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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 28th March 2010

PALM SUNDAY

Last Sunday's Collection: €2,806
St. Patrick's Day: €1,736
Education Fund Appeal: €2,878
Mile Buiochas for your great generosity.

Our Prayers and Sympathy go to:

Marie Shortt, 2 Cronan Gardens, on the death of her sister Anne Duggan, who was buried in Belfast on Monday.

First Anniversary Mass

Easter Sunday at 11am for Liam Tyler, Cluain Airne.

Mary Immaculate Renovation Update

We are pleased to report that phase one of the work is now complete and we are in a position to re-open the Church on this Monday for Mass at 9.30am. The cost of this phase €60,000 has been met from the weekly offerings of Parishioners and we thank you for your continued generosity. The next phase will be electrical. Our thanks also to the Sisters of Mercy for the use of their Oratory during the closure.

Fire at Christchurch

Our support goes to Canon Bob Hanna, Rector of Christchurch and Rosemary Power of the Methodist Church and the Congregation of Christchurch, following the fire which destroyed their Church on Tuesday evening last. As a sister Church of the Christian tradition, we have offered our support to the Congregation of Christchurch at this time.

Pope Benedict's Letter to the Catholics of Ireland.

On Saturday 20th March at 11am, Pope Benedict issued a ten page letter to all Catholics in Ireland. At Masses last weekend, we made a summary of the letter available and also made it available on our Parish website - the full version of the letter at www.shannonparish.ie

If there are any Parishioners who have not access to a computer and wish to receive the full version of the letter, please contact any of the Priests or the Parish Office.

First Friday

As the first Friday of April falls on Good Friday, the Priests of the Parish will visit housebound Parishioners with the Sacraments during Holy Week.

Praying for Healing

In acknowledging the suffering that people are presently experiencing as a result of the details contained in both the Murphy & Ryan Reports, banking, financial behaviour and government policies, domestic violence, breakdown of relationships and any other hurts suffered by people, a time of prayer and healing during Holy Week will take place in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesday 30th March at 8pm. A welcome awaits all.



Trocaire Appeal

An Earthquake of hunger takes place in the world everyday!

The second Collection at all Masses this weekend is the annual appeal to support the work of Trocaire in helping to alleviate poverty and hunger in the world. The appeal to our generosity this weekend comes as we bring the Trocaire Lenten Campaign to a close this week. Every cent and Euro contributed this Lent goes directly to help eradicate the injustice that so many people suffer in the world. Lord, as we share generosity at this time, help us to remember those who do without and who have no choice. Trocaire boxes can be returned during the week and at the special appeal on Good Friday.

Spy Wednesday

Please note that due to the Chrism Mass in Ennis Cathedral at 7.30pm, evening Mass in SS John & Paul Church is at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

DAWN MASS



Easter Sunday morning at 5.45am in Illaunmanagh Cemetery. A wonderful experience!

Children's Mass for Easter

We invite the children from the Parish to celebrate Easter at the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday.



Eucharistic Adoration, Skycourt.

The Adoration Chapel will close at 6pm on Holy Thursday with Adoration resuming on Tuesday April 6th at 10am.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be held at the Easter Vigil and Dawn Mass of Easter Sunday and at all Masses on Easter Sunday. Envelopes will be made available during the week. This is the first Appeal of 2010 to financially support your Priests and we thank those who generously do so and those who distribute the envelopes for the Collection.

Flowers for Easter



If you would like to donate flowers (or cash in lieu) for our Churches for Easter, please contact any of our Sacristans.

Mercy Sunday

... A reminder to all those who wish to join in the celebration of Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) ... that the Novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus starts on Good Friday. The Novena leaflets will be available at back of Church on Good Friday.

The next Free Legal Advice Clinic will be held at the Shannon Citizens Information Centre in the Shannon Community Office, from 5.15 to 5.45pm on Monday March 29th. A solicitor will attend.

Skycourt Adoration Volunteers Sought

If you are willing to commit some time each week to visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the Adoration Chapel, please contact any of the co-ordinators: Seamus McEvoy @ 363048 & 086 0762900, Tom Kearney @ 364504 & 086 3623500, Eddie Jones @ 472263, Kay Glody @ 362336 and Mark McDonnell @ 364592 & 086 0766680. Thank you.

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

Holy Week Ceremonies



Please take this newsletter home with you with all the Holy Week details on the back.