

Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon, Co. Clare - Parish Secretary Teresa Woods - Tel 061 364133/Fax 061 364516

**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 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year of Matthew

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,418



### Our Prayers & Sympathy go to:

To the parents and brother of David Keane, 16 Ballycasey manor who was buried on Tuesday. To the family and parishioners of Fr. Manus Rodgers who was buried in the Silvermines on Thursday. Fr. Manus served as a curate in Newmarket-on-Fergus when Shannon was still part of Newmarket Parish.

### Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal

Bishop Kieran asks for your support in helping him care for an increasing number of elderly sick and retired Priests, including Bishop Willie. These Priests and Bishop Willie have given over 50 and some over 60 years of service in our Diocese and for some of them, they are the sole surviving member of their family. Your generosity to the second collection at all Masses this weekend will help ease the burden on caring for these elderly Priests and Bishop. Bishop Kieran thanks you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Carrigoran House Fundraiser:** Watch Ireland versus Australia at Champagne Irish Breakfast at Oak Wood Arms Hotel on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8.30am. Proceeds to Community Day Care at Carrigoran House. Tickets €25 For details ring 061 36811

**Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities** Forms for the above Scheme are presently being sent out to those already participating in the scheme. We are presently preparing to submit our Parish Claim for tax relief for 2010 and asking taxpayers who have contributed at least €250 to Parish Funds (weekly collections, Priests' collection, other collections) during 2010 to consider enabling us to avail of this relief. Forms and full details are available from the Parish Office 364133. Thank you!

## parish Notices

**Pioneer Association Monthly meeting** resumes on Tuesday after the 7pm Mass in SS John & Paul Church.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society.** Meeting this Monday evening 4<sup>th</sup> Sept in SS John & Paul Church after 7pm Mass.

**Shannon CCÉ & Club na Sionna** will resume their monthly session on Wednesday 7th Sept at 9.30pm. All Welcome & admission is free.

**Senior Citizens Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** this Tues 6<sup>th</sup> September. Bus leaving at 10am. More details from Bea O'Shea at 475219 or Pauline Cronin at 472518.

**Find Your Voice at Shannon Toastmasters** on Wednesday next, September 7th at 8pm in the Oak Wood Arms Hotel. All welcome!

### Found!

Sum of money found near Skycourt Shopping Centre mid August. Details at the Parish Office.

**Shannon Carer's Group** Resuming monthly meetings in the Health Centre at 8pm on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Contact Sylvia on 087 6308840.

**Coffee Morning!** Shannon Senior Citizen's will host a coffee morning in aid of Cahercalla Hospice 10.30am to 12 noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at 9 Purcell Park.



### Samaritans - Ennis & Clare Branch

Do you have time to be a Volunteer? Open Meetings at The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 8pm-10pm and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12noon. Phone 065 6829777 for further details.

For Adults interested in studying for a part-time **Leaving Certificate**, Co Clare VEC's Back To Education Initiative have an information evening at the Shannon Adult Education Centre, 4 Bru Na Sionna on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm. Contact BTEL office on 065-6843633.

### Mass for Victims of 9/11

Sunday next 11<sup>th</sup> September is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the atrocity of what we now know as 9/11. Those who died and all whose lives were changed will be remembered at the 9am Mass on Sunday next in Mary Immaculate Church.



### Wedding Congratulations

To Nicola Kissane, 87 Cluain Airne and Mark Mullin, Belfast, who were married in The Wells Church. Grainne Hegarty, Tullyglass Heights and Liam Moffatt, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo, who were married in Fossa Church, Co. Kerry. Both Weddings took place on Saturday.

### National Grandparents Pilgrimage

The annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday next 11<sup>th</sup> September. This is a very successful Pilgrimage when grandparents come from all over Ireland. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm.



### Silence Please!

As we prepare over the coming weeks to introduce changes to the celebration of Mass, so as to be prepared for the first Sunday of Advent when the new edition of the Roman Missal will be introduced, may we suggest with respect that the gift of silence in Church be respected, especially before Mass begins. The gift of Silence in Church gives each person who comes to Church the opportunity to reflect, read or pray. Our opportunities for silence in today's world are limited. So let's value the precious moments we get when we come to Church.