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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

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

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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,713

Lourdes Invalid Appeal: €1,300

We acknowledge 2 contributions of €650 each to send a sick person to Lourdes.

Stained Glass Window Appeal: €620

We acknowledge contributions of €500 and 2 x €50 and €20

### Trocaire:

In the past week, we forwarded €16,043 to Trocaire from this year's Lenten Campaign. A sincere thank you to all who contributed every coin, note and cheque. A special thank you to our Schools for their help with trocaire during Lent and to Jimmy & Kathleen Morris, who counted all those coins.

### Bank Holiday Monday

This Monday with Mass at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church. Adoration Chapel closed for the day and no evening Mass.

### We Extend our Prayers & Sympathy to:



The family of: Brendan O'Halloran, 85 Tullyvarraga Crescent, buried on Sunday last. Margaret Moran, 40 Cronan Park who died on Tuesday. To Nuala Walsh, 143 Drumgeely Hill on the death of her father Michael Reidy, Barefield, Ennis, who was buried on Wednesday. To Eileen White, 99 Finian Park on the death of her brother Patrick McNamara, Kilmihill, who was buried on Friday.

### Months Mind Mass

Sunday next at 11am for John McCarthy, 101 Cluain Airne.

### First Anniversary Mass

Friday at 7pm for Helen Griffin, Ballinooskney, Newmarket on Fergus.



**Blessing of New Life:** All couples expecting a new baby in the coming weeks and months are invited to our bi-annual Blessing for the Gift of New Life, on Wednesday next at 9pm in The Jubilee

Chapel of Mary Immaculate Church. Please share this invitation with any mother you know who may be pregnant.

### Lourdes Invalid Appeal

On Sunday next at all masses throughout the Diocese, the second collection is to support sick and disabled people to travel to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in June. This annual appeal enables the Diocese to bring 55 sick people to the Shrine of Mary and give them the opportunity to pray, accept and experience. This is made possible by the generosity of volunteer nurses, doctors and helpers and parishioners who generously give to this appeal. Our thanks to individuals and organisations who sponsor or part-sponsor a sick pilgrim to go to Lourdes.

### May - Safeguarding Month

Safeguarding: The Diocese continues to ensure and maintain compliance with the Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. For more information and details on the policy, please visit www.killaloe-diocese.ie and click safeguarding tab.

**Bus to "Stand Up for Life" Rally,** Merrion Square, Dublin, Saturday 12th May, for those who wish to protect mothers and unborn babies. To book a seat from Co. Clare, contact 086 3184888.

### Shannon Active Retirement

Monthly meeting on Wednesday at 11am in The Oakwood Hotel. New members welcome!

### Mass in Lemenagh Cemetery



The annual Mass in Lemenagh Cemetery will be celebrated on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.

### Pastoral Letter

This weekend, Bishop Fintan has issued a Pastoral Letter in relation to the forthcoming Referendum on the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Irish Constitution. The Letter is entitled "Invitation to Choose Life" and is available in all Churches across the Diocese of Killaloe this weekend.

*"I notice that everybody who is pro-abortion has already been born!" (Ronald Regan)*

### DIOCESAN PICNIC

**The World Meeting of Families** takes place in Ireland this year, the highlight being the visit of Pope Francis in August. Here in the Diocese of Killaloe, there will be a Family Picnic Day on this Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> as part of our celebrations. The venue will be the Showgrounds in Ennis and it will run from 2-5pm. Free event with lots of fun for children, music and entertainment. Bring your own picnic and there will be prizes for the best! No BBQ's allowed.



### MAY - MONTH OF OUR LADY

#### Flowers of the Rarest

*Bring flowers of the rarest bring blossoms the fairest,  
From gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.*

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May  
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

*Their lady they name thee their mistress proclaim thee  
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,  
As long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.*

