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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 - Velkommen - 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 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 8th January 2012

Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2431

Priests' Collection - Buiochas!

Many thanks for your generosity to the Priests' Christmas Collection. Any outstanding envelopes can be left with any of the priests during the week.

Our Prayers & Sympathy to go:

The family of Mary Ward, 13 Fergus Road, who was buried on Friday. Rita Costello Ard na Greine on the death of her brother Michael Chambers, Caherush, Quilty who died in New York. Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday next January 14th at 11am in Star of the Sea Church Quilty.

Adoration Chapel

Daily Mass resumes this Monday at 10am.

Wedding Congratulations



To Dr. Ronan Flynn, Tullyvarraga Hill and Deirdre O'Halloran, Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry, who were married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express their gratitude to their recent appeals. Your generosity at this very difficult time is greatly appreciated.

HSE Quit Smoking Support Group (free) - Tuesdays for 4 weeks (10th-31st Jan 2012) 11.30am-1pm in Ennis. To book telephone: 065-6865841

Apostolic Society Meeting

The Apostolic Society monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday in 9 Purcell Park at the earlier time of 7.30pm.

Irish Catholic Newspaper is on sale each weekend in both our Churches. We encourage you to keep up to date on faith issues by purchasing a copy each week.

Blessing of Babies



All babies baptised in our Parish in the past year are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life on Sunday 8th January the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord at 3pm in SS John & Paul Church. As these children begin to walk, crawl and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years.

The Solas Suicide Support Group will meet on Saturday 14th January from 11am - 12noon at CIOC offices, Elevation Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis. This support group is for family, friends, co-workers etc. whose lives have been touched by suicide. It is totally confidential and free of charge. For further information contact Johanna Treacy, Psychotherapist 086 082 9907.

Do This in Memory

First Holy Communion Preparations Masses continue next weekend for children for: Gael Scoil Donncha Rua at 6.30pm Vigil Mass St. Conaire's at 10am St. Tola's at 11am



Migrant Sunday

Pope Benedict established this Day of Remembrance as a response to the massive displacements and suffering caused by the First World War. Today the Church invites us to remember all migrants, those who have left Ireland to find a new life and those who have left their own countries to come to live here. Those migrants, who have come to live here, bring gifts just as the Irish did to the countries they have gone to over the centuries. Today we remember and pray for all who experience themselves as "foreigners" or "outsiders" where they live.

The Samaritans provide confidential emotional support to people of any age, who may feel the need to talk about any concern or aspect of their lives. Samaritans can be contacted by phone 1850 60 90 90 - for the price of a local call and/or email jo@samaritans.org. Any person of any age can visit the Samaritans (Kilrush Road, Ennis) any day from 10am up to 10pm or phone anytime 24 hours a day/365 days a year.



Special Collections 2012

Special Collections will be taken up as a second collection at all Masses in Shannon Parish on the dates below:

28/29 January	Diocesan Administration Appeal
17 March	Education Fund
31 March/1 April	Trócaire
7/8 April	Priests' Easter Collection
10/20 May	Lourdes Invalid Appeal
23/24 June	Priests' Summer Collection
30 Jun/1 July	Diocesan Needs Appeal
2 September	Killaloe Diocese Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal
15/16 September	Killaloe Diocese Ecuador Mission Appeal
6/7 October	Priests' Autumn Collection
20/21 October	Mission Sunday Appeal
25 December	Priests' Christmas Collection

Preparing for Marriage

As the New Year begins we remind all couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church of the necessity to complete a pre-marriage course. Accord, Esker Retreat Weekend or Mount Argus, Dublin are the only courses recognised by the Killaloe Diocese. For full details see our Parish Website.