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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am-5.30pm (lunch hour 12.30pm-1.30pm), Thursdays 9am-1pm

Sunday Masses: 8.45 at Airport Oratory 9am, 11am at Mary Immaculate Church 10am, 12.15pm at SS John & Paul Church

Weekday Masses: 9.30am at Mary Immaculate 10am at Skycourt Adoration Chapel 7pm at SS John & Paul Saturday 12 noon at Mary Immaculate, 6.30pm at SS John & Paul

SUNDAY 10th JULY 2011

15th Sunday – Year of Matthew

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,406

Peter's Euros and Diocesan Administration: €2,143

Many thanks for your great generosity!

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:



Sgt. Noel McMahon, Shannon Garda Station, his wife & family on the sudden death of their only son Keith, who died on Tuesday.

Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes leaves Shannon on Sunday 2nd October for five days, returning on Friday 7th October. Cost €650 per person sharing and is the cheapest Pilgrimage price to Lourdes this year. With limited availability, booking forms are available in the Parish Office and both Churches.

Reek Sunday

The annual climb of Croagh Patrick in Co. Mayo takes place on the last Sunday in July, this year 31st July. More details later.

Lough Derg

Parish Pilgrimage in association with Ennis Parish on Monday 1st August to Wednesday 3rd August. To book please ring Ennis Parish Office at 065 6824043.

Wedding Congratulations



To Ken Linnane, Pinewood and Ciara Barry, Tallaght who were married in Beaufort, Co. Kerry on Friday. Also married on Friday in St. John's Church, Cratloe were Deborah Nolan, Caragh Park and Colin Aherne, Derrish Lawn.

Art & Craft Camp at Little Bubbles

(near St. Conaire's School).

Clay, painting, mosaic, planting, baking and much much more. 9.30am-12.30pm - Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th August and Monday 8th - Thursday 11th August. €50. Contact Emma at 087 6280398.

Consultation on Church Gate Collections

Many thanks to both individual Parishioners and Organisations who took the time to let us know their views on Church Gate Collections here in Shannon. The views received will help form the decisions we will make.

At the September meeting of the Pastoral Council, a decision will be made on our Parish Policy as regards Church Gate Collections, based on the submissions received and the discussions that have been ongoing for the past few months.

50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



Since Pope Benedict XV I announced that the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Dublin in June 2012, people have been asking "what exactly is a Eucharistic Congress and what is its purpose?"

A Eucharistic Congress is an international gathering of people which aims to:

- Promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church.
Help improve our understanding and celebration of the Liturgy.
Draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

The Congress normally takes place every four years. The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Congress. The wider programme of the Congress includes other liturgical events, cultural events, catechesis and testimonies and workshops during the week of the Congress. The most recent Congress was held in Quebec in 2008 and was a source of encouragement and renewal for the many thousands who took part. Most people in Ireland are familiar with the fact that a Eucharistic Congress was held in Ireland in 1932. Older people speak of it as a significant event in their own experience of Church. A wide range of memorabilia relating to the 1932 Congress will be on display at a special exhibition in 2012.



Blood Donation Clinic

The Blood Donation Clinic will be in the Oakwood Arms Hotel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. On

Monday 2pm - 5pm and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6pm - 9pm. The giving of blood is painless and harmless and your blood will help save a life. New blood donors are always welcome.

Gratitude

Once there was a young man who had never thought of donating blood, but then his father got very ill and was hospitalized.

One day the son was sitting by his father's bedside as he was getting a blood transfusion. As he watched the blood flow into his father's veins, he suddenly realised that someone had donated the blood that was now keeping his father alive. Straightaway, he made up his mind to become a donor, and he was as good as his word.

Many are willing to avail of the generosity of others, but few are willing to give something back.

This is why gratitude is so important. It makes us want to give something back!

The Road to Success



The road to success is not straight There is a curve called Failure.

A loop called Confusion, Speed bumps called Friends Red lights called Enemies Caution lights called Family, You will have flats called Jobs,

But, if have a spare called Determination, An engine called Perseverance

Insurance called Faith, A Driver called Jesus,

You will make it to a place called Success!