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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

Sunday 22nd April 2018 4th Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,495

Stained Glass Window of St. John Paul Appeal:

We thank Parishioners who donated €1,250 to the appeal in the past week. We acknowledge contributions of €1,000, two contributions of €100 and one contribution of €50. Bishop Fintan dedicated and blessed the window on Tuesday last.



We Extend our Prayers & Sympathy to:

The families of: Ger O'Connell, 60 Rossbracken. Mick O'Callaghan, Lahinch & late of 58 Tullyglass Court whose Funerals took place on Tuesday. John Gaffney, 20 Cluain Aobheann whose Funeral took place on Friday. Mary Shiels, 105 Finian Park whose Funeral took place on Saturday. To. William Buckley, Slaney Park & Liz Cronin, Rossbracken on the death of their brother Dom Buckley, Limerick.

Months Mind Masses

Saturday next at 6.30pm for David Hope, Tullyglass Court. Sunday next at 10am for Paul O'Donoghue, Finian Park.

Trócaire: We make our final appeal this weekend for the return of Trocaire boxes. Many thanks to all who have do so to date. It is important and urgent that we pass on our contributions soon as others are depending on our generosity. Mile buiochas.

Painting of SS John & Paul Church

Expressions of interest are welcome from competent contractors for the painting internal and external of SS John & Paul Church. Please make contact with Ronan Hynds by April 30th at ronanhinds@yahoo.ie Chairman of Parish Finance Committee.

Confirmation: On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Bishop Fintan Confirmed 124 pupils in our six Primary Schools. We congratulate the boys and girls and pray God's blessing on them in their teenage years. We thank their teachers, school staff, Faith Friends leaders, parents and families and all who journey with these young people as they continue to walk the way of Christian living.

First Communion Preparation Mass: For St. Senan's School on Sunday next at 11am Mass

Helping the children of Kenya

Our thanks to the boys and girls Confirmed, who generously shared some of their gift money received on the occasion of Confirmation with boys and girls in Kenya. This year's Sacramental Project is with the girls and boys of Kenya who suffer from poverty and drought. We invite boys and girls who will receive First Holy Communion next weekend to also share with the children of Kenya. This project each year is co-ordinated by the local branch of the Apostolic Workers in the Parish.



First Holy Communion: On Saturday next the girls and boys from St. Conaire's will celebrate the Sacrament at 11am in SS John & Paul Church and St. Tola's will celebrate at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. At 1.30pm in SS John & Paul Church, the children from Gael Scoil Donncha Rua will celebrate the Sacrament. We congratulate the families and thank their teachers and school staff.

Apostolic Workers: The annual display and Sale of Work will take place on Sunday next 29th April from after 11am Mass until 5pm in St. Patrick's Comprehensive School. Donations of cakes/baking accepted on Sunday morning. All very welcome!



>>GRATITUDE<<

A Concert in memory of Paul "Swive" O'Donoghue on Friday April 27th April in St. Patrick's Comprehensive School at 7.30pm.

Rally4Life to Save the 8th. Join LoveBoth Shannon on Friday 27th April at 6.30pm in the Oakwood Arms Hotel for a family friendly information & social evening with inspirational pro-life speakers, music, chat, childrens' entertainment & face-painting. Free, and all are welcome.

Vocations Sunday

Today is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday", a day when the Church asks us to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest". (Mt 9:38; Lk10:2). Please pray that men and women will hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We currently have three seminarians. With gratitude to God, we look forward to the ordination of Martin Shanahan from the Parish of Kilmurry/Ilbrickane on June 3rd. A recent vocations promotion was attended by four men from the Diocese and they are now considering to enter to study for the Diocese of Killaloe. If you would like more information please call Fr. Iggy McCormack, our Diocesan Vocations Director on 086 2777139.

Reflection on Priesthood

*You came among us, to be, for us, one who serves.
We thank you for ministering Christ to us
And helping us minister Christ to each other.
We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our communities:*



*For drawing us together in prayer,
For visiting us in our homes,
For comforting us in sickness,
For showing us compassion,
For blessing our marriages, For baptising our children,
For confirming us in our calling,
For supporting us in bereavement,
For helping us to grow in faith,
For encouraging us to take initiative,
For helping the whole community realise God's presence among us.*

