

Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon, Co. Clare - Parish Secretary Teresa Woods - Tel 061 364133/Fax 061 364516

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 11th December 2011 - YEAR OF MARK

3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2762

Goradiche Orphanage: €380



Our Prayers and Sympathy to:

The family of Agnes Murphy, 60 Cul na Greine, who was buried last Sunday. To Margaret Kelly, 178 Cluain Airne on the death of her brother John Brady, Galway. To Catherine Bolger, 103 Finian Park on the death of her brother Jimmy Coffey, Castleconnell.

Months Mind Mass

Sunday next at 9am for Ellen Ahern, England, mother of Marie Cassidy, 34 Gleann an Oir.

First Anniversary Masses

Saturday next at 6.30pm for Barry Sullivan, Inis Ri.

Sunday next at 10am for Baby Kayley Jade Dempsey, 35 Dun Arus.



Lectio Divina

(The Sacred Reading of Scriptures)

The final session of Lectio Divina for Advent will take place in the Jubilee Chapel of Mary Immaculate Church on Tuesday - 10am to 11am.

Bereavement Support Group

Monthly meeting on Monday at 7.30pm in Shannon Health Centre.

St. Caimin's C.S presents 'UTV's Schools Stars in Ye'r



Eyes' on Thursday 15th Dec at 7.30pm in St. Caimin's School. €10 per ticket. All proceeds go to the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust. Tickets from the school or at the door on the night. Fun time for all!

Christmas Penitential Service

The Franciscan Friars will lead our Cluster Christmas Penitential Service in SS John & Paul Church on Wednesday December 21st at 7pm.



First Holy Communion Preparation Masses

Sunday next at 10am for St. Conaire's School and 11am Mass for St. Senan's and St. John's Schools.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2012

Bishop Kieran O'Reilly will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June to 1st July next. Direct from Shannon Airport. At €670 (same price as last year), it is the cheapest Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Ireland. Bookings now being taken. It would make an ideal gift for a parent or loved one. Booking to JWT, 143 Lr. Baggott Street, Dublin 2. Tel 01 240810. More details from Fr. Tom.

Gordache Gift Tokens



Goradiche Gift Tokens in lieu of Christmas gifts are available for Christmas. All proceeds go towards the Orphanage (our Jubilee 2000 Project). For the past 12 years, volunteers from our Parish have developed links and contacts with the Orphanage. A minimum of €10 is expected for each gift token, available in the Sacristy or from the Parish Office.

The Advent/Jesse/ Giving Tree

Once again, in both Churches this Advent, we have our Advent/Jesse/Giving Tree. Gifts of non-perishable (in date) food which can be shared with those in need will be very welcome. Thank you!

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

Please call to the Sacristy to collect new Rosters.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meets every Sunday at 8pm in Shannon Family Resource Centre. Please contact 061 707600 for full information.

Bereaved by Suicide?

Are you finding it difficult to cope with a death by suicide of a family member or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide Bereavement (Clare S.B.S.) volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people bereaved by suicide. Please phone or text 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.



Christmas Carol Service

The Tradaree Cluster Christmas Carol Service will take place on Wednesday next December 14th at 7.30pm in Newmarket-on-Fergus Parish Church. The Parish Choirs of Shannon, Newmarket-on-Fergus and Sixmilebridge will be joined by the School choirs of St. Conaire's and St. Tola's. Everyone is welcome.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 16th-18th December

Annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th December. Over 500 young people aged 16-35 are expected to attend. Check out www.youth2000.ie for full details.

Flowers for Christmas

If you wish to donate flowers for Churches (or cash donations in lieu) for Christmas, please contact our Sacristans during the week.

Be Messengers of Joy this Christmas...



Christ came to bring joy: joy to children, joy to parents, joy to families and to friends, joy to workers and to scholars, joy to the sick and joy to the elderly, joy to all humanity. In a true sense, joy is the keynote of the Christian message and the recurring motif of the Gospels. Be messengers of Joy.

Pope John Paul II