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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

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Sunday Masses: 8.45am in Airport Oratory
9am, 11am in Mary Immaculate Church
10am, 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church

Weekday Masses: 9.30am in Mary Immaculate Church
10am in Skycourt Adoration Chapel, 7pm in SS John & Paul Church

Saturday: 12 noon in Mary Imm, 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church

Weekly Novena to St. Anthony

Continues each Tuesday at 9.30am Mass in Mary Imm Church

14th Sunday – Year of Luke
Sunday 4th July 2010



Our Prayers and Sympathy go to:

Ursula Bartley, Moy Park, on the death of her brother Denis Flynn, Belfast, who died recently.

Priests CollectionThank You

Thank You... To all who contributed to the Summer Collection for the Priests of the Parish, which took place last weekend. If you were away, or forgot, your contribution will be very much appreciated.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Willie will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on this Sunday. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm with Mass in The Basilica at 3pm.

Peter's Euros and Diocesan Needs Collection

The second Collection at all Masses this weekend is the annual appeal of Pope Benedict and Bishop Walsh for the financial support of the faithful to help in the running of the church at an International and Diocesan level. As the number of Priests in our Diocese decreases, increasingly more lay staff are being employed by the Diocese, which in turn increases the financial burden on the Bishop and Diocese. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

Goradiche Orphanage



This week, Rosie Byrne and her daughter Ruth will travel to the Orphanage by way of keeping our Parish in contact with our Jubilee 2000 Parish Project. Next week, another group of volunteers will travel. Many thanks to the volunteers and the many people who continue to financially support the Orphanage.

Shannon CCE/Club na Sionna will host their monthly session of music/song in Wolfe Tones na Sionna on Wed 7th July at 9.30pm.

I only have just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,



Forced upon me, can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it,

Just a tiny minute –
But eternity is in it!

Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is a Mystery. Today is a Gift.
That's why we call it the Present !

TWO KILLALOE PRIESTS APPOINTED CANONS OF LOURDES

During the past week, Monsignor Jacques Perrier, the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, announced the appointment of two Killaloe priests as Canons of the International Marian Shrine at Lourdes. Canon Michael McLaughlin, P.P. Kilmaley, and our very own Canon Brendan were honoured for their longstanding service to the shrine and to the Killaloe pilgrims who travel to the shrine each year. The announcement was made at the famous grotto where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous 18 times in the year 1858. The installation of the new canons took place in the presence of Bishop Willie Walsh and the 500 pilgrims from across the Killaloe Diocese who are participating in the 54th Annual Diocesan Summer Pilgrimage to the shrine.

Commenting on the appointment Bishop Willie Walsh said, "This honour for Canon McLaughlin and Canon O'Donoghue is a reflection of the wholehearted dedication that these men have

shown in their ministry in the service of pilgrims for many years. It is a particular tribute to their pastoral care for those who are sick and suffering. I am delighted that the local Bishop here and the shrine authorities have recognised the Christ like qualities of these men, qualities that have been evident to us in the Killaloe Diocese for many years. Between them, Canon McLaughlin and Canon O'Donoghue have given 104 years of priestly service to the people of our Diocese of Killaloe. We rejoice with them today as their devoted service has also been recognised on the international stage."

Canon Brendan was ordained to the priesthood in June 1956 and has served on the Emigrant Chaplaincy in Britain, on the staff of St. Flannan's College as well as various parishes throughout the Diocese. He has been leading pilgrimages to Lourdes for 52 years and in 1991 he succeeded Canon Thomas Daffy as Director of the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Through this ministry, Canon O'Donoghue has made it possible for thousands of pilgrims to visit a place that has become truly sacred for them. His work has facilitated the pilgrimage of great numbers of people who are sick or seriously ill to come to a place where they find great comfort and consolation. He retired as director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2008 but continues to travel twice a year with Killaloe pilgrims to the shrine.



We in Shannon congratulate Canon Michael and our own Canon Brendan on this huge honour and wish them both well to continue their good work for future Pilgrimages.