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Shannon Parish Newsletter

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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

YOU CAN FIND SHANNON PARISH ON FACEBOOK ... AND ON TWITTER TOO! LIVE STREAMING FROM SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH

Sunday 13th May 2018 The Ascension of Our Lord

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,610

Stained Glass Window Appeal: €120

We acknowledge two contributions to the appeal of €100 & €20

We Extend our Prayers & Sympathy to:



The families of: Surjit Kaur, 16 Finian Park who died last Sunday. Norbert Sahul, 18 Ballycasey Court, died on Wednesday. To Nancy Riordan, Cluain Airne on the death of her brother Michael Cully, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. To Bridget Loughnane, Gleann Rua on the death of her father Seamus O'Halloran, Sixmilebridge. To Marcella O'Brien of the Staff of St. Senan's School, on the death of her father Frank O'Brien, Clonmony, Bunratty.

Months Mind Masses

Thursday at 7pm for Francie McDade and his sister Mary Shiels, Finian Park. Saturday next at 6.30pm for Sheila Donovan, Tullyvarraga Crescent.

Lourdes Invalid Appeal

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is an appeal to your generosity to support sick and terminally ill people to travel to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in June. This is the 62nd year that the Diocese has been bringing sick pilgrims to the Marian Shrine of Lourdes. This is made possible by the generosity of Parishioners to this appeal. We thank you for your generosity.



First Holy Communion

The children from St. Aidan's School will celebrate the Sacrament at 11am Mass on Saturday next in SS John & Paul Church.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society meeting in SS John & Paul Church this Monday at 7.30pm.

Safeguarding: The Diocese recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of vulnerable adults and is committed to safeguarding all our members. Therefore, the Diocese has introduced Guidelines for Clergy, Staff and Volunteers for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults which can be found at www.killaloe-diocese.ie & click the safeguarding tab.



Mass in Lemenagh Cemetery

The annual Mass in Lemenagh Cemetery will be celebrated on Tuesday 29th May at 8pm.

Calling Confirmation students! Would you like to join the Young Pioneers Group? Full information and details from Seamus McEvoy on 086 0762900.

Mass & Anointing for people with disabilities & chronic illnesses will be held in Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday, 16th May at 2 pm. Bishop Fintan Monahan will graciously be chief celebrant & homilist. All are welcome.

Apostolic Meeting this Monday evening at 7.30pm in 9 Purcell Park.



36 Hours for The Lord

As the Referendum day fast approaches on Friday 25th May, there will be 36 hours of continuous prayer in The Adoration Chapel at Skycourt, from 10am Mass on Thursday 24th May, concluding at 10pm on Friday night 25th May.

Parishioners are invited to spend one hour in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at a very critical time in our Irish history, as Ireland makes a decision. All of us are called to be Missionaries for the cause of life, spending one hour in prayer is a very practical way of supporting the unborn at this time. Volunteers are needed especially for the night hours and we invite you to sign for an hour in cards that are available in both Churches and in the Adoration Chapel. A minimum of two people required for each hour. All are welcome.

Psalm during Pregnancy

I knew at once that something new had happened, fleeting, flutter of awareness. I am now not I, but we; Someone's deep within me, part of me, but not me.



O God, Sacred source of all, I am in awe at this new life within me and I pray for the grace to carry it well.

May I respect the morning sickness that comes to me even at sunset and the feeling that keeps me awake through half-sleepless nights. May I celebrate this season of change and have the energy to provide for this growing life within me. Teach me the art of patient waiting, especially at those times when I wish that I could just take a peek inside to find out who this little person is, who's tap-dancing on my ribs while I try to sleep!

I want so much to be a good mother, to care for and nourish this new life. Help me to give this child all the love I can, now during this time of pregnancy and also at each stage of life when I am called to set my baby free into fuller life.

O Holy womb of Life, help me for I am frightened; I do not feel ready for the awesome task.

Free me from my fear of painful delivery; May it be a holy and safe experience for us both.

Free me from my anxieties about being a good parent. Please help me, O God, to protect my child who's yours as well. Bring this baby safely through this birth and the many other journeys in life.



A baby is God's way of saying that the world should go on!