

# GLENCORRIB & SHRULE PARISH NEWS – 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - MASS DATES, TIMES & INTENTIONS

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SHRULE - Dedicated 1830

Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.00 pm	<b>Sr. Margarita Meenegan</b> , California & Cahernabruck	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	<b>Ronan and Michael Holleran</b> , Joyce Park	12 <sup>th</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
			<b>Conor Bohan and the DM of Bohan family</b> , Carramore	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv & Deceased
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 pm	<b>Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4pm Wk 2</b>	
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	<b>Nora Canavan</b>	
Daily Masses		Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 9.30am		
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.55pm</b>	
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.00 pm	<b>Tommy &amp; Rose Gibsey and the DM of the Gibsey family.</b>	39 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv & Deceased
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.00 pm	<b>Martha Burke</b> , Rathgranagher	Anniv
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	<b>Edward &amp; Ellen Ryan</b> , Dalgan	46 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 pm	<b>Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4pm Wk 3</b>	

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

Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	<b>John and Margaret Monaghan and their grandson Kenneth Monaghan</b> , Ballycurrin	39 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
			<b>Fr. John Creaven</b> , SMA Glencorrib & Corofin	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	<b>Mary &amp; Paddy Moran</b> , Glencorrib & Ballynalty	15 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
<b>Communion Services this week</b>		Monday @ 10am. Tuesday & Thursday @ 9.30am		
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	<b>Mass</b>	
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm</b>	
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	<b>Bridget &amp; Michael Holland</b> , Monaghan	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	<b>Rena Daly</b> , Glencorrib	27 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
			<b>Jim Toher and the DM of the Toher family</b> , Glencorrib & Ballynalty	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv & Deceased
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	<b>Mick &amp; Kitty Mohan</b> , Ballynalty	19 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv

**ALTAR SOCIETY** | 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: C. Heneghan, A. Geraghty & M. Murphy | Glencorrib A

**HEAVENLY FATHER**, Please walk through my house and take away all worries, sadness, financial crisis, illness; and please watch over and heal my family and friends. Please bring quiet where there is chaos, bring light to where there is darkness and put love in our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** will be available after all Masses this weekend and at Shrule Post Office

**OH COME LET US ADORE HIM:**  
There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Shrule Church from 3pm to 4pm for the three remaining Sundays of Advent. Everyone welcome!

**PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**  
Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me Home  
When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near  
When my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me Home

**"PRE-CHRISTMAS QUOTES..."**  
"Santa Claus has the right idea, visit people only once a year." -*Victor Borge*.  
"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them." -*Ralph Waldo Emerson*.  
"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." -*Roy L. Smith*.  
"What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day." -*Phyllis Diller*.  
"I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included." -*Bernard Manning*.

**SPECIAL CARD GAME** in aid of **Glencorrib Community Centre** on **Wednesday next 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm**. Please support. Thank you.



**QUOTE:** "No sense in being pessimistic it wouldn't work anyway."

## SHRULE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROPOSED ALL WEATHER PITCH

A meeting was held last Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December regarding Shrule school development plan and it was hoped that 2 parent representatives would be chosen to be on Shrule School Development Plan Committee. Unfortunately, out of 72 families in the school, only 6 families were represented, so the meeting did not go ahead as planned nor were two representatives chosen. A second meeting is now scheduled for **next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in Shrule school hall at 8:30pm.**

In discussion with those who did attend, it was mentioned that there were some issues with internal school communications so while that will be used again for the upcoming meeting, this note will also be in the parish newsletter, and I will asking both the Shrule Village Enhancement & GAA for help in getting the word out. Secondly, there seemed to be uncertainty regarding the purpose of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss development the sites on either side of the school. The initial catalyst for this was my attendance at a Parents Association meeting in September 2017 where the issue of overcrowding in the school playground. The second purpose of the meeting was to also share and explain information regarding the sites around the school that emerged over the last year and half. Based on this new information for example, I have approached various groups, explaining that I was proposing to set up a committee to look at further development of the sites, and if they could chose representatives. Various relevant groups have done that such as BOM, teachers, local residents & GAA. Out of various meetings, there has been strong support for one key focus which is the school pitch. The various groups again and again expressed a desire for an all weather pitch that could be used not only by the school, but also by other groups outside of school hours and during the summer. Another issue raised last Tuesday is the potential conflict with other proposed projects. When this concern has been brought up before and again last Tuesday, I have given the same response every time. In such a small community as Shrule, it is important not only that we all work together but support each other in the different projects. If it were to emerge that the proposed all weather pitch was to be in conflict with another proposed project, then naturally that would be taken on board.

Due to the poor attendance last Tuesday but also based on the reality that a proposed all weather pitch will not be just for the school or one age category, but a facility for everyone of all ages I am opening the meeting to the public. If anyone wishes to attend the meeting, they are welcome to do so, so not only can support for this proposal be gauged but also to hear different ideas and suggestions e.g. a walk way around the pitch for example. This means if you have children not yet in school or they have left school or no children at all but have ideas or suggestions, this meeting is open to you. It is not exclusively for parents/guardians of the school.

Finally, I would like to state clearly that if there is not adequate attendance at the meeting, I will not proceed with this project. By that I mean for example, I would expect a minimum of 30 school families to be present as lack of attendance would indicate that people are happy with pitch as it is currently and not interested in the proposal. This would be regrettable frankly. I will only proceed with this project if all various interested groups work together to achieve something for the benefit of the whole community. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope to see you in Shrule school hall next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30pm.

*Fr. Vivian Loughrey*

**SHRULE SOCIAL CLUB: A meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in Shrule Community Center at 8pm** to establish if there is any interest in setting up a social club in the community. The aim of the club will be to organise social events throughout the year such as the Christmas Dinner, group trips along with talks and presentations in the hall. The meeting provides an opportunity for people to share ideas, suggestions & explore various options moving forward.

**Why is this happening now?** Down through the years the Shrule community have enjoyed various events. Indeed the recent outstanding success of the Shrule/Glencorrib Fundraiser brought back memories of the early 80's 'King and Queen of Shrule'. These events were possible due to the support of many groups, including 'Shrule's Ladies Club'. Over the years, this club has held numerous events for Shrule community from Santa's Grotto to organising trips during the summer to the Christmas dinner in the hall. Sadly, the last few remaining members have decided that after many years involvement in the club, it is time for them to step back. I would like to take this opportunity to express 'Thank You' to all involved in the Ladies Club for their work, dedication, effort and time down throughout the years.

**SHRULE ACTIVE OVER 55:** every Wednesday at 2pm in Shrule Hall. ☎ Marie O'Malley 087-6305369 for more info. All are welcome. Thank you.

**SHRULE PARISH** is committed to the protection of all children/young people. Please see notice board for details.

**GLENACTIVE** continues every Tuesday in Glencorrib Community Centre @ 11am. No obligation to attend every week. All are welcome. Please support.

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



Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
O'Brien	Michael	Cahernabruck	08/12/1923	75	Shrule
Gavin	Timothy	Longhill	08/12/1981	81	Shrule
Golding	Helen	Shrule	09/12/1923	87	Shrule
Lydon	Nora	Dalgan Park	09/12/1951	72	Shrule
O'Neill	Patrick	Dalgan Park	09/12/1963	76	Shrule
Ryan	Ellen	Dalgan	09/12/1987	92	Shrule
Moughan	David	Cahernabruck	10/12/1927	80	Shrule
Dooley	Michael	Cullagh	10/12/1939	64	Donaghpatrick
Holleran	Ronan	Joyce Park	10/12/2006	18	Shrule
Nolan	Matthew	Cloonbanane	11/12/1933	65	Shrule
O'Neill	Carmel Teresa	Dalgan	11/12/1980	20	Shrule
Carroll	Pat	Longhill	12/12/1963	91	Shrule
O'Dowd	Thomas	Shrule	12/12/1995	79	Shrule
Meeneghan	Sr. Margarita	Cahernabruck	12/12/2017	97	California
Carey	Patrick	Shrule	13/12/1917	68	Shrule
O'Brien	Kate	Cahernabruck	13/12/1934	84	Shrule
Langan	Mary Gertrude	Shrule	13/12/1946	9 mths	Shrule
Madden	Raphael	Brodella	13/12/2011	66	Shrule
Carroll	John	Cruchfadha	14/12/1923	84	Shrule
Mc Camley	Evelyn	London/Kille	14/12/2010	64	Crossboyne
Murphy	Julia	Shrule	15/12/1924	38	Shrule
Hyland	Anthony	Brodella	15/12/1989	80	Shrule
Garvey	Augustine	Shrule	16/12/1949	27	Shrule
McGath	Richard	Kilmaine Road	16/12/1983	72	Donaghpatrick

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



Surname	Christian	Village	Date Died	Age	Cemetery
Newell	Catherine	Mount Henry	08/12/1918	16	Killursa
Molloy	Catherine	Ballisnahina	11/12/1943	9	Shrule
Monaghan	John	Ballycurrin	12/12/1979	63	Killursa
Flood	Brigid	New Ballynalty	14/12/1917	83	Cross
Naughton	Martin	Rostaff	14/12/1976	74	Moyne
Joyce	Martin	Ballisnahina	14/12/1992	71	Shrule
Martyn	John	Ballisnahina	16/12/1999	78	Moyne

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

**John (Johnny) McEvaddy**, Brodella, Shrule and formerly of Houndswood, Cross. Funeral Mass for Johnny took place at St. Joseph's Church, Shrule on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. RIP

**Barry Miller**, Dalgan, Shrule formerly of Stocksbridge, Sheffield, England who passed away during the week. A private service was held at Shannon Crematorium on Friday last 7<sup>th</sup> December. RIP

**HAVE FUN!** Learn to dance! New term starts Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. We offer social dance classes, private lessons, fun fitness, & dancercise for ladies, all styles for kids, also piano lessons, plus lots more. ☎ Amanda O'Connell 089 9841752

**SOLAS – HEADFORD ☎ 093 36446:** DOMESTIC ABUSE: You are invited to attend the launch of a code of practice responding to domestic abuse in the Ard Ri House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec @12 noon. Speakers on the day from frontline services, western region. Launch marks the final day of the international 16 days of action opposing violence against women campaign 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**BALLINROBE FOLK CHOIR**, now known as Glór na Róba will be giving their Christmas concert on **Sunday next 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm in St Mary's Church, Ballinrobe**. It will be a wonderful night with proceeds going to Friends of Grace and Cranio Ribbons

**QUOTE:** The best medicine for humans is "LOVE". Someone asked; "What if it doesn't work?" He smiled and said "Increase the dose"

**COMMUNION AT HOME:** IF some people are unable to come to Mass on a regular basis. We can arrange for someone to Holy Communion to your home. Please give Fr. Vivian a ☎ on 093 31262 or drop into the sacristy after Mass.

**SMILES:** People write "Congrats" because they can't spell "Congrajlashins". ☺ ☺ ☺

**SHRULE / GLENCORRIB GAA CLUB  
AGM ELECTED EXECUTIVE  
OFFICERS 2019:**

This is the full listing

Chairperson: **David Craddock**  
 Vice Chairperson: **Pauric Hennelly**  
 Treasurer: **Philip Gray**  
 Assistant treasurer: **Liam Payne**  
 Secretary: **Sarah McKirdy**  
 Assistant Secretary: **Aisling Donnelly**  
 Club Registrar: **Ruth Cawley**  
 PRO: **Sean McGuinness**  
 Bord na Nóg: **Denise Fahy, Brian Joyce, Damian McDonagh, James O'Dowd**  
 County Board Delegate: **Mattie Murphy**  
 Other executive members: **John Muldoon, Tom Moffatt, Liam Garvey, David Ryan, James Monaghan**  
 Captain and Vice Captain of Senior team for 2019 who yet to be confirmed.

**HAYWARD'S  
UNEXPECTED DAWN  
ADVENTURE.**

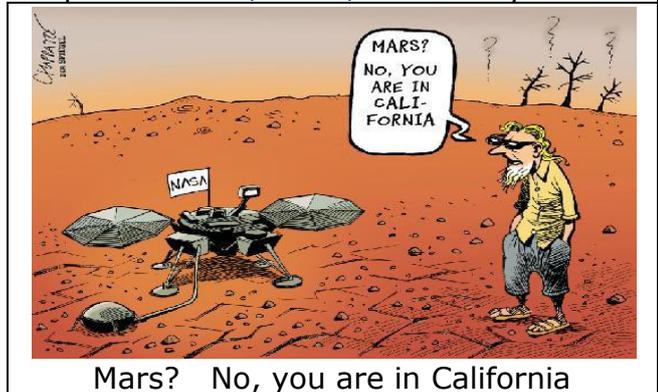


Reviews - "a beautiful publication"- "Kate's stories are full of her passion for nature and a desire to protect our local wildlife". Kate will have a book signing on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30 pm in Glencorrib Community Centre** for anyone wishing to avail of this limited edition book. **A wonder Christmas present to give someone.**

**SHRULE/GLENCORRIB GAA CLUB LOTTO NEWS: 03/12/18:** No Jackpot winner this week. Numbers drawn: 12, 16, 27 & 32. **Lucky Dip €25 Winners:**  
**Annual:** John Muldoon, Shrule **Spot:** Thomas O'Sullivan, Glencorrib & Las Murphy, Shrule. **Online:** Susan Molloy, Galway. **Three Free lines for next week's lotto draw:** Eymard Hoade. **Winner of the county jersey of their choice:** Congratulations to Jennifer Hyland, Ballisnahina. **Next Draw:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ The Craddock's Bar. **Jackpot is €20,000.** To play online click on the link: <https://bit.ly/shruleglencorribGAA>

**JUST A THOUGHT:** An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h in 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears. The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus flight, boring flight isn't it? Take care and have a look here!" He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, only to swoop down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?" The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now have a look here!" The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After five minutes, the Airbus pilot radioed, "Well, what are you saying now?" The jet pilot asks confused: "What did you do?" The other laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back of the flight to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon cake and made an appointment with the stewardess for the next three nights - in a 5 Star hotel, which is paid for by my employer."

The moral of the story is: When you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, comfort and peace are not to be despised either. This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, Smarter.



**A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR:** An animal rights organization PETA has urged people to move away from anti-animal language such as "taking the bull by the horns" etc. The group has suggested the following alternatives

Instead of	Use
"Kill two birds with the one stone"	"Feed two birds with the one scone"
"Be the guinea pig"	"Be the test tube"
"Beat a dead horse"	"Feed a fed horse"
"Bring home the bacon"	"Bring home the bagels"

I kid you not

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**Don't be impressed by money, followers, degrees and titles.  
Be IMPRESSED by kindness, integrity, humility and generosity**

**JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THIS SEASON**

## JUST ANOTHER THOUGHT

The Aid to the Church in Need carried a staggering advertisement in a recent edition of the Irish Catholic (November 1st), giving the worldwide statistics on the persecution of Christians throughout the world. Here is the list given:

- Christians suffer the most discrimination, persecution and violence of all groups in the world, very often at the hands of State authorities.
- 80% of all acts of religious discrimination worldwide are inflicted on Christians, even though Christians only make up 33% of the global population.
- 100,000 Christians per year are martyred because of their faith, including thousands of babies and young children.
- 200 million Christians around the world live under extreme persecution, where receiving the Sacraments, attending Mass or wearing a crucifix is a crime punishable by death.

The Aid to the Church in Need is asking all of us to make a stand for faith and freedom. The purpose of this promotion is to awaken all of us to the persecution inflicted upon us, but most especially, to remember those who give their blood for Christ and suffer torture for Him every day.

**PLEASE REMEMBER WITH A PRAYER** all those in hospital, those waiting for test results & operations, all those undergoing procedures and operations. Lord Jesus, friend of the sick, console those who are unwell, restore them to health and bless all who are with them and care for them

**GLENCORRIB BOWLS** next meeting will take place in Community Centre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11.30am. Bowls take place every second Friday. New members are very welcome to join any time.

**ANNUAL CLONBUR CHRISTMAS 5K/8K FUN RUN/WALK** on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. \* Registration from 10.30am. Registration, start & finish at All Saint's Heritage Centre, Clonbur. Voluntary donations on the day with all proceeds going to Galway Hospice. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

**WESTERN ALZHEIMERS NEWS:** The perfect Christmas gift to treat yourself and the women in your life! Enjoy a wonderful day out as we take a twist on Nollaig na mBan traditionally associated with women being "allowed" one day off housework. Instead we would like to celebrate and recognise women for their achievements. We are also raising awareness to the fact that TWO THIRDS of those living with Alzheimers are women and the overwhelming majority of their primary carers are female. Join us on January 6<sup>th</sup> in the stunning Lodge at Ashford Castle for: Western Alzheimers Fundraising Nollaig na mBan Ladies Luncheon, The Lodge at Ashford Castle, Cong, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 @ 1pm. Drinks reception & The Mulberry String Quartet, 3 Course Sunday Lunch, Special Guests, Fab raffle prizes to be won. Tickets must be purchased in advance. ☎ 094 93 64900.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to the New Data Regulations brought in on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 all Church Volunteers, Ministers, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir Members etc must fill in a consent form. These forms are available in the scarcity after Mass. Could everyone who has not filled and signed a form please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

**HEADFORD ADULT LEARNING CENTRE** New courses beginning January 2019. FREE classes in Computers for beginners, iPad and Technology classes, Creative Writing, ESOL classes and Everyday Maths among others. For more info ☎ or text the centre on 093 34746 / 087 6404438

## TACU FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE, BALLINROBE. ☎ 094 9542908

- **FRIENDS OF TACÚ – CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec in Lydon's in Cong. €25 dinner, transport & Music. Please ☎ Tacú 094 9542908 to book. Goody Bags given on the day.
- **BINGO** in the Parish Centre every Tuesday at 8:30pm- €100 on offer on Orange Sheet. Rollover Jackpot next week (white Sheet) €110. Christmas Bingo 11<sup>th</sup> December - **Last** Bingo of the year
- **HAVE FUN! LEARN TO DANCE!** At Parish Centre- Ballinrobe New Term starts Monday 10 Dec We offer: SOCIAL Dance Classes, DANCERCISE for ladies, ALL STYLES for kids, plus lots more. Call Amanda to book 089 9841752
- **COMMON SENSE PARENTING COURSE** for parents/guardians of children aged 6-16 starts in Tacú on Tues 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 -10am-12noon and runs for 6 weeks. The sessions are designed for parents to learn, practice and demonstrate new parenting skills such as: • How to encourage children's positive behaviour • How to prevent and correct misbehaviour \* How to teach instead of punish • How to teach social skills to help their children succeed How to stay calm. The cost is €20 which covers all materials including Common Sense Parenting book (if you can't afford to pay the €20 upfront the payment can be spread over a number of weeks). Booking is essential and places are limited so if you are interested in attending the course please ☎ Claire Mc Nally on 087 6060535 or Mags Dillon on 087 3352831

**SOLAS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – HEADFORD ☎ 093 36446**

• **Rainbows Programme:**

Solas Resource Centre is pleased to be in a position to offer children who have experienced loss through bereavement or parental separation/ divorce the opportunity to participate in the Rainbows 9 week programme. When significant change and loss happens in a family, the entire family can be affected including children. Children generally find it difficult to understand their feelings and often do not have the words to say how they feel. Rainbows provides group support for children of a similar age and loss experience. Meeting others in a similar situation can be very supportive for children. Rainbows is not a counselling group or professional therapy, it is run by trained facilitators. It is a free service and places are limited. If you would like your child to attend Rainbows or you would like to know more about how it would benefit the child please call Solas Resource Centre @ 093-36446 or just call in.

- **Citizens Information Clinic:** First Wednesday of each month 10.30 am – 12.30 am. The service is free and by appointment only. The next clinic is on Wednesday 9 January 2019, please ☎ Solas.
- **Affordable Counselling Service:** Strictly confidential and available in Solas Resource Centre for more information call Solas @ 093-36446
- **Meals on Wheels:** Would you like a hot nutritional meal delivered to you five days a week. For more information call Solas @ 093-36446.
- **Need help with queries re your pension?** If so call Solas @ 093-36446 to arrange an appointment with the information officer in Solas each Thursday 10.30 am 12 noon.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:**

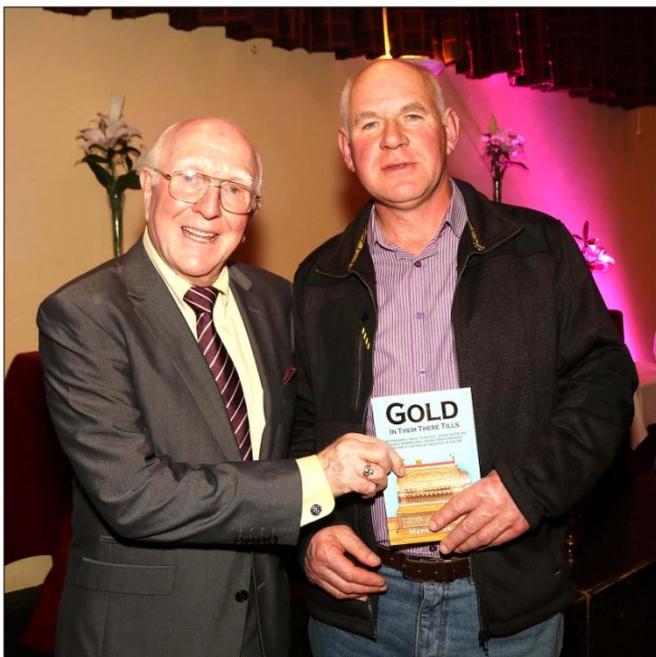
Kilcoona NS Christmas Craft Fair takes place on Sunday next 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm-5pm

**HEADFORD** is the first town in Ireland to host a week-long effort to raise awareness and support for organ donation. The idea came from local man Neil Fraser who lost his dear friend Aidan Hickey from Laragan, Shrule earlier this year. Aidan suffered a heart attack while he was waiting for a liver transplant. Neil says his friend's death had a huge impact on his friends and the whole community. Headford wants the whole town to sign up as potential organ donors.

**CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE**

on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December in St. Fursa's Parish Hall Headford from 10am. All crafts, Jams, wreaths and Christmas decorations handmade in Headford Mental Health Centre. All proceeds go to centre. Please support.

**BOOK LAUNCH:** Mark McGaugh born in Glassvalley and now living in the UK launched his new publication "Gold in them there Tills" which tells a 'rags to riches' story detailing how a remarkable young Irish emigrant became a captain of industry in the UK. The book launch took place last month at the Angler's Rest hotel in Headford.



Writer Mark McGaugh with local man Pa Martyn, Glencorrib at his recent book launch



Writer Mark McGaugh with local historian Ger Heneghan, Shrule at his recent book launch