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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 17th JULY 2011

16th Sunday – Year of Matthew

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,311



Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

Ettie Gallery, Ballycasey Hill, on the death of her mother Eithne Donlon, Newmarket-on-Fergus, who was buried on Tuesday.

Months Mind Mass

Monday at 7pm for Michael O'Sullivan, 105 Aidan Park.

First Anniversary Mass

Saturday at 6.30pm for Peter Murphy, Limerick, father of Danny Murphy.

Wedding Congratulations



To Beth Hickey, Gort Road and Brian Ruane, Cork, who were married in the Star of the Sea Church, Quilty, on Wednesday.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Invite you to a night vigil of prayer on Saturday next July 23rd from 8.30pm to 1am at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. More details are available on Church Noticeboard.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Saturday 10th September to 17th September direct from Shannon Airport. €669. Bookings to Frances Sexton at 065 7087200. Spiritual Director Fr. Tom.

Famine and drought in Somalia, Ethiopia & Kenya, East Africa

12 million people are in immediate risk, more than half of them children. All the classic indications of famine are visible, people moving from their homes, the emergence of serious levels of malnutrition, the death of livestock etc.

Given the serious and growing nature of the crisis, there will be an opportunity as a second collection at all Masses next weekend for people to contribute to famine relief in East Africa. This emergency collection will be forwarded to Trocaire.

As a result of this Emergency Appeal, we ask that no 'Church Gate Collection' would take place next weekend.



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

Shannon Public Library Has Something For You!

Adults:

eFAS Libraries weekly is on Wednesday 1-3pm with a FAS tutor in Sean Lemass Public Library, Shannon. Admission Free. Drop in any Wednesday afternoon to meet the tutor. Learn at your own pace, exam free & stress free.

Children:

Library membership for children, babies, & Secondary School students is free! Children may join the Reading Challenge for Summer.



SAMARITANS

Email jo@samaritans.org www.samaritans.org 1850 60 90 90

Phone, email, write or if you wish you can visit the Samaritans at Kilrush

Road, Ennis, any day between 12 mid-day and 10pm. A friendly listening ear and a cup of coffee! Whatever is worrying you - Talk it through - it helps!

Baptisms



We welcome into our Christian community the following who were Baptised recently:

- Jacob Andrei Paz Lily Sarah Lanning Madison Kyra McCarthy-McGorrian Mark Thomas Hodges David Oliver Grovan

A Gospel Thought for this Sunday.

The flow of traffic was unusually heavy for the late evening. Stopped next to me on the footpath was an athlete in full gear. Already he is in training for next year's marathon. He never misses a training session as he believes that there is no such thing as instant strength. It only grows gradually as do courage, fidelity, generosity, love and faith.

Within each of us we find that goodness only grows very slowly. In fact side by side with our better selves, weakness and evil continue to survive within us. In their anxiety to lead us to a better way of living, preachers sometimes forget that instant conversations are very rare and so they challenge us to root out all evil once and for all. Not so, Christ. In today's Gospel He gives a message of hope and stresses the need for patience and endurance. Even though, despite our best efforts, we find sin and selfishness still in our lives, the main crop of goodness will bring a harvest of reward. With so much injustice and failure around us and within us, the temptation is to despair of achieving anything worthwhile. Christ's message is that the seedlings of goodness may have to grow in the midst of the weeds of selfishness, but His seed sown in our hearts will eventually yield a great harvest. We must not lose heart but nurture every glimmer of goodness wherever we find it. Today's Mass strengthens us for the task.

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It is, I think, the perfect drug May I prescribe, my friend.....The Hug?

(and of course... fully returnable!)