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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

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LIVE STREAMING FROM SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH

## 26th Sunday Year of Matthew

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - Day for Life

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,472



### We extend our Prayers & Sympathy:

To the families of: Tony Lonergan, 23 Lee Park & Barbara Meehan, 170 Cluain Airne, both buried on Thursday. To

Mary Fitzgerald, Tullyvarruga Hill on the death of her brother, John Finn, Ennis, buried on Monday. To Fr. Arnold on the death of his mother, Bridie Rosney, Birr, Co. Offaly, buried on Friday. To Ann Reynolds, Tullyglass Court on the death of her brother Stephen Foley, who died in Chicago.

**Adoration Chapel:** Public Prayer each day this week at 10am followed by Adoration until 9pm.

**First Friday:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October is the first Friday in the month of October. Mass in the Convent Oratory at 8am, Mary Immaculate Church at 9.30am and SS John & Paul Church at 7pm. Fr. Tom will attend the sick and housebound in his care on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the usual times.

**Priests' Autumn Collection:** The Autumn collection for the Priests of the Parish is taking place this weekend at all Masses. As one of only four collections in the year to support your Priests, all contributions are valued and appreciated. Envelopes are available.



**Matt Talbot Novena:** This year, we celebrate 25 years of the Novena, praying each Tuesday during the months of October and November for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. Fr. Fergal O'Neill, a native son of the Parish

will be the Preacher this Tuesday at the first session in SS John & Paul Church at 7pm. Petitions, Prayers of Thanksgiving can be left at the Shrine or sent to the special online email at shannonparish.ie The Novena can also be viewed live each week on our webcam at shannonparish.ie

**An Appeal!** We are currently seeking Parishioners to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers (from 3<sup>rd</sup> Class) for service in our Parish. We thank those who currently perform this ministry. Please consider offering yourself as a Eucharistic Minister or Reader. Training will be provided. If you consider another Parishioner suitable for this ministry, please invite them to consider responding to this appeal. We thank those who already have said "Yes" to our invitation.

**Congratulations:** to Bridget Kirby, Corrib Drive who was declared Volunteer Older Person of the Year at an award ceremony held in Ennis on Tuesday. Bridget was nominated by Shannon Active Retirement.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** will hold a meeting this Monday evening at 7.30pm in SS John & Paul Church.

**The Alliance of The Two Hearts:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm to 2am. All very welcome.

**Session of music and song** in Wolfe Tones GAA on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30pm. Special guests: Sixmilebridge Folk Club. Fun for all!



### Shannon Tidy Towns

Going from strength to strength!

Heartiest congratulations to Shannon Tidy Towns on their wonderful success in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. An increase of four points means they have now topped the 300 mark – a great achievement and deserved acknowledgement of the hard work of this committed voluntary group. They are very grateful and appreciative for the help given by Men's Shed and Residents in all areas of the town. Well done to all involved and a big Thank You for all you do!



**Shannon Toastmaster's Club** – Annual Humorous Speech Contest – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Park Inn Radisson Hotel, Shannon Airport. Come along for an entertaining evening. Tea/coffee served. Further information is available from Brid at 087 1277708.



**Social Dancing** in Wolfe Tones GAA Club on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Music by Larry McEvoy. All very welcome to this very enjoyable gathering.

**Mid Clare Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc:** Annual Mass & Social at the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Mass at 8pm followed by meal. Tickets €25. Contact Pat Brosnan on 061 364453 to book tickets.

**Day for Life:** This day is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning of human life and care of creation. This year's theme focuses on forming a culture that protects life and respects women. An Information Card and Prayer is available as you leave Mass this weekend.

### Feast Days:

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> – Day for Life

Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of the Guardian Angels

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> – St Francis of Assisi

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> – Feast of The Holy Rosary.

### Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Two planes will leave Shannon Airport this Sunday on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please unite in prayer with Pilgrims each day. The Pilgrimage returns home on Friday.

**World Meeting of Families:** This weekend, our Diocese launches the programme of preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018, which will culminate in the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland next August.

### Official Prayer for the WMOF 2018

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: (We pause and remember family members and others by name). Increase our faith. Strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.