



www.shannonparish.ie

Shannon Parish Newsletter

email: office@shannonparish.ie



Parish Office: Dún na Rí, Shannon. Tel 061 364133/Fax 061 364516

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

Fáilte – Welcome – Witamy – Bienvenue – Willkommen – Benvenuto – Bienvenido – Witajcie – Bemvindo – Welkom – Velkomin – Vitejte – Croeso - Valkommen – Tervetuloa – Iblana

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

Weekday Masses: 9.30am in Mary Immaculate Church
10am in Skycourt Adoration Chapel, 7pm in SS John & Paul Church

Saturday: 12 noon in Mary Imm, 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony

Continues each Tuesday at 9.30am Mass in Mary Imm Church

Sunday 16th May 2010

Ascension of The Lord

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,788



Our Prayers and Sympathy go to:

Siobhan O'Sullivan, 24 Brookfields, on the death of her brother, Vincent McNamara, Murroe, Limerick, who died on Tuesday. To Joan Cuddihy, Boyne Park, on the death of her sister Kathleen Clifford, who was buried on Wednesday.

First Anniversary Masses

Saturday next at 6.30pm for Mary Gallagher, Newmarket-on-Fergus and formerly of Tullyvarraga Court.

Sunday next at 12.15pm for Joseph Delaney, Rossbracken.

Wedding Congratulations



To Jennifer Lavan, formerly Cronan Grove and Cian Buckley, Ballina, Killaloe, who were married in Spain on Friday. To Ashling Grimes, formerly Boyne Park and Paul Moloney, Clarecastle, who were married in Star of The Sea Church, Quilty, on Saturday.

First Holy Communion

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

Date for your Diary

Exam Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening June 7th in SS John & Paul Church for all students doing exams.

Feast of Pentecost

Next weekend, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.



Gospel Choir

Shannon Gospel Choir will participate in the 6.30pm vigil Mass on Saturday next May 22nd.

Milford Care Centre – Invitation

An Ecumenical Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives of those people who have died during 2009 under the care of Milford Care Centre, will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday May 23rd at 3pm. "Beyond Our Tears: Faith-Hope-Love". Whatever your experience of bereavement and faith may be, you are most welcome to come and share in this special occasion that will be suitable for all ages.

Shannon Bereavement Group

Meeting this Monday night at 7.30pm at The Health Centre.

Burren Slow Food Festival on Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd of May in The Pavillion Theatre Lisdoonvarna. Great family fun. For info, see www.slowfoodclare.com Slow Food is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization, promoting ethically produced/locally sourced foods.

Lourdes Special Needs Appeal



This weekend, at all Masses throughout the Diocese, parishioners are asked to contribute to a second Collection to help support and give seriously sick people the opportunity of going to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in June. For some of these Pilgrims, time is limited and the generosity of Parishioners helps provide the necessary medical care and support for these sick pilgrims. The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from June 26th – July 1st and the Autumn Pilgrimage from Sept 27th to Oct 2nd. Details are in the Poster on the Church Notice Board and booking forms available in the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Megan McKenna – Author and Storyteller, will speak on *St Luke for Today's World* in St. Anthony's Hall, Francis Street Ennis on Wednesday May 19th at 8pm. Megan, author of more than 30 books, taught at Fordham University. Megan will also give a public talk in the Poor Clare Chapel Ennis on Wednesday morning at 10.30 am – Theme will be "We live inside a story". All welcome to both events on Wednesday.

Flowers of the Rarest



Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest,
From gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.

Little information about this hymn is available. It still appears in a few hymnals where its authorship is 'anonymous', 'a sister of Notre Dame' or 'Mary E. Walsh'. It seems to have been first published under the title 'crowning hymn' around 1871. It is about spring, flowers and blossoms, in a pastoral setting of woodland, hillside and dale – and about the Queen of the May.

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

The crowning of the image of Mary has a long history. Depicting Mary wearing a crown is found in the 5th century, East and West. Later images have Mary, seated on a throne, dressed like a queen and surrounded by angels and saints. Christ is sometimes seen placing a crown on her head. The practice of the Popes and Bishops crowning her image led to a rite of crowning being drawn up. A revised Order for Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin was published in 1973 (English edition, 1987).

Bring Flowers of the Rarest has been recorded by many artists, and perhaps most associated with Canon Sydney McEwan. He was born in Glasgow in 1908 to a poor family. Ordained in 1944 and died in 1991 as Parish Priest of Dunoon, Argyll in Western Scotland.

This hymn is affectionately loved by many and sung during May.