/01/2003		Shrule
Walsh	Edmund	Ballycurrin	31/01/2005	55	Killursa
Mulroe	John	Scardane, Shrule	01/02/1922	49	Shrule
McCarthy	Edward	Dalgan	01/02/1964	84	Shrule
Petty	John	Shrule	01/02/1972	70	Ross Errily
Coyne	Norah	Old Ballynalty	01/02/1974	78	Moyne
Egan	James	Shrule	01/02/1974	72	Shrule
Hughes	Paddy	Mochorra	01/02/1996	57	Shrule
Sheridan	Paddy	Dalغان Lawn	01/02/1997	79	Shrule
Hyland	Mai	Ballisnahina	01/02/1998	84	Moyne
Duffy	Peter	Gurteen	01/02/2002	67	Shrule
Kavanagh	Mary	Cahernabruck	02/02/1931	85	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Patrick	Cahernabruck	02/02/1937	58	Shrule
Walsh	John	Ramolin	02/02/1951	75	Shrule
Conroy	John	Kille	02/02/1960	68	Shrule
Kennedy	John	Woodpark	02/02/1962	57	Shrule
Sullivan	Alfred	Gortbrack	02/02/1972	74	Killursa
Geraghty	Richard	Corrinreedra	02/02/1974		Ross
Keleghan	Susan	Shrule	02/02/1993	90	Shrule
Maughan	Raymond	Cahernabruck	02/02/1993	67	Shrule
Martyn	John	Gurteen	02/02/1994	76	Shrule
Garvey	Mary	Gortbrack	03/02/1928	72	Killursa
Feeney	James	Ballisnahina	03/02/1985	66	Shrule
Hyland	Michael	St. Mary's Road	03/02/1994	71	Shrule
Fitzgerald	Carmel	Mochorra	03/02/1999	30	Shrule
Canavan	James	Gortbrack	03/02/2004	69	Killursa
Duddy	Redmond	Ramolin	03/02/2004	86	Shrule
Murphy	Walter	Old Ballynalty	04/02/1935		Shrule
Conroy	Michael	Mochorra	04/02/1952	75	Shrule
Flood	Michael	Ballynalty	04/02/2019	79	Cross
Burke	Michael	Cloonbanane	05/02/1941	67	Shrule
Flynn	John	Moyne	05/02/1948	24	Cloughanover
Buckley	Brigid	Moorgagagh	05/02/1951	92	Shrule
Laffey	Thomas	Mohology	05/02/1972	76	Shrule
Biggins	Declan	Dalغان	05/02/2012	42	Shrule
Molloy	Jim	Ballycurrin	05/02/2016	73	Killursa

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

**Mary Shaughnessy**, Dringen, Cong. (Cousin of Dan & Jimmy Shaughnessy, Ballynalty & Mary Meyler, Woodpark) Funeral Mass for Mary took place at St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale on Wednesday last 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. RIP

## **ST. BRIDGET'S DAY – CANDLEMAS – BLESSING OF THE THROATS**

**St. Bridget's Day:** It will not be possible to leave rushes and the other materials in churches this year – instead, some volunteers have made St. Bridget's crosses that will be left in the churches.

**Candlemas Day:** This past year more than any, people have listened and/or watched Mass at home. Many have created a sacred or prayer space where they have put crucifix or holy or religious picture along with blessed candles and holy water on a white cloth on the kitchen or coffee table. The traditional time households had candles blessed for their homes was February 2<sup>nd</sup>, known as Candlemas Day – 40 days after Christmas Day. This year, due to current restrictions, and with no public liturgies allowed, a large table will be available in the church where people can leave their candles prior to Candlemas Day. Please clearly **MARK** your candles and **ENSURE** they are separate from other candles. The candles will be blessed at a vigil Mass on the **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Following Mass, the church will be open for the blessing of throats, at which time you can collect your candles or alternative over the following days. In keeping with tradition, a basket will be available also if people wish to contribute candles to the church for the coming year.

**Blessing of throats on St Blaise's Day:** The blessing of throats may take place in the following manner. Fr. Vivian will be available immediately after Mass for anyone who may the blessing of the throat. The blessing will take place according to social distancing norms. Crossed candles will be used for the blessing, but no physical contact is to take place between the person and the candles. People are asked to wear a face mask and/or appropriate PPE.

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

**ONLINE PUBLIC TALK: Galway Astronomy Club invites you to an online public talk by our own Fr Michael Connolly:** His talk centres on the search for truth – the heart of this search is the several millennia old encounter between the secular and sacred, a respectful dialogue, at times fraught with difficulty, which began among other instances in the ancient science of astronomy.

This talk is aimed at a young adult audience, having some fluency in the sciences and philosophy, but it will be pitched at a level accessible to all 'seekers of truth'.

Topic: What is truth, desiring to understand our world by learning to read 'the two books'

Time: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 8pm Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94455238040?pwd=b0ludmHlV3NOQ0k3SWN5ampyYlI0QT09>

Meeting ID: 944 5523 8040 Passcode: 746835

### **PRAYER TO SAINT BRIGID**

Saint Brigid.

You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace  
cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted  
in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly  
and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice  
for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quiet-ness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in  
mind, body and spirit.

Amen.

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

Having locked her keys inside her car in Headford, the woman prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation and got the car door opened in no time at all. "Thank you, God for sending me this nice man o help." She explained. The man replied, "I'm not nice. I just got out of jail for auto theft." "Thank you God!" the woman shouted to the sky, "You even sent me a professional!". Sometimes it better to look at a situation in a different way like this woman did.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.*

*The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light,*

*If only we are brave enough to see it.*

*If only we are brave enough to be it.'*

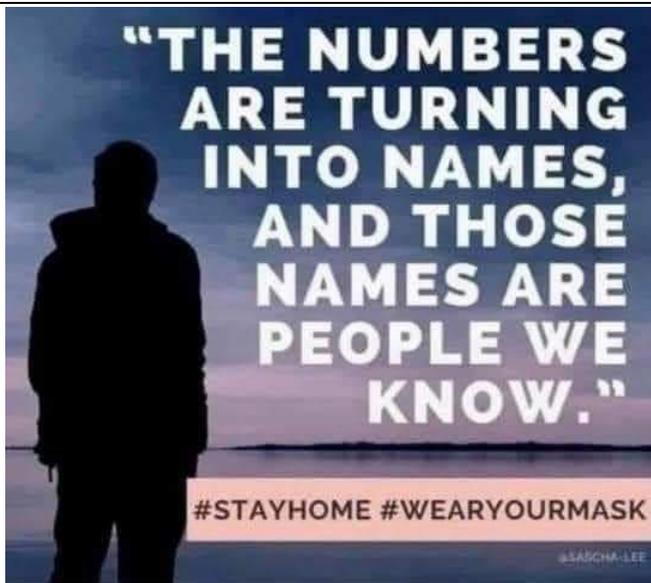
The Hill We Climb, Amanda Gorman

US Presidential inauguration ceremony 2021



"Showing off your vaccinations is not an acceptable reason to be out."

I was cycling from Shrule last weekend and nearly got knocked off my bike by a council salt lorry. "You idiot!", I shouted through gritten teeth.



**AWARE**

Support & Self Care Groups. If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with



people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information - and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups, then please visit their website on [www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/](http://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/) and all of their services are listed there.

**SHRULE GLENCORRIB GAA BORD NA NÓG NEWS**

The following are the newly elected officers:

Bord na nÓg

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS to Bord na nOg**

POSITION	NAME
<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Paul Gibbons</u>
<u>Asst. Chair</u>	<u>Donnacha Roche</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Brian Joyce</u>
<u>Asst. Sec.</u>	<u>Mary Garvey</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Damian McDonagh</u>
<u>Asst. Treasurer</u>	<u>Sharon McGaugh</u>
<u>Registration</u>	<u>Lisa O Loughlin / Sharon Hughes</u>
<u>Safety Officer</u>	<u>Mathew Murphy</u>
<u>Childrens Officer</u>	<u>Stiofan O Riain / Aisling Donnelly</u>
<u>Scor Officer</u>	<u>Mike Flynn / Lisa O Loughlin</u>
<u>B na nÓg Rep on Executive</u>	<u>Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer</u>

**COULD THIS BE YOU?**

The other day, I was hanging with a friend. This friend calls himself a Christian, but doesn't always act like it. Some days he's on fire for the LORD, some days life's struggles seem to get the best of him. So, as our eyes met, I really wanted to say something about it to him, but I decided to just let the LORD speak to his heart, knowing nothing I could say could ever possibly have the impact that the LORD making Himself real in his heart would make. So I prayed with him, and finally, after some time, I winked... and walked away from the mirror. ❤️❤️❤️

(Borrowed from a friend- who borrowed it from a friend)

**WARNING OVER COVID VACCINE SCAM:**

An Garda Síochána, the HSE, and The Department of Health have issued a warning to members of the public about potential scams relating to the Covid-19 vaccine. An Garda Síochána has been made aware of members of the public having received fraudulent text messages and telephone calls regarding Covid vaccination. The text messages and phone calls have made requests for people to confirm private and sensitive information such as PPS number, date of birth, and address. The HSE will never text or call individuals requesting personal information and they will never request payment for a Covid test or Vaccine. Your local GP will be the first point of contact about vaccination or Covid testing. The Covid-19 vaccine is free and it is not available privately. We would ask that members of the public make any vulnerable friends or family aware of these calls and text messages.

**LIFE'S LIKE THAT:** Just started crying at the bus stop on my way home from the shops. The person next to me was like, "I know I shouldn't but would you like a hug" I swear to God it was so much better than an antidepressant I've ever taken.

## DR PAUL MCDERMOTT, RIP

Tributes have been paid to a GP from Rathfarnham following his sudden death on 4<sup>th</sup> January last. Dr Paul McDermott (57) treated patients at his practice on Glendoher Road for over 20 years, working alongside his mother Sarah McAuley, who opened a GP surgery in Rathfarnham in the 1960s.

The mother and son duo continued to work together until recently, despite Dr McAuley being in her 90s. He passed away suddenly at his home earlier this month, and is survived by his mother, Dr Sarah Macaulay (Sadie), his sister Deirdre, brother Ray, sister-in-law Grace, and his nieces and nephews.

Hundreds of current and past patients of Dr McDermott have paid tribute following news of his sudden death, with current patients notified of his passing in a letter issued by the HSE earlier this week.

Dr McDermott's death has not yet been officially attributed to Covid-19, with his brother Ray McDermott telling The Irish Times that the family are currently awaiting the results of a post-mortem. Ray McDermott, an oncologist, said that Dr McDermott was diagnosed with the virus following his sudden death, when a swab taken posthumously was returned positive.

If Dr McDermott's death is officially attributed to Covid-19, he will be the first GP in Ireland to have died from the virus. Eleven healthcare workers have died in the pandemic so far, including one hospital doctor. Paul's funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Church on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012. May he rest in peace.



### DID YOU KNOW

When folks don't understand why it's a big deal that Kamala Harris is the Vice President (no matter your political affiliation), it's helpful to use a simple visual aid.

#### See the red box?

Until then, she would have been enslaved.

#### See the blue box?

Until then, she couldn't vote.

#### The yellow box?

Until then, she had to attend a segregated school.

#### And see the green box?

Until then she couldn't have her own bank account.

### THIS IS WHY CHANGE IS NECESSARY.



### 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

### 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"

**JUST A THOUGHT: 'YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD'**

When day comes, we ask ourselves where can we find light in this never ending shade. For almost a year now our world and our lives have been lived under the ever-present gloom of Coronavirus. We have become used to living in its shade. Lockdown has meant look down –in our struggle to navigate and indeed survive this new and overcast world we forget to look up. In the prevailing darkness we fail to look for signs of light, we scurry and dash avoiding each other and even when we do meet, our masks hide the bright glow and warmth of our smiles. We look down.



**And yet there is light; moments when almost despite ourselves our gaze is lifted beyond the gloom and we see again glimmers of light and hope. Driving along we catch a glimpse of the snow-capped Reek, a piece of music stops us in our tracks, a call from a friend raises our spirits, the laughter of children brings a smile to our hearts. Moments of grace call us out of our darkness and remind us that we will overcome, that hope endures... lambs playing in the fields, the kindness of a stranger, the beauty of a sunset, the raising of the soul in prayer.**

Hope is all around if only we lift our eyes towards the light. We look forward to the roll out of the vaccine, the coming of the summer, the opportunity to gather again. We wait expectantly for the newborn child, the first step, days of celebration and joy. And we look back and we notice that even as we grappled in the shade light and grace abounded.

We realise **'that even as we grieved, we grew. That even as we hurt, we hoped. That even as we tired, we tried...'**\*

Last week as I kept a half watchful eye and a curious ear on the US Presidential inauguration ceremony, I was all too aware that only two weeks previously the very steps on which the ceremony was taking place had been the site of violent mob riots. On a cold grey day with crowds limited by social distancing and the real threat of more violence, President Biden spoke well of creating a new united United States. He spoke of healing divisions and recreating hope.

After President Biden had spoken, I looked up to see a petite young woman of colour approach the podium. Wearing a bright yellow coat and red headpiece she shattered the greyness of the occasion and cast the light of hope across a divided country and a watching world. Amanda Gorman's enthusiasm and vitality embodied the hope of which she spoke. Her words lit up a somewhat sombre event and cast their radiance across America & beyond.

**'If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birth right.'**\*

On a Hill, still resonant with Martin Luther King's 'I have a Dream' speech, 23 year old poet Amanda Gorman dared to share her own dream and vision; a dream based on Scripture's call for equality, a dream realised in the building of bridges rather than the erecting of walls.

There is always hope, because if we have the courage to look up there is always light. **'When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it.'**\*



God Bless, Fr Tod Nolan – Burrishoole Parish

\*The Hill We Climb, Amanda Gorman

**DID YOU KNOW**

- An Irishman designed the White House
- Three Irishmen signed the US Declaration of Independence
- The great seal of the United States was designed by a Derry man.
- An Irish man composed the initial tune of the Star Spangled Banner.

The only worthwhile journey you'll make is from your head to your heart.

Sometime it's not the song that makes you emotional, it's the people and the things that come to mind when you hear it.

"We build too many walls and not enough bridges"

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"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere"  
*Van Gogh*

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Always listen to your heart. It may be on your left but it is always right.

## A WORD IN YOUR EAR

I made three pilgrimages to Auschwitz in my time. A 'casual' visit to that awful place is impossibility. The pilgrim is drawn into the tragic evil perpetrated there. A significant anniversary was marked on Wednesday last, 27<sup>th</sup> January. On that day in 1944, Soviet soldiers poured into Auschwitz on a liberation mission. The army encountered warehouses filled with massive quantities of other people's belongings: eighty-eight pounds of eyeglasses, hundreds of prosthetic limbs, twelve thousand pots and pans, forty-four thousand pairs of shoes. Most of the people who owned them were already dead, murdered by the Nazis in the Holocaust's largest extermination and concentration camp.

But though Auschwitz seemed silent and abandoned at first, soldiers soon realized they were filled with people thousands of them, left to die by SS guards who evacuated the camps after trying to cover up their crimes. As they saw the soldiers, the emaciated prisoners hugged, kissed and cried. It is reported that, over the past week, over 14 million people have read a tweet posted by 17 year old, Dov Forman. He wrote, *"My 97-Year-old Great Grandma, Lily Ebert, an Auschwitz Survivor, has just recovered from Covid-19. Today she went on her first walk in a month after making a miraculous recovery."*

Lily was 14 when she was deported to Auschwitz. Like so many other extraordinary survivors, she has recounted her horrific experiences to numerous audiences, relentless in her call for tolerance and compassion.

Interviewed on national television, when reflecting on the virus which nearly took her life, Lily declared: "I choose life, I cannot give up. I have to carry on; to fight."

On Wednesday evening last, to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, thousands lit candles, while iconic landmarks across the UK were lit up. BBC marked the occasion with a series of historic documentaries. One survivor appealed to her audience to pluck up the courage to 'be the light in the darkness'. We would all like to believe that if we ever encountered the evil that made the

Holocaust possible, we would respond with great conviction. But, Cain's lamentable reaction to the murder of his brother Abel, "Am I my brother's keeper?" has been a tragic and recurrent feature of human history and never more so than during the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was unique, but its lessons are ever relevant. Emerging out of the darkness of the crematoria at Auschwitz, many declared, 'Never again!' But, sadly, we have said 'Never again' all over again, as the world failed to be that light when darkness fell over Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

And right now, amidst atrocities perpetrated against the Rohingya in Myanmar and the Uyghurs in China, at a time when we see a worrying increase of hate speech and hate crime, this is not a time to wait for others to act. Even a tiny flame can conquer darkness. Every one of us carries the responsibility to be that spark of courage and inspiration.

Lily Ebert invariably concludes her speeches with these words: "The Holocaust is something we try to explain, but can't. It is unexplainable. Normal human beings cannot take it in. But I hope for one thing, that it will never happen again to anybody."

The pursuit of that goal rests in all our hands.

Fr. Dick Lyng OSA

Church Bells  
ring

**Every Sunday at 11am**

to express our community's solidarity  
with



Those affected with coronavirus

Their family & friends

Healthcare workers

Frontline workers

Civil leaders

Those who die at this difficult time



*Please remember them in your prayers*

*Thank You*

*Best quote I have  
seen.*



*We isolate now  
so when we gather  
again,  
no one is missing*

## SHRULE GLENCORRIB KILROE known as "SGK – Environment" NEWS

A new Whatsapp group has been set up in the parish community recently. Its objectives are to gather and share information on our local environment and wildlife. It's expanding its membership and if you have Whatsapp on your phone and would like to join, then send your name and mobile number to 086 3782156.

We have attached below a poster for a wildlife survey as a proposed project for the group for their comments and approval. We feel this is an optimum opportunity with the lockdowns to engage with the community spirit and to engage the efforts especially of the young and elder members of our catchment. We are happy to collate data but if anyone is interested to assist we're happy with this also. We understand that there is funding for such projects.

Also we know the group won't be meetings anytime soon.

We think is a golden opportunity to do this project and especially for older people. There will be a few reminder possibly required throughout the year and bit of collation at end but it can be ticking away throughout the year and hopefully we will have a tangible piece of local natural heritage data at the end. One member counted 17 different birds species this month in the garden.

## WILDLIFE SURVEY 2021



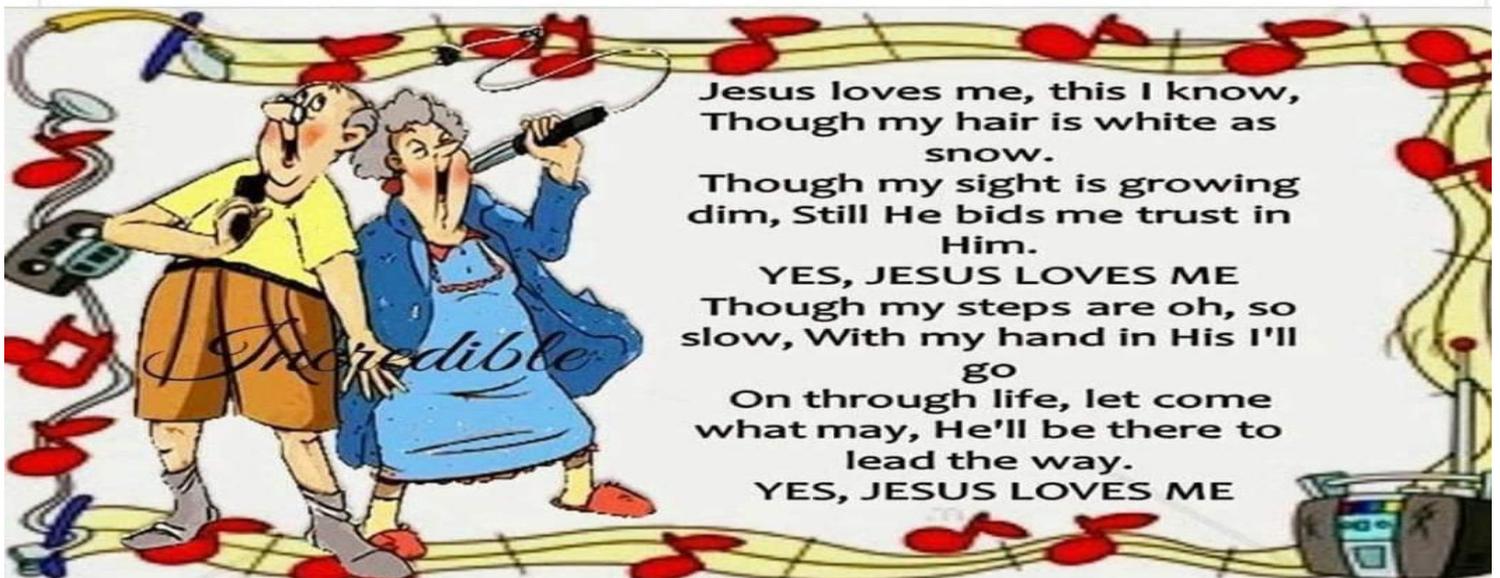
Calling all residents from Shrule, Glencorrib and Kilroe! Your help is sought to assist in taking part in a wildlife survey by recording wildlife sightings in your area throughout the year 2021. The findings of the survey, will be compiled and provided to the community and the county libraries for further educational and community purposes.

Help record sightings of our **wild birds, mammals, insects** and **amphibians**. All you have to record is the species, date of sighting, village/townland and type of habitat (garden, hedgerow, farmland). You can record and return monthly to the following email address [sgkwildlifesurvey@gmail.com](mailto:sgkwildlifesurvey@gmail.com)

**Everyone is welcome to assist so please spread the word to your family and friends.**

*SGK Historical/Environmental Group project*

### Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow.



Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as  
snow.

Though my sight is growing  
dim, Still He bids me trust in  
Him.

**YES, JESUS LOVES ME**  
Though my steps are oh, so  
slow, With my hand in His I'll  
go

On through life, let come  
what may, He'll be there to  
lead the way.

**YES, JESUS LOVES ME**