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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

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011

*An Domhnach, 27ú lá Márta, 2011*

*3rd Sunday in Lent - Year of Matthew*

**Last Sunday's Collection: €2,541**

**St. Patrick's Day: €1,575**

**Clerical Student's Educational Fund: €7,748**

*Many thanks for your great generosity.*

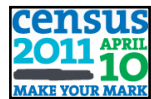
#### Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:



The family of Irene Kirwan (Senior), 86 Aidan Park, who was buried on Monday. To Rose Kennedy, 19 Slaney Park and Ann Meally, 43 Cul na Greine on the death of their father Tom Comerford, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny. To Mick Riordan, Lisheen, on the death of his mother Kay O'Riordan, Bengully, Co. Cork. To Bishop Kieran and the family of P.J. McManus, Roscrea, Clerical Student of the Diocese, who was buried on Thursday after a short illness. To Nancy Joyce, Fearnog, on the death of her mother Christina Fitzgerald, Clarina, Limerick, who was buried on Friday.

#### First Friday

Friday next April 1<sup>st</sup> is the First Friday with an additional Mass at 8am in The Convent Oratory. The sick and housebound will receive the Sacraments at home. If you know of any housebound Parishioner who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Priests.



A National census takes place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Objective is to count all people in Ireland, both residents and visitors on that night and it will record vital information regarding our existing population. Enumerators have begun distributing forms to all households and it is most important that they are given every assistance in their work.

#### Pastoral Council

Bi-monthly meeting in the Jubilee Chapel on Wednesday at 8pm.

#### Do This in Memory

First Holy Communion Preparation Masses for St. Conaire's at 10am and St. Tola's & Gael Scoil at the 11am Masses next weekend.

#### Faithfriends

The third session takes place on Tuesday for all candidates preparing for Confirmation.

#### LENT IN SHANNON 2011

##### Masses for Lent

9am & 7pm - SS John & Paul Church

9.30am - Mary Immaculate Church

10am & 1pm (lunch-time Mass) - Adoration Chapel

##### Stations of The Cross

During Lent, the Stations will be prayed on Fridays after 9.30am, 10am and 7pm Masses.

##### Lectio Divina

*The Sacred Reading of Scripture*

You are invited to pray and share the Sunday Readings of Lent each Tuesday from 10am to 11am in the Jubilee Chapel.

#### Wedding Congratulations



To Bernard McDonagh, Ballymurtagh and Samantha McDonagh, Cavan, who were married in the Cathedral of St. Patrick & St. Phelim, Cavan, on Monday.

#### TROCAIRE

On this third Sunday in Lent we stand in solidarity with the people Trocaire works with in the poor communities of Honduras. They are doing all in their power, sometimes at great personal risk, to improve the conditions and futures of their people. Please help Trocaire to help them this Lent. Trocaire boxes are available in all the Churches.



Next weekend, we welcome the St. Patrick's Missionaries who are on a Mission Appeal in our Diocese this year and will speak at all Masses in the Parish.

#### St. Patrick's Day

Thanks to Joe Buckley for providing us with a very comprehensive pictorial of St. Patrick's Day in Shannon. To view, go to shannonparish.ie - gallery section.

#### Shannon Twinning Association

Shannon Twinning Association will hold a Cake, Book & Plant Sale at St. Senan's School on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April after 11am Mass.

#### Shannon Tidy Towns

Everyone invited to an information night in The Oakwood Arms Hotel on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Speakers will be Billy Flynn, Ecologist and Lorraine Power, Environmentalist. New Committee recently elected at the AGM are Chairman Jim O'Meara, Secretary Tess Barry, Treasurer Mary Carew and PRO Olive Bowen. Members meet every Monday evening at 7pm at The Town Hall. Newcomers always welcome to help out!

#### The Alliance of The Two Hearts

Devotions will take place on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> and Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April in SS John & Paul Church from 7pm to 3am.

#### The next Free Legal Clinic

in the Shannon Community Office from 5.15pm to 5.45pm on Mon 28 March. A solicitor will attend.



*Summer time officially begins this weekend. Clocks go forward one hour. Don't forget to remember!*