

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

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 19th February 2012

Last Sunday's Collection: €2,681

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

To Robert Hourigan, 5 Fana Gheal on the death of his brother Michael Hourigan who died in Wrexham, Wales, on Monday.



Months Mind Mass

Saturday next at 6.30pm for Michael Smyth, Gort Road.

First Anniversary Masses

Thursday at 1pm Susan Walsh, Fana Cheal. Saturday at 12 noon for Liam Mason, Corrib Drive.

<p>First Confessions Mon 7pm – SS J&P – St. Aidan's Tuest 7pm – Mary Imm – St. Tola's Thurs 1.30pm – Adoration Chapel Gael Scoil</p>	<p>Bereavement Support Committee Meeting Mon at 7.30pm at the Health Centre.</p>
<p>Confirmation Preparation Masses Sunday next at 10am for St. Conaire's School Sunday next at 11am for St. Senan's, St. Tola's Gael Scoil & St. John's</p>	
<p>Calling all Singers! Choir Practice for SS John & Paul Choir on Thursday night at 7.30pm. New members very welcome.</p>	

LENT 2012

Wednesday next Feb 22nd is Ash Wednesday. A day of fast and abstinence. The Blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at all Masses on **Ash Wednesday**:

8am Convent Oratory, 9.05am SS J&P Church, 9.30am Mary Imm 10am Adoration Chapel, 1pm Adoration Chapel (Lunchtime for Lent) 7pm SS J&Paul Church.

MASSES FOR LENT

Beginning on Thursday and continuing all weekdays:

9.05am & 7pm SS J&P Church, 10am & 1pm Adoration Chapel, 9.30am Mary Imm Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the Stations will be prayed on Fridays after the 9.30am, 10am and 7pm Masses.

LECTIO DIVINA (The Sacred Reading of Scriptures)

You are invited to pray and share the Sunday Readings of Lent beginning this Tuesday and each Tuesday from 10am to 11am in The Jubilee Chapel.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire Lenten Boxes will be distributed through our Primary Schools this week and will be available in our Churches.

Lunch Time Mass

Once again, the Lunch time Mass at 1pm in the Adoration Chapel is available this Lent for the Tradaree Cluster of Parishes.

(Please note the new time of **9.05am** for the early morning Mass in SS John & Paul Church.)

Making the Connection Between Mass and Life

A Lenten Talk and Reflection given by Fr. Noel Kirwan, (Director of Limerick Pastoral Centre) at Mary Immaculate Church, on Monday 27th February at 8pm. All welcome.

SHANNON PASTORAL COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31.12.2011

The Parish Financial Statement published this week for 2011 continues to reflect the financial position of Parishioners at this time in our history. For the third year in succession our Sunday Collections (which is the main source of income for the Parish) continues to decline.

Since 2008 our Sunday collections have declined by €29,000. This is in line with the life experiences of our Parishioners at the present time where income has been reduced.

However, we do want to thank all Parishioners and those who choose Shannon as their place of worship for your continued generosity in support of the Parish. As we celebrate this month, the Golden Jubilee of the opening of St. Senan's School, the first Catholic School in the Parish, we can look back with great pride and gratitude on all that has been achieved in making our Parish such a vibrant community of faith and welcome and see all that has been achieved over the past 50 years by the generosity and hard work of Parishioners.

The Tax Rebate on Parishioners has, in the 3 years of our participation, brought in €95,000. This has helped ease the pain in the decrease in Collections. In addition to the usual routine of Parish expenditure, the past year saw a new toilet block extension to Mary Immaculate Church and the complete painting interior and exterior of SS John & Paul Church.

In the past year, Diocesan surveys of Mass attendances show 18.5% of our population in Shannon attend Mass on a regular basis. We thank Parishioners and all who worship in Shannon for your continued generosity and for the many people who give of their time and talents voluntarily to the Parish. No financial Statement will ever put a value on such generosity. It is very much appreciated.

If you are a tax payer (PAYE) and contribute to the Parish, we ask that you consider our Tax Rebate Scheme. At no extra cost to you, the Parish can get a rebate on your Parish contributions for the year. Mile Buico has to everybody.

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 Pascal Hynds, Finance Committee

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 Tom Ryan, P.P.

SHANNON PASTORAL COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31.12.2011

	<u>31.12.2011</u>	<u>31.12.2010</u>
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Receipts		
Sunday Collections	126,209.10	132,764.00
Holy Day Collections	4,426.50	2,774.00
Eucharistic Congress	1,000.00	1,152.00
Second Collections	16,559.00	12,414.00
Trocaire	35,289.00	21,479.01
Shrines	23,411.60	33,006.80
Mission	3,768.00	2,838.00
Haiti Appeal	0.00	25,225.55
Pakistan Appeal	0.00	13,784.00
Donation tax rebate	27,888.73	34,569.05
TOTALS	<u>238,551.93</u>	<u>280,006.41</u>
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Expenditure		
Sacramental Preparation	1,200.00	1,450.00
Caretaking, Repairs/Maintenance of Parish buildings	40,719.61	86,065.36
Light & Heat	7,478.41	9,422.79
Insurance & Phone	7,917.51	6,816.92
Adoration Chapel	6,737.72	7,064.96
Stationary, Newsletter, Post	11,144.07	9,506.49
Parish Office	19,068.72	20,321.48
Wines, Breads & Candles	2,638.70	2,487.00
Diocesan Levies	34,778.16	37,131.66
Trocaire	35,289.00	21,479.01
Misc. expenditure	3,299.92	3,360.99
Parish Ministries	5,849.15	5,700.00
Liturgy	2,108.66	2,277.00
Bank charges	231.14	132.27
New website	580.80	5,111.39
Lourdes	4,187.00	4,040.00
Mission	3,768.00	2,862.00
Haiti Appeal	0.00	25,225.55
Pakistan Appeal	0.00	13,784.00
Extension – Mary Imm Church	15,845.81	30,000.00
Eucharistic Congress	1,000.00	1,152.00
TOTALS:	<u>203,842.38</u>	<u>295,390.87</u>
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Net Expenditure over Income	34,709.55	(15,384.46)