

**Vocations Sunday**

There is a story told where a local post office in rural Ireland closed. The local community were greatly distressed at this, and hastily arranged a public meeting. Local political representatives were summoned to the meeting. On the night of the meeting, the local hall was full to capacity with people even standing outside. Local after local spoke how essential the postal service was to the community and how the closure further demonstrated the rural/urban divide. Eventually, a local representative rose to speak and the crowd gathered hushed. Standing at the podium for a few moments, the person spoke – he asked one question – ‘can the people who use the post office please raise their hands’ – in the crowded hall, 12 people raised their hands. After allowing time for the crowd to take this in, he said, ‘now you have your answer to why the post office is closing’. While this story might seem like fiction, it took place in reality. All over the country and indeed in our own area, we are witnessing one parish after another be without a priest. Many are indifferent, and even for those who express concern often will state this is the churches or leadership problem. Vocations, nurturing of vocations along with praying for vocations is the concern to every member of the faith community. Nonetheless, as members of the faith community and by our baptism calling, we all have responsibility towards vocations. This responsibility is realised by supporting and encouraging vocations. Clergy, religious and the church are easy targets for people so expressing a balanced, truthful, and unbiased views of church and clergy and applying the same standards of conduct, respect and behaviour to all groups on a common topic. Above all, praying for vocations is central to role of the faith community and vocations.



**What is a Vocation?**

The word vocation comes from the Latin word ‘vocare’ which means to call. Through our baptism as Christians, we are all called to be followers of Christ and to live the Christian Values that are found in the Gospels in our daily lives. Some people choose to live their baptismal call in a more radical way in the religious life.

**How do I know what my Vocation in life is?**

Looking at a vocation takes time. It can be exciting and nerve racking and even at times confusing! It is important to get guidance, to pray and to try to be open to whatever the Lord wants. Every person is different, some people may experience the above but it may not mean that they should become a religious brother sister or priest. One approach is to come and meet others who are searching for a meaning to life. This provides the opportunity for discussion and exploration in a safe and non-judgemental environment where dreams, hopes and challenges can be discussed. Another approach is to learn and practice the ancient art of Lectio Divina; which is namely praying with Scripture. This approach involves an ancient methodology going back to the desert fathers of the early church. It is always good to check this out through prayer and conversation with others, a good friend or perhaps a person you know who is already living his kind life or you can contact the Vocations Ireland Office or their website.

**Have you ever asked yourself any of these questions or something similar?**

- How do I discern the possibility of a Vocation to religious life / priesthood?
- Do you feel God might be calling you to live out your Christian call by becoming a priest, nun or monk?
- Are you searching for a way to offer yourself in the service of God’s world?
- Do you want to be a witness to God’s love in the world and especially to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters?

*Have you ever considered that you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?*

**GOD'S ON THE LINE.  
DON'T HANG UP!**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

**SHRULE & GLENCORRIB PARISH NEWSLETTER APRIL 18TH 2021**

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**You can listen to all Masses on the parish radio 101.4 FM**  
**Weekend Masses are available on radio & on Facebook/Shrule Parish**



They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’

**St. Joseph’s Church, Shrule – Dedicated 1832**

Sat April 17th	8pm	John & Mary Kyne, Carramore
Sun April 18th	11am	Fr. Richard Tarpey Mary Walsh, Brodella
Mon April 19th	9:30am	Michael Sweeney, Brodella
Tues April 20th	9:30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed April 21th	9:30am	Mary, Paddy & Redmond Mohan, Cahernabruck Alicoque Hoban, Castlebar
Thurs April 22th	9:30am	Michael Sweeney, Bordella
Fri April 23h	8pm	Mary & Michael Swift John & Mary Daly, England
Sat April 24th	8pm	Michael Sweeney, Brodella, Month’s Mind
Sun April 25th	11am	Paddy & Mary Sheridan, Dalgan Michael & Bridie Higgins, sons Paddy & Michael & daughter Margaret Fitzgerald.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception – Dedicated 1876**

Sat April 17th	6:30pm	Mary Kelly Elizabeth Molly & DM Molly Family, Balisnahina
Sun April 18th	9:30 pm	Martin Hennelly, Toorard Sr. Catherine Burke & DM Burke Family, Cloonbane
Wed April 21st	10am	Tommy Mohan
Fri April 23th	7pm	Michael Connelly
Sat April 24th	6:30pm	Jimmy Flaherty
Sun April 25th	9:30 pm	Mary & Tommie Reilly & DM Reilly Family Austin & Katherine Healy & DM Healy Family



Please Remember in your prayers those who have died from Shrule & Glencorrib this week in former times. May their soul and the souls of all the faith departed rest in peace. Amen.

Surname	First Name	Townland	Died	Age	Graveyard
Cullinan	Michael	Brackloon	21/04/1936	66	Shrule
Ruane	Peter	Tubbersharave	21/04/1937	78	Shrule
Connor	Thady	Boula	21/04/1979	72	Killursa
Martyn	Patrick J.	Wakefield/London	21/04/2008	67	Shrule
Lydon	Martin	Brackloon	22/04/1967	80	Kilmaine
Muldoon	Michael John	Shrule	22/04/1991	75	Shrule
Guy	Peter	Moyne	22/04/2012		
Walsh	Charles	Ballycurrin	23/04/1916	76	Kilursa
Frehan	Thomas	Shrule	23/04/1950	59	Shrule
Kavanagh	Patrick	Badgerfort	23/04/1954	29	Shrule
Swift	Mary	Cahermaculick	23/04/1982		Shrule
Heneghan	Louis	Shrule	23/04/1987	55	Shrule
Kennedy	Thomas	Tubbersharave	24/04/1919	51	Shrule
Cottingham	Mary	Mount Henry	24/04/1951	50	Killursa
Hynes	Margaret	Cahernabruck	24/04/1965	62	Shrule
Higgins	Brigid	St. Mary's Road	24/04/1978	84	Shrule
Sheridan	Mary	Mocollogan	24/04/2005	82	Shrule
Ryan	John	Dalغان	24/04/2010	90	Shrule
Biggins	Mary	Rossdaff	25/04/1920	72	Moyne
Nolan	Brigid	Cloonbanane	25/04/1934	49	Shrule
Craddock	Mary Brigid	The Bridge, Shrule	25/04/1954	3 weeks	Shrule
Mc Hugh	Winifred	Gorthbrack	25/04/1959	84	Killursa
Mc Hugh	Martin	Gorthbrack	25/04/1964	84	Killursa

### Armchair Azure Tours in Mayo

Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is delighted to announce Armchair Azure, a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. For those living with dementia, the virtual visual art tours are an accessible way of engaging with art online. Tours are one-hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer.



Contact Katriona Gillespie at Mayo County Council Arts Service at [mayoarts@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoarts@mayococo.ie) or phone 094 9064666. We will be happy to answer your questions. Tours will take place at 11am on the following dates: **April 19th and 26th | May 04th and 17th | June 07th**

*This KEEP WELL campaign is brought to you with thanks to Healthy Ireland an initiative of the Govern-*

### THE LIVING WORD AT EASTER

#### GALWAY DIOCESAN PASTORAL OUTREACH ZOOM PROGRAMME:

In Lent we journeyed through the Passion narrative in Mark's Gospel. However, we must never forget that **God's plan for Jesus was always resurrection!** Paul reminded the early Christians that **we preach Christ crucified AND risen.** For **six Tuesday evenings online, beginning on Easter Tuesday, we continue our journey with the Risen Christ by focusing on the Easter Gospel passages in all four Gospels.** Don't worry if you were not able to join us during Lent; join us now and discover how the Resurrection changed everything for those first followers of Jesus and experience the impact that it can have on our own lives, on our own faith journey. These are not 'academic' evenings, but an opportunity to grow in our understanding of God's word and how it can transform our lives. The sessions will be facilitated by Fr **Gerard McCarthy SVD.** There will be time for questions and discussion in each session. Scripture texts and supporting material will be provided. **The course runs online via Zoom** for six Tuesday evenings from 6th April to 11th May 2021 **Are you interested?** Just drop an email to [pastoral@galwaydiocese.ie](mailto:pastoral@galwaydiocese.ie) and they will send you a link to the Zoom meeting platform. Each presentation starts at 7:30pm lasting for 1 hour. Remaining presentations dates & themes are as follows:



- ⇒ Tuesday 20th April The Road to Emmaus
- ⇒ Tuesday 27th April Peace be with you
- ⇒ Tuesday 4th May Magdalene and Doubting Thomas
- ⇒ Tuesday 11th May A Question of Love



Both Churches remain open for private prayer & devotion. Please observe social distancing  
Thank You  
*Stay safe & Stay Strong*

Parish church bells will ring every Sunday at 11am as an expression of solidarity for all those affected by coronavirus, . Please remember them in your prayers.



### Shrule Cemetery Committee Thank You

Shrule Cemetery Committee would like to publicly acknowledge the work organised and carried out by Mayo County Council in upgrading the cemetery roadway. It is a superb job. The committee wish to thank our local County Councillors, Damian Ryan, Patsy O'Brien and Michael Burke who provided funding towards the cost of the roadway. Again a big thank you to all concerned.



Please join us for our parish liturgies:  
Parish Radio:  
101.4 F M  
Shrule Paris/  
Facebook

### 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.

