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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 31st JULY 2011

18th Sunday – Year of Matthew
Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,378



Wedding Congratulations

To Linda Scully, Tullyglass Square and Brendan Moriarity, Blarney, who were married in Cong on Thursday.

Baptisms



We welcome into our Christian community the following who were Baptised recently:

Peter Edward Michael Donegan
Keelan Blyth O'Brien
Eoibhe-Kate Jennifer Lye

Appeal for Famine or Drought victims of East Africa

Our thanks for your great generosity of €14,696 (to date) for the victims in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. If you still wish to contribute to the appeal, your contribution would be welcome.



Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

The family of Pat Graham, 3 Delginis, who was buried on Thursday. To Michael Cowley, Tullyglass Hill, on the death of his mother Ina Cowley who died in South Africa.

Bethany Prayer Group

Bethany Prayer Group once again have invited friend and guest speaker from Australia Philip Moloney and his wife Margaret on Wednesday 3rd August at 9pm to the Adoration Chapel, Skycourt Oratory. All welcome.

The Alliance of The Two Hearts 40th Vigil



Devotions will take place on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th August in SS John & Paul Church from 7pm to 3am.

PILGRIMAGES

LOUGH DERG

The traditional three day Pilgrimage from Shannon Parish in association with Ennis Parish leaves on this Bank Holiday Monday 1st August, returning on Wednesday 3rd August. If interested, contact Fr. Tom on 087 6446410.



LOURDES

Sunday 2nd October to Friday 7th October.
€650 per person sharing. Booking forms in both Churches and Parish Office.



Painting of SS John & Paul Church

Great progress was made in the painting of SS John & Paul Church in the past week. The ceiling has now been painted and work this week will continue on the walls and the exterior of the Church. Our thanks to Martin Monaghan and his team.

The Dominican Biblical Institute is offering a course to help people to deepen their understanding of Scripture and of their faith. Information from The Dominican Biblical Institute, Upr Cecil St. Limerick. 061-490603.

A Caring Christ

In today's Gospel, Christ feeds a large crowd with five loaves and two fish. What is the relevance of this gospel passage to our lives? A clue appears in the introduction where we read that 'He saw a large crowd – took pity on them - healed their sick'. This, despite the fact that He wanted to get away and be on His own after hearing the news of John the Baptist's death.



Christ has compassion for all who turn to Him – if we go to Him in the Eucharist and in prayer, He will help us on our journey. In particular, He will satisfy our spiritual needs.

**'Pay attention, come to Me;
Listen and your soul will live'**
(1st Reading)

Bank Holiday Monday

This Monday 1st August, Mass at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church. No evening Mass on Monday.

Adoration Chapel

Mass is cancelled in the Adoration Chapel until Tuesday 16th August.
Adoration will resume as normal on this Tuesday.

First Friday of August

This Friday 5th August with an extra Mass at 8am in The Convent Chapel and Masses at 9.30am & 7pm as usual. Sick and housebound Parishioners will receive the Sacraments at home.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Canon Brendan will lead a Pilgrimage to Poland on this Monday for one week. Many from the Parish will travel and will visit many of the famous places in Poland associated with the Catholic faith and with Blessed John Paul II.