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Shannon Parish Newsletter

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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

18th Sunday – Year of Luke Sunday 1st August 2010

Last Sunday's Collection: €2408
Goradiche Orphanage: €6



Our Prayers and Sympathy go to:

The family of Tim Halpin, 9 Dun an Oir, who was buried on Saturday. To Tomas Mac Cormaic, Tullyglass Crescent on the death of Gerard Flanagan, Tralee, (brother of the late Eithne Mac Cormaic).

Months Mind Mass

This Monday at 12 noon for Terry Neilan, Tullyglass Court.

First Anniversary Masses

Saturday next at 6.30pm for Kitty Halpin, Finian Park.
Sunday next at 10am for Anne Meehan, Town Court.

Bank Holiday Monday

One Mass in the Parish on this day at 12 noon in Mary Imm Church.

Adoration Chapel

Closed on Bank Holiday Monday. Adoration resumes as normal on Tuesday at 10am. Mass is cancelled in the Chapel until Monday 16th August.

First Friday of August

This Friday August 6th with an additional Mass at 8am in The Convent Oratory and Masses at 9.30am and 7pm. The sick and housebound will receive the Sacraments at home and if you know of any housebound Parishioner who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Priests.

ORDINATION OF FR. KIERAN O'REILLY – 29th August 2010



If you have an interest in attending the Ordination of Fr. Kieran as our new Bishop at a Ceremony in Ennis Cathedral, 3pm on Sunday 29th August, please sign your name and address in the Sacristy by this Sunday 1st August at the latest. Should demand exceed supply, a draw for tickets will take place.

Wedding Congratulations



To Seamus Walsh, Tullyvarraga Crescent and Niamh Duggan, Cleenagh, Newmarket on Fergus who were married in St. Conaire's Church, Carrigerry. To Caroline Canavan, Tradaree Court and Gareth Quirke, Cill Chais, who were married in The Wells Church. Both Weddings took place on Friday.

PILGRIM WAY

In spirituality, a pilgrimage is a journey or search of great moral significance. In the Middle Ages, the Church encouraged people to make pilgrimages to special holy places called shrines. It was believed that if one prayed at these shrines sins might be forgiven and a person might have a better chance of attaining eternal life. Travelling back in those times was a dangerous activity and pilgrims often went in groups to protect themselves against outlaws.



The idea of pilgrimage springs from an instinctive notion in the human heart. Some people go to shrines hoping to be cured from an illness, some to atone for sin. Indeed, in earlier times through the Sacrament of penance, pilgrimages were seen as real and efficient punishment for certain crimes.

Places where holy people lived, Palestine where Jesus Himself walked, were bound inevitably to draw people to visit them. Many of us have visited the Holy Land, Lourdes or other notable shrines. Here in Ireland, Lough Derg and Knock are visited by thousands annually. 'Reek Sunday' when thousands of people climb Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick, occurred last Sunday, the last Sunday in July. Holy Wells and Mass Rocks still remain places of special veneration to the present day. We are all on a pilgrimage, a life pilgrimage to God and to eternity. Let us pray for one another on this, the most important pilgrimage of all.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Bus will leave The Cathedral Ennis, on this Mon Aug 2nd at 7am. If interested, contact Fr. Tom on 087-6446410.

Killaloe Diocesan Night Vigil to Knock Shrine

Fri Aug 6th from 9pm to midnight. For bus details, contact PK Travel at 471111.

The Alliance of the Two Hearts



The first Friday-Saturday Vigil of Reparation and adoration in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will take place on Fri 6th and Sat 7th August at SS John & Paul Church, from 7pm to 3am. First Friday Mass at 7pm. First Saturday Mass at 12 midnight.

What Really Matters?

Today's First Reading and Gospel Reading challenges us to focus on what our true priorities and values are. We live in a very sophisticated world. Our culture exalts materialism and success. The acquisitive nature of many people manifests itself in such things as second family cars that are often unnecessary, televisions in every room in the home and instant achievements.

We can become so preoccupied in living for the present – and in storing up short-term wealth and possessions – that our long-term priorities and values are forgotten. Frequently, the quality of our lives in terms of time and relationships, does not improve and we are not any happier. Even our relationship with God is put on hold. Jesus, in the Gospel Reading, reminds us about the stark reality that we are not completely in control of our lives. He challenges us to reassess our priorities and values.

We may think that we can live for the present without reference to God and respect for people. We may even think that we will have the opportunities to rekindle and restore proper relationships with God and other people at a later time. However, for many of us there will not be a later time. So the time to act is NOW and the question to answer is 'What comes first?'

Too many people miss the silver lining...
because they're expecting gold!