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Office hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am-5.30pm (lunch hour 12.30pm-1.30pm), Thursdays 9am-1pm

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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 27<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Last Sunday's Collection: €2,945  
Goradiche Orphanage: €320  
Adoration Chapel Appeal: €900

### PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Our sincere thanks for your great generosity towards the Priests' Collection. Envelopes are available if you still wish to contribute.

### Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of the late Tom Mannix, Ballycalla, who was buried on Wednesday. To Johanna Harty, 29 Inis Ealga on the death of her mother Mary Connors, Gort who was buried on Tuesday. To Doreen Pettigrew, 2 Lisin, on the death of her mother Nora Cahill, Killaloe, who died on Wednesday.

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday: 12 noon at Mary Immaculate Church  
7pm in SS John & Paul Church

St. Anthony's Novena will take place at the 12 noon Mass on Tuesday.

### Adoration Chapel

Adoration Chapel re-opening 4<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.

### First Friday/New Year's Day

2 Masses only 12 noon and 7pm. Arrangements will be made for alternative times for visits to the sick and housebound.



### Wedding Congratulations

To Helen O'Donoghue, 10 Ballycaseymanor and Ronan Glynn, Annacotty, who were married in St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Monaleen, Limerick, on Wednesday.

### The Alliance of the Two Hearts

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> January & Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> January at SS John & Paul Church, from 7pm to 3am. First Fri Mass at 7pm. First Sat Mass at 12 midnight.



### Recent Baptisms

We welcome into God's Family  
and our Christian Community  
the following who were Baptised recently:



Cillian Dylan Carew  
Amy Leigh McCarthy-McGorrian  
Alison Susan Hynes  
Orainn Jack McInerney  
Eimear Marie Peacock  
Chloe Angela Spencer  
Eden-Skye Cadence Lucas-Hickey  
Mark Edward Long  
Aoibhinn Akanke Adelu  
Robbie Jack O'Connell  
Cillian Phillip Robert  
Eoin Anthony O'Brien  
Adam Gerard O'Brien  
Jamie Tucker Bryant  
Audrey Claire Torres  
Katie-Rose O'Connor Horan.

### Special Church Collections for 2010

Special collections will be taken up in Shannon Parish on the dates below:

January 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Administration Appeal  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Education Fund  
Marcy 27/28<sup>th</sup> Trocaire Collection  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Priests' Easter Collection  
May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Lourdes Invalid Appeal  
June 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Priests' Summer Collection  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Needs Collection  
September 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Killaloe Priest's Benevolent Fund  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Priests' Autumn Collection  
October 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday Appeal  
December 25<sup>th</sup> Priests' Christmas Collection

Most of the above collections fall on a Sunday and include the Vigil Masses of the Saturday evening in both Churches.

### The Wexford Carol

"Good people all, this Christmas time,  
consider well and bear in mind  
what our good God for us has done  
in sending his beloved Son."

Twelfth Century Traditional Irish



### New Year's Eve - Prayer of Farewell

On this Thursday night from 11.30pm until 12.15am, there will be a time of Prayer in Mary Immaculate Church, as we bid farewell to 2009 and welcome 2010. People are free to come and go as they like during this time of Prayer.

### A Prayer for New Year

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
but by making you strong enough to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
but by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
but by showing you when people and their causes  
need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you  
for the year ahead.

Happy New Year to all Parishioners  
and visitors.

