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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

## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Beatification of Blessed John Paul II

Divine Mercy Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> May 2011

### Trocaire

We appeal to you to help us return any remaining Trocaire boxes. If you know of or see any Trocaire boxes lying around please "lift it" and return to either Church or your local Primary School. It is important that we despatch this money to the poor as soon as possible. Many lives are depending on it. Thank you for your great support to date.



### Beatification of Pope John Paul II

On this Sunday morning, Pope Benedict will beatify Pope John Paul II before millions of people who have packed into St. Peter's Square, Rome. Beatification is the last step towards canonisation. The 10am Mass on this Sunday will celebrate the life of Blessed John Paul. On this Sunday evening at 6pm, we will have Rosary and Benediction in the Jubilee Garden

of Blessed John Paul. A special memorial card recalling the memories of Blessed John Paul's visit to Shannon is available this weekend to honour this very special occasion.

### Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

The family of Sean O'Shea, 2 Gleann an Oir, who died on Wednesday. To Kevin Lynch, 24 Boyne Park on the death of his brother Tom Lynch, Trim, Co. Meath. To Jim Johnston, 8 Ballycasey Close, on the death of his brother Gregory Johnston, Clones, Co. Monaghan, who died in England.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass

On Sunday next at 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church for Bernie O'Donnell, Tradaree Court.

### Bank Holiday Monday

Mass at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church. No evening Mass and Adoration Chapel closed for the day.

### Wedding Congratulations

To Trevor Twomey, 5 Inis Ri and Skadi Benedict, Germany, who were married in The Wells Church on Friday.



### Priests' Easter Collection

The Priests of the Parish are grateful for your generosity to all who contributed to the Priests' Easter Collection last weekend. If you wish to make a contribution, it would be very much appreciated.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, devotions will take place in Ennis Cathedral & St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, at 2.30pm and here in Mary Immaculate Church at 3pm.

### Healing Programme for People Bereaved by Suicide.

Are you finding it difficult to cope with the death by suicide of a family member or friend? It could help to share with others in the same position at a Healing Programme at The Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, starting at 8pm on May 4th and continuing for eight consecutive Wednesdays. For further info, phone 086 0565373 or leave a message and you will be contacted.

### Scrap Saturday



Join in this unique Fundraising event in aid of Wolfe Tones Camogie Club! Scrap Metal collection at the Camogie Grounds on May Bank Holiday weekend: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 2-6pm, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 3-6pm, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 11am-4pm. If you need scrap metal collected or for further information contact Joe Dawson at 087 753 9135 or Carmel at 086 344 4305 after 2pm.

### Do This in Memory

The final preparation Mass in the series will take place for the children of St. Aidan's School at the 10am Mass on Sunday next.

### Easter Holy Water

3,500 bottles were blessed at the Easter Vigil last weekend. They are available in both Churches for you to share with your family and friends in bringing the Blessing of God on homes and individuals.

### First Friday of May

Friday next 6<sup>th</sup> May, there will be an additional Mass at 8am in The Convent. Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Friday evening due to Confirmation. However, evening Mass will be held in Newmarket on Fergus Church at 7pm.

Fr. Tom will visit housebound Parishioners in his care with the Sacraments on Wednesday and Thursday this week, due to Confirmation and a Wedding commitment on Friday.

### Sharing with the Children of Pakistan

Each year, we invite our Confirmation and First Holy Communion children to share some of their gift money with children who are in need. This year, our Parish project in association with our Apostolic Workers is with children in Pakistan. This is children helping children, sharing gifts they receive with one another.

### CONFIRMATION 2011



On Friday and Saturday next, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with children from 6<sup>th</sup> Class in our Parish Schools. This year, Fr. Tom will administer the Sacrament as the delegate of Bishop Kieran.

Friday at 4pm in SS John & Paul Church for the children from St. Aidan's School.

Saturday at 10.30am in SS John & Paul Church for the children from St. Conaire's School.

Saturday at 2.30pm in Mary Immaculate Church for the children from St. Senan's, St. Tola's and Gael Scoil.

We congratulate the children and thank Teachers, Parents, Faith Friends Leaders and all who have accompanied these children on the road of preparation.

### Knock Summer Festival 2011 – "Fuel For The Journey" 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The Knock Summer Festival takes place this June in Knock Shrine. The festival is a three day event and over the three days, there will be talks, workshops, prayer, reflection, music and much more happening. It is a chance to come away and explore, ignite and celebrate your faith. The festival is for all people ages 18-35 and the cost of the weekend is €70. (This includes all food and accommodation). For more information contact the Youth Ministry on 094 9388100/087 6927850. or check out www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival or on Facebook.

### Baptisms

We welcome into God's family and our Christian Community the following who were baptised recently:



Sean Christopher O'Neill, Ruby Caitlin McQuillan,  
Olivia Victoria Nsongila, Dáithí Michael Lynch,  
Anna Mary Fitzgerald, Holly Kenny, Alex Enrique Pino Ward,  
Donny May Stevenson, Cathal Michael Noonan