

Sunday 5th March 2017

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,253



We extend our Prayers & Sympathy:

To Frank McLaughlin, 35 Cronan Gardens on the death of his brother Seamus McLaughlin, Strabane, buried last Sunday. To Hugh O'Donnell, Tullyglass Court on the death of his brother Simon O'Donnell, Ennis, buried on Wednesday. To Bernadette Kenny, Carrig Lia on the death of her sister Una Heffernan, Clane, Co. Kildare, buried on Saturday. To Jean Mulholland, Tullyglass Crescent on the death of her sister Biddy McGrath, Limerick, who was buried on Saturday.

Months Mind Mass

Sunday next at 11am for Jack McGrath, Cluain Airne.

First Anniversary Masses

Friday at 7pm for Geraldine Bunting (nee Boland) late of Aidan Park. Saturday at 6.30pm for Julie Mullen, Cluain Airne. Sunday at 11am for Paddy McKeown, Tullyglass Hill.

Women's World Day of Prayer – This Sunday at 3pm in the Jubilee Chapel, Mary Immaculate Church.



Organised by the women of Philipppines. Please spread the word to women of all nationalities in Shannon. All welcome to this special ecumenical service..

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society. Meeting this Monday evening at 7.30pm in SS John & Paul Church.

Short-term Pledge for Lent. Many people abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by contacting any of the Priests or your local Pioneer Centre.

Trocaire: Trocaire Boxes are now available for collection if you have not got one already. Trocaire's Lenten Campaign is responding to the cry of the poor.



Congratulations: We congratulate Kieran O'Gorman, Tullyglass Court who, on Friday last, celebrated his 90th Birthday. Wishing him many more years of health and happiness.



LENT IN SHANNON

Morning Prayer:

Each weekday at 7.20am for 20 minutes in the Adoration Chapel.

4 Daily Masses: Monday to Friday

9.30am: Mary Immaculate Church,
10am: Adoration Chapel
1.05pm: Lunch time Mass – Adoration Chapel
7pm: SS John & Paul Church

Lectio Divina:

The sacred reading of the Scriptures after 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays in Mary Immaculate Church and after 7pm Mass on Wednesdays in SS John & Paul Church.

Stations of The Cross:

Each Friday after 9.30am & 7pm Masses.

Faith Friends:

For Confirmation candidates each Tuesday beginning on this Tuesday 7th March.

Vocations Call: *Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, call 086 2777139.*

Financial Report 2016

This weekend, we publish our annual financial report for 2016. It is an opportunity to say thanks to the very many loyal and faithful Parishioners who, week after week, financially support the Parish. Our main source of income comes from the weekly offertory collection, which has remained steady as has contributions to the shrines.

For the first year, we can see the benefits of the Tax Rebate Scheme. The sum of €43,843 was received from Revenue in the past year. This figure is based on the very generous contributions of Parishioners to the Renovation Appeal Fund for the extension to SS John & Paul Church and has contributed greatly to reducing the debt on the work completed.

Our thanks to all who contribute, to Parishioners who distribute envelopes, those who collect the baskets, our Counters and our Finance Committee. A special word of appreciation to Ronan Hynds who is our Accountant and who prepares the accounts to comply with both Diocesan and Charity regulations. The Financial Statement, does not reflect the amount of voluntary time Parishioners give in making our Parish a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

SHANNON PASTORAL COUNCIL

Income & Expenditure Account

For period ending 31.12.2016

	31.12.16	31.12.15
	€	€
Income		
Offertory Collections	126,506	128,759
Tax Rebate	43,843	29,163
Shrine income	26,780	26,223
Income from Investment Accounts	2,998	8,755
Donations for J&P extension	5,010	64,028
Other income	-	83
Trocaire (Income)	15,153	17,319
Mission (Income)	3,118	3,194
Lourdes (Income)	3,232	3,468
World Meeting of Families (Income)	1,395	-
	228,034	280,992
Expenditure		
Parish Office	37,053	29,806
Diocesan Levy & Commitments	33,153	30,206
Local Property Tax	610	610
Electricity, Heating & Oil	6,958	7,897
Insurance	6,166	5,988
Telephone, Communications	732	4,400
Repairs and Maintenance	30,949	26,664
Altar Supplies & Shrine Candles	4,905	4,754
Faith Formation & Pastoral Planning	6,360	3,127
Sacramental Preparation	520	1,670
Contributions/Subsidies to Parochial Houses & Clergy	11,748	12,838
Contributions to Various Charities	-	780
Choir/Servers	2,010	2,845
Sunday	2,625	3,022
Bank Charges, Fees & Interest	679	483
World Youth Day (Diocesan Expense)	300	895
History Book	600	-
J&P Extension	4,893	222,417
Renovations in Mary Immaculate Church	21,070	-
Professional Fees	6,005	-
Trocaire (Expense)	15,153	17,319
Mission (Expense)	3,118	3,194
Lourdes (Expense)	3,232	3,898
World Meeting of Families (Expense)	1,395	-
	200,235	382,813
Net Income over Expenditure	27,800	- 101,821
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