

Parish Office: Dún na Rí, Shannon. Tel 061 364133/Fax 061 364516

Office hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am-5.30pm (lunch hour 12.30pm-1.30pm), Thursdays 9am-1pm

Fáilte - Welcome - Witamy - Bienvenue - Willkommen - Benvenuto - Bienvenido - Witajcie - Bemvindo - Welkom - Velkomin - Vitejte - Croeso - Valkommen - Tervetuloa - Ibiana

Sunday Masses: 8.45 at Airport Oratory 9am, 11am at Mary Immaculate Church 10am, 12.15pm at SS John & Paul ChurchWeekday 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 7th FEBRUARY 2010**5th Sunday – Year of Luke

Last Sunday's Offering: €3,132

Diocesan Needs Appeal: €3,315

Haiti Appeal € 2,400

Adoration Chapel Appeal: €100

Many thanks for your great generosity.**Sympathy**

To the family of Tom Murphy, 26 Finian Park, who was buried on Sunday. To the family of Celine Salway, 43 Tradaree Court, who was buried on Tuesday. To Tom Hough, Cluain Airne, on the death of his sister Agnes Cleary, England. To Billy Connery, Dun an Oir and Dolores Boland, 1 Lee Park, on the death of their mother, Susan Connery, Limerick.

Months Mind Mass

Sunday next at 11am for Agnes Allen, Drumgeely Avenue
Sunday next at 12.15pm for Josephine Deegan, Inis Sioda.

First Anniversary Mass

Saturday next at 12 noon for Michael Coughlan, Tullyglass Court.

**Wedding Congratulations**

To Noel Moloney, Tola Park and Elizabeth Dillon, Glounthane, Co. Cork, who were married in Glounthane on Saturday.

Apostolic Society

Meeting this Tuesday night at 9 Purcell Park at 8pm. Orders now being taken for sacred vessels. Please contact 364647 or 364080.

Eucharistic Services without Mass.

Taking place this week in the Adoration Chapel. With both Fr. Tom and Canon Brendan attending meetings in Lourdes, Masses this week will be 9.30am and 7pm. Normal Mass times resume on Saturday.

Shannon Pastoral Council Financial Statement v/e 31/12/2009

	31.12.2009	31.12.2008
Receipts		
Sunday Collections	147,655.50	155,226.99
Holy Day Collections	5,277.00	5,173.00
Second Collections	15,228.00	32,973.43
Trocaire	21,512.23	24,323.58
Chairs for Jubilee Chapel	0.00	0.00
Shrines	29,065.60	28,273.00
Apostolic Workers	0.00	0.00
Legacy	0.00	0.00
Mission	5,156.00	5,500.00
Organ Appeal Fund	0.00	6,105.00
Oratory Donations 2009	2,892.70	0.00
Charities – St. Vincent de Paul	1,000.00	0.00
Donation tax rebate	33,007.70	0.00
TOTALS	260,794.73	257,575.00
Expenditure		
Sacramental Preparation	1,475.00	1,000.00
Caretaking, Repairs/Maintenance of Parish buildings	49,551.22	33,955.01
ESB & Oil	6,288.78	7,646.41
Insurance & Phone	9,311.84	10,628.15
Adoration Chapel	11,560.73	6,360.83
Stationary, Newsletter, Post	15,709.77	13,090.94
Parish Office	23,496.35	23,581.44
Wines, Breads & Candles	3,336.10	3,678.45
Diocesan Levies	33,403.10	23,196.50
Trocaire	24,000.00	24,373.58
Misc. expenditure	6,618.95	6,919.19
Holy Land Collection – Holy Places	0.00	2,369.00
World Youth Day	0.00	0.00
Parish Ministries	6,635.00	6,230.00
Liturgy	1,146.89	975.00
Bank charges	243.11	240.00
New organs	0.00	22,200.00
New Adoration Chapel Furnishings	42,424.97	50,000.00
New Jubilee Chapel (Chairs)	0.00	0.00
Lourdes	5,044.00	4,660.00
Fr. Colm's Mission	0.00	19,700.00
Mission	5,156.00	6,400.00
Charities – St. Vincent de Paul	1,000.00	0.00
TOTALS	246,401.81	267,204.60
Net Income over Expenditure	14,392.92	(9,629.60)

Our Financial Statement for the Parish published in the past week shows continued generosity of Parishioners and those who worship in Shannon.

Our Sunday collections, the main source of Parish income has declined in the past year, a reflection of the economic times that we are living. On a positive note, we were able to claim over €33,000 in tax rebate for contributions received in 2008, the first year the Parish availed of the Scheme.

We thank all who contribute to our Parish financially and we are very grateful to the many people who give voluntarily of their time and talent. No Financial Statement can ever put a value on such generosity. It is very much appreciated.

As we go forward in 2010, the economic situation is still very uncertain for individuals, families and our Parish and it's not just the slogan but fact - "In God we trust". The major capital investment in the coming year will be in Mary Immaculate Church where re-wiring, the provision of an accessible toilet and floors, needs attention

If you are a tax payer (PAYE) and contribute to the Parish, would you consider our Tax Rebate Scheme for the Parish? At no extra cost to you, the Parish can get a rebate on your Parish contributions for the year. In 2008, 111 Parishioners helped us claim €33,000. Mile Bulochas to everybody!

Pascal Hynds
Finance Committee

Tom Ryan P.P

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Thursday next 11th Feb, is the 152nd anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon on Sat June 26th, returning on Thurs July 1st. The cost this year has been reduced to €685 per person sharing. Booking forms can be obtained from the Parish Office. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accompanied in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €552. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom.

Welcome Spring....."There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night....and spring after winter!"

- Rachel Carson

