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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 25th SEPTEMBER 2011

26th Sunday – Year of Matthew
Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,483



Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

The family of Phil Byrne, Fearnog who died on Wednesday. To Jim Lynch, Carrig Lia, on the death of his brother John Lynch, who died in Birmingham. To Carmel Higgins, 3 Foyle Park, on the death of her brother Brendan Keane, Castleconnell.

Months Mind Mass

Monday at 7pm for David Keane, Ballycaseymanor.

Priests' Autumn Collection

The Autumn collection – the third this year for the Priests' of the Parish – will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. We are very grateful to you for your great support to us your Priests. Not just your financial support, but also the many ways you affirm our Priesthood by your prayers and encouragement. Envelopes for this collection will be available this week.

School Masses

Both St. Senan's and St. Conaire's Schools will celebrate Masses this week for opening of the new school year;

Thursday - 11am in Mary Imm Church for St. Senan's
Friday - 11am in SS John & Paul Church for St. Conaire's

Lourdes Autumn Pilgrimage



At the time of going to print, there are six seats still available on the Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes, leaving Shannon next Sunday 2nd Oct for five days, returning on Friday 7th Oct. Cost €650 per person sharing. If interested, please ring Liz at JWT, Dublin on Monday at 01 2410810.

Shannon Pastoral Council

Member's meeting Wednesday evening at 8pm
Jubilee Chapel Mary Immaculate Church.

Wedding Congratulations



To Amanda Harty, 13 Finian Park and Nigel Hayes, Limerick, who were married in SS John & Paul Church. To David Carton, Tullyvarraga Crescent and Maria Lynch, Fossa, Killarney, who were married in Fossa Church. To Alan Keane, Cill Chais and Joanne McNamara, Boher who were married in Boher Church. All three weddings took place Saturday.

New Missal



Today we use the new translation of the Missal in responses and prayers said by the congregation. But the order and structure of the Mass is not changed - nor are the readings.

Over time, we will become familiar with the prayers which have very slightly changed for example in 'Holy Holy'.

Why are we getting a new edition Missal? The new edition is necessary for a number of reasons. Firstly, in the years since 1975 when our current Missal was published, a number of additional texts have been made available for use in the Mass. These include additional Eucharistic Prayers, some new Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Masses for over 20 new Feasts of Saints (for example St. Pius of Pietrelcina - Padre Pio, Edith Stein, Maximilian Kolbe). These and other new material now need to go into the Missal so that they can be in our celebrations.

Secondly, in recent years Translators were asked to make the English text follow more closely the original Latin. They were asked to strengthen the Biblical language and to reintroduce some theological vocabulary.

The texts are being introduced in two phases to avoid too much change. From today, we will begin to use the new translations of the people's prayers and responses in Mass, for example the Confiteor, the Gloria and the Creed. From the first Sunday of Advent the new translations of the prayers of the Mass that are led by the priest will come into use: The Collect or Opening Prayer and the Eucharistic Prayer. The Mass, therefore, will be fully implemented on the First Sunday of Advent.

New Roman Missal

With the introduction of the new translation of the Roman Missal, it is necessary to replace the current Missal we use at the Altar with the new version. The cost of the new Missal is €250. With our two Churches and three Oratories at the Airport, Convent and Town Centre, we need to purchase 5 new Missals.

We acknowledge with thanks one of these Missals which has been donated in memory of a Parishioner who died. If you wish to donate to the cost of a new Missal, all contributions would be very welcome.

Seniors Club – Bring and Buy Sale

Wednesday 30th September at 2.30pm

Matt Talbot Novena



This year's Novena will start on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addicts.

Petitions can be left at the Shrine or emailed on the special Matt Talbot email address on the Parish website at www.shannonparish.ie

First Holy Communion Preparation

Enrolment Masses for children from St. Conaire's preparing for First Holy Communion on Sunday next at 10am Mass and at 11am Mass for children from St. Senan's & St. John's Schools.

Shannon Senior Choir resuming practices at 7.30pm in SS John & Paul Church on Thursday 29th September. New members urgently needed.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Do you think you might have a drink problem or know someone who may have? There will be an Open Public Meeting of AA on Tues 27th Sept at 8.30pm in St. Senan's School. All welcome.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

Please collect new Rosters after Mass