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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 3rd January 2010

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Last Sunday's Collection: €2591



Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy go to Patricia Hogan 7 Inis Ealga on the death of her mother Mary Quirke, Limerick, who was buried on Monday. Pdraig O'Loughlin Dun an Oir on the death of his mother Lily O'Loughlin, Ballyvayghan who was buried on Tuesday. Kevin Walsh Tullyvarraga Crescent on the death of his mother Theresa Walsh Knocklong Co. Limerick who was buried on Friday. Connie O'Brien 19 Lee Park on the death of his father Cornelius O'Brien who died in England. We remember Noreen Scanlon late of Aidan Park who died in Limerick.

Priests' Christmas Collection

Many thanks for your generosity to the Priests' Collection on Christmas Day. Any outstanding envelopes can be returned during the week.

First Anniversary Mass

Saturday next at 6.30pm for Stuart Merrigan, 104 Aidan Park.

Sacrament for the Sick and Housebound - Fr. Tom will attend those in his care on this Friday.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday 6th January

A Holyday of Obligation

Mass Times as follows:

Tuesday evening at 6.30pm (Vigil Mass) SS John & Paul Church

8.45 - Airport Oratory

9am & 12.15pm - SS John & Paul Church

11am & 7.30pm - Mary Immaculate Church

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 12 noon in Mary Immaculate, 7pm in SS John & Paul

Tuesday: 12 noon & 6.30pm

Wednesday: (Holyday)

From Thursday onwards, normal Mass times resume;

9.30am - Jubilee Chapel, 10am Adoration Chapel

& 7pm in SS John & Paul Church

(St Anthony's Novena at the 12noon Mass on Tuesday)



Wedding Congratulations

To Orlaith Corr, 102 Finian Park and Douglas Lanning, 4 Lios Darog, who were married in The Cathedral, Ennis on Tuesday. To Teresa McCoy, 129 Tradaree Court and Daniel Casey, Longford, who were married in St. Conaire's Church, Carrigerry, on Tuesday. To Cora Guinnane, Chaplain St. Caimin's School and Declan Hogan, Ballynacally, who were married in SS Peter & Paul Church, Clarecastle on Wednesday. To Fiona Corry, Cill Chais and Paul Biggane, Cork, who were married in Mary Immaculate Church. To Valerie O'Loughlin, Gleann na Smol and Niall Murphy, De Lacey Park, who were married in SS John & Paul Church. Both Weddings took place on New Year's Eve. Congratulations to all our newly weds!

Mass of All Nations



On this Sunday, as we approach the Feast of the Epiphany, and as we celebrate the Mass of all Nations at 10am next Sunday, we extend a warm welcome and appreciation to the many people who have chosen Shannon as their home and place to live. We thank you for the many talents and traditions that you have brought among us and shared with us and we pray that as we go forward in the year ahead that we will continue to grow together and enrich each others traditions.

Senior Help Line - Do you need someone to talk to? Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older people for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444. Senior Help Line is open every day from 10 am till 4 pm and 7 pm till 10 pm, 365 days a year. Older people call for many reasons. They may feel lonely, isolated or have family or health worries. A small proportion may fear or be experiencing elder abuse, or are depressed and feel they don't have the strength to carry on. Senior Help Line's trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. LoCall 1850 440 444.

Smokers! Quit now for better health in 2010. Call Clare Health Promotion Services 065 6865839.



Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in our Parish in the past year are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life on Sunday next January 10th at 3pm in SS John & Paul Church. As these children begin to walk, crawl and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years.

PARISH STATISTICS

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Baptisms	135	122	137	144	124	150
Marriages	29	19	15	19	19	23
Deaths	38	55	44	56	57	54

These figures only take account of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths that have taken place in the Parish. It does not take account of Parishioners who were married or buried outside of the Parish of Shannon.

Of the 62 couples who married in the Parish last year, 39 chose a Church outside of Shannon, 23 were married in our Parish churches.

New Parish Website - Our new Parish website is now online at www.shannonparish.ie. Keep up to date with news, events, and information about Shannon Parish. We welcome your feedback!

New Year Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ,
Be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage and our Sanctifier.

May 2010 be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Be with us all through this New Year. **Amen.**

