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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

SUNDAY 25th APRIL 2010

4th Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,944



Our Prayers and Sympathy go to:

To the family of Michael McAllister, 19 Cronan Gardens who was buried on Sunday last. To the family of Edgar Carbarado (aged 45 years) from the Philippines, who worked in Aerospace and who died last week. His body has been returned to the Philippines for burial. To the family of the late Hugh Kelly, Sixmilebridge and late of Cronan Lawn, who died suddenly on Wednesday. To Michael McAllen, 134 Finian Park and the family of the late Pat McAllen, Smithstown, on the death of their mother Ellen Mitchell, Crusheen.

First Anniversary Masses

This Monday at 7pm for Anne Woreland, Killian Park. Sunday next at 11am for Johnny McGuane, Cluain Airne and Fran Birchall, Fergus Road and Sunday next at 12.15pm for John McGee, Tullyvarraga Hill.

No Evening Mass!

With Confirmation on Friday at 4pm, there will be no evening Mass on Friday in SS John & Paul Church.

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Tom will visit those in his care with the Sacraments on Wednesday/Thursday and Friday of this week.

Trocaire

We make our final call for Trocaire boxes to be returned this week. We thank the many people and children who already have returned boxes and appeal for return of any remaining boxes.

Clare Branch of Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Information evening will be held at the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis, on 29th April at 7.30pm. Admission free. All welcome.

Head Shop Awareness Talk by Anna O'Neill, HSE, St. Caimin's School next Wed 28th April, 7.30pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Apostolic Workers

Shannon Branch will hold their Annual display and sale of work this Sunday April 25th at St. Patrick's Comprehensive School - 12 noon to 5pm. This event is the highlight of the year for the Shannon Branch. All proceeds from the day go towards the work of Missionaries. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

Coach to Knock Shrine

Coach leaving Mary Immaculate Church at 10am on Thurs 6th May for Knock. Some seats still available. Contact Pauline Cronin at 086 3324049 or Bea O'Shea 061 475219. Usual route.

CONFIRMATION 2010



On Friday and Saturday next April 30th/May 1st, Bishop Willie Walsh will visit our Parish and confirm students from all our Catholic Schools and students from St. Patrick's Comprehensive School. 137 Parishioners will be confirmed next weekend and we pray that the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit will help these young people especially through their teenage years. We congratulate them and their families and ask you to keep them in your prayers this week.

A Special Word of Thanks...

... To all who have journeyed with those preparing for Confirmation - their teachers, School Principals, Special Needs Assistants, all involved in music ministry, the Faith Friends who shared their time and faith and to the many Parishioners who pray each day for the boys and girls preparing for the sacrament.

Confirmation Times

Friday at 4pm - Mary Immaculate Church for children from St. Senan's, St. Tola's and Gael Scoil Donncha Rua. Saturday at 10.30am - SS John & Paul Church for children from St. Aidan's School and 2.30pm - SS John & Paul Church for children from St. Conaire's and St. Patrick's Comprehensive Schools.

"Special Olympics Coffee Morning" at Smitz Café in Smithstown Industrial Estate on Wednesday 28th April from 9am to 11.30pm to fundraise for the Special Olympics. Please come and support.



Congratulations...

... This weekend, the children from St. Conaire's, St Senan's and St. John's Schools celebrated First Holy Communion. We congratulate the children and thank their teachers and families who journeyed with them.

Supporting the Children of East Africa

This year, the children who celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to share some of their gift money with children in a developing country who have not what we take for granted. This year's Project which is co-ordinated by the Apostolic Workers in the Parish, is with the children of East Africa.

Shannon Community Games

Track and Field on this Sunday 25th April at St. Patrick's Comprehensive School pitch at 2pm. Ages 8-17 years. €2 entry fee. A great afternoon of sport and fun!

Vocations Sunday

This weekend, we are asked to pray for Vocations to Priesthood and religious life. At present, we have four students preparing for Priesthood for the Killaloe Diocese. Two of them - Ger Jones, O'Briensbridge and Ger Fitzgerald, Castleconnell, will be ordained Priests next year. Please keep them in your prayers.



A Vocations Prayer Card is available as you leave Mass inviting you to keep praying for Vocations.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, make us generous people, more considerate towards others, More honest with ourselves, more faithful to you. Help us all to find our true vocation in life, So that through it we may find happiness ourselves And bring happiness to others. Lord, grant those whom you call to the priesthood or religious life the generosity to answer your call so that those who seek your help may always find it.

Amen.