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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

Fáilte – Welcome – Witamy – Bienvenue – Willkommen – Benvenuto – Bienvenido – Witajcie – Bemvindo – Welkom – Velkomin – Vitejte – Croeso - Valkommen – Tervetuloa – Iblana

**Sunday Masses:** 8.45am in Airport Oratory  
9am, 11am in Mary Immaculate Church  
10am, 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church

**Weekday Masses:** 9.30am in Mary Immaculate Church  
10am in Skycourt Adoration Chapel, 7pm in SS John & Paul Church

**Saturday:** 12 noon in Mary Imm, 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church

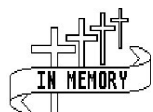
**Weekly Novena to St. Anthony**  
Continues each Tuesday at 9.30am Mass in Mary Imm Church

### Sunday 23rd May 2010

Pentecost Sunday

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2679  
Lourdes Sick Pilgrims Appeal: €3,800  
Goradiche Orphanage: €100  
Trocaire 2010: €21,479

Many thanks for your great generosity to all these appeals.



*Our Prayers and Sympathy go to:*

To Jo O'Leary, Fearnog, on the death of her brother Frank McLoughlin, Athlone, who was buried on Monday. To Eileen Collins, Rossbracken, on the death of her brother Brian Donnelly, Belfast.

#### Months Mind Mass

Sunday next at 11am for Bernie O'Donnell, Tradaree Court.

#### First Anniversary Masses

Saturday next at 6.30pm for May Hennessey, De Lacey Park.  
Sunday next at 10am for Kathleen McCabe, London, sister of Sylvia Gaffney and John Ryan. Sunday next at 11am for Michael Downes, Lisheen. Sunday next at 11am for Josephine Shinnors, Newport, mother of Mike Shinnors, Tullyglass Crescent.

#### Mass in Lemenagh Cemetery

Our annual Mass for all who are buried in Lemenagh Cemetery will take place in the Cemetery at 8pm on Tuesday. Mass will also be celebrated in Kilconroy Cemetery on Wednesday at 8pm.

#### Polish Mass

Saturday next at 8pm in SS John & Paul Church.

#### NEW BISHOP FOR KILLALOE DIOCESE



On Tuesday last, it was announced that His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Most Reverend Willie Walsh, Bishop of Killaloe, in accord with canon 401,1 of the Code of Canon Law and appointed Very Rev. Kieran O'Reilly S.M.A. as Bishop of Killaloe. Fr. Kieran is currently the Superior General of the Society of African Missions.

Our new Bishop was born in Co. Cork on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1952. He joined the Society of African Missions in Wilton, Cork in 1970 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth in 1974 followed by a Bachelor of Divinity in 1977 and a Diploma in Mission Studies in 1978. He was ordained priest for the Society of African Missions on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1978 and went to work in the Archdiocese of Monrovia from 1978 to 1980. Returning from his pastoral work he studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome from 1980 to 1984, graduating with a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture (LSS). He then taught Sacred Scripture in Sts. Peter and Paul's Seminary, Ibadan, Nigeria, from 1984 to 1988. He served as Vice-Provincial of the Irish Province of the Society of African Missions between 1990 and 1995 and became Vicar General of the Society from 1995 to 2001. In that year he was elected as Superior General of the Society of African Missions and is currently serving second term as Superior General of the Society, a position to which he was re-elected in 2007.

Please pray for our new Bishop as he takes up his appointment at a challenging time for the Church in Ireland. His passion for evangelization and love of the Word of God in the Scriptures will undoubtedly bear much fruit in our diocese.

#### BISHOP WILLIE WALSH

The announcement on Tuesday that we are to have a new Bishop gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Bishop Willie to our Diocese. For the past 16 years we have been blessed in his leadership. He has, at all times, been a true shepherd and pastor of souls. His friendship and love for God's people has shone through every moment of his ministry as our Bishop. He has always lived the motto he chose on becoming Bishop: Cineáltas Chríost.

We wish him every blessing and many happy and restful years of a well earned retirement. We hope to see him often as he will continue to reside in Ennis as Bishop Emeritus of Killaloe.

**Welcome to our American Friends...** We extend a Ceád Mle Fáilte to Pat and her group of American visitors who are with us at the 6.30pm Mass in Shannon this weekend. We hope they take back with them happy, life-long memories of their time with us in Ireland.



#### Trocaire 2010

A sincere word of thanks for your great generosity of €21,479 to this year's Lenten Campaign. Coming so soon after Parishioners contributed €25,215 to the Haiti appeal, this brings Parishioners' contributions to the poor to €46,695. A special word of thanks to the children of the Parish for their contributions and to Jimmy & Kathleen Morris for counting all these cents! Míle Buiochas.

#### St. Anthony's Shrine – Prayer Cards for Exam Students

Available free of charge at St. Anthony's Shrine in Mary Imm. Church. Weekly Novena every Tuesday at 9.30am Mass.

#### Wedding Congratulations



To Thomas McDonagh, Cul na Greine and Samantha McDonagh, Castlebar, who were married in SS John & Paul Church on Monday.

**Bishop Willie Walsh** will be chief celebrant at a special Mass and Anointing for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses in Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm. All welcome.

#### Shannon Pastoral Council

Bi-monthly meeting this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May in Mary Imm Jubilee Chapel at 8pm. Please note change of date.

#### Slán agus Beannacht (Farewell & Blessings)

This weekend is the last weekend in Shannon for Richard and Teresa Krawczyk, Dun an Oir. On Monday, they leave Shannon to return home to their newly built house in Poland. Richard and Teresa came to Shannon 28 years ago and quickly became very involved in our Parish and community. We thank them for their presence amongst us and for the very valuable contribution they have made to life in Shannon. In particular, our thanks to them for the support they gave to their fellow Polish folk who arrived in Shannon in recent years and for organizing Polish Masses and liturgies in Shannon. We wish them every blessing and look forward to seeing them return to visit us here in Shannon many times in the future.

