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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 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2011

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Year of Matthew  
Last Sunday's Offerings: €2704

### Priests Autumn Collection

The Priests Autumn Collection is being taken up at all Masses in the Parish this weekend. As one of just four collections for the support of your priests we do thank you for your great generosity and support at all times,



### Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

Martin Fitzgerald, Finian Park on the death of his brother Fr. Shane Fitzgerald SVD who was buried in his native parish of Mainisteir, Co. Limerick on Wednesday. Geraldine Harrison Cill Chais on the death of her father William Fitzgerald, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.

### Months Mind Mass

Saturday at 6.30pm for Eileen Gallery, 37 Tullyglass Court.

### First Anniversary Mass

Saturday at 12 noon for Gerry O'Dwyer, Coill Mhara. Sunday next at 12.15pm for May O'Shaughnessy, Tullyglass Court.

### First Friday

Masses at 9.30am and 7pm. **Please note** that there will be no Mass in the Convent Oratory this month. Fr. Tom will attend the sick in his care on Friday afternoon.

### Adoration Chapel

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will take place each day this week at 10am. Adoration as normal.

### The Alliance of the Two Hearts

Devotions will take place on Friday 7th in SS John & Paul Church from 7pm to 3am.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** monthly meeting will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in SS John & Paul Church after 7pm Mass

**Happy Anniversary** to Bishop Willie who was ordained Bishop of Killaloe 17 years ago this weekend!

### New Roman Missal

Thanks to everyone for your co-operation in these days of transition to the new changes in our Mass Responses. Please continue to use the card provided and please leave them in the Church for use at all Masses. Many thanks also to those who generously sponsored the new Roman Missals which we will begin to use on the first Sunday of Advent.

### Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Sharon O'Donnell 10 Tradaree Court & Pdraig Healy, Ballina, Co. Mayo who were married in the Cathedral Galway on Friday.

### Enrolment for First Holy Communion

Saturday next at 6.30pm for Gaelscoil Donncha Rua  
Sunday next at 10am for St. Aidan's  
Sunday next at 11am for St. Tola's  
Meeting for parents of children from St. Aidan's preparing for First Holy Communion will take place on Thursday next at 7.30pm in St. Aidan's school.

### St. John's School

We congratulate St. John's School who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Sunday. Bishop Trevor Williams, Church of Ireland Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, will lead a prayer service of thanksgiving at the school. St. John's was the first school to open here in Shannon in 1961 and is also the only School in Co. Clare in the Patronage of the Church of Ireland.

**Shannon Gospel Choir** will participate at the 6.30pm Mass in SS John & Paul Church next Saturday.

**Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:** Please collect new Rosters after Mass.

### Matt Talbot Novena

*This year's Novena will start this Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. Our first preacher will be Rev. Noel Kirwan PP, St. Michael's Limerick. Petitions can be left at the Shrine or emailed anonymously using the Novena petition form on our Parish website at [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie)*

### Confirmation 2012

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm** for St. Conaire's  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am** for St. Aidan's  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm** for St. Senan's, St. Tola's, Gaelscoil Donncha Rua & St. John's.

### First Holy Communion

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10am** for St. Tola's  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon** for St. Senan's & St. John's  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10am** for St. Conaire's  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** for Gaelscoil Donncha Rua  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** for St. Aidan's

### Church Gate Collections

At the Pastoral Council meeting last Wednesday, a discussion took place following the submissions that were received regarding Church Gate Collections. Three very clear views points were identified:

- a. People generally were not opposed to these collections and see their merits.
  - b. There was unanimous disapproval of political parties collecting outside churches.
  - c. There was concern that the collection points are too near the church doors and should be further from the entrances.
- With these views in mind the Pastoral Council decided that, as the number of church gate collections have increased over the past number of years and whilst the vast majority of these are for excellent causes, the fact remains that some are not related to the purpose for which people assemble at Mass. It has been rightly pointed out that the positioning of collection tables close to the entrance of our churches has become a source of annoyance to people attending Masses each weekend. Consequently the Pastoral Council of the Parish has directed that, from the first weekend of November 2011, all collection tables observe the Garda Permit Regulations and are to be positioned on the public street. This means that no collections can take place on Church grounds. Adherence to this simple regulation should allow all mass goers unobstructed access to our Churches whilst still offering the opportunity to contribute to collections should they wish to do so.