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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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Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 20th May 2018

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,293

Lourdes Invalid Appeal: €3,425

Stained Glass Window Appeal: €250

We acknowledge two contributions of €100 & €50 to the appeal in the past week.



We Extend our Prayers & Sympathy to:

The families of: Gerry Kelly, 18 Fergus Road. Funeral Mass takes place this Sunday in Mary Immaculate Church at 1.30pm with burial in Illaunmanagh Cemetery. Teresa Slattery, 17 Moy Park reposing on Sunday at McMahon's Funeral Home at 6pm with removal to Mary Immaculate Church at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass this Monday at 11am, followed by cremation. To Catherine Carton, Tullyvarraga Crescent & Rose Nolan, Carrig Lia on the death of their sister Mary Lyons, Cork. Kitty O'Sullivan, Lissycasey, mother of Michael O'Sullivan, Allen Park & Rita O'Sullivan, Cronan Gardens who was buried on Saturday. Julie Ann Sullivan, Barraduff, Killarney, mother of Sr. Sheila, Carrigoran House who was buried on Tuesday.

Months Mind Masses

Sunday next at 10am for Pat Darcy, Aidan Park.

Sunday next at 12.15pm for Brendan O'Halloran, Tullyvarraga Crescent.

Confirmation: We congratulate Callum Butler, 60 Tullyvarraga Court who was Confirmed by Bishop Fintan on Thursday last. Callum is a pupil of St. Anne's School, Ennis.

Pastoral Council: Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday at 8pm in The Jubilee Chapel of Mary Immaculate Church.

Mass in Lemenagh Cemetery: The annual Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 29th May at 8pm.



Wedding Congratulations: To Richard O'Sullivan, Inis Ri and Alison Kelly, Lios Anama, Sixmilebridge who were married in The Wells Church on Friday.

Leaving Cert Graduation Ceremonies.

Thursday next at 1pm in St. Caimin's School.

Friday next at 2pm in St. Patrick's Comprehensive School. Both Ceremonies will take place in the School. Mass for all exam students will take place on Tuesday 5th June at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church.

Painting of SS John & Paul Church

Work will begin this week on the painting both of the interior and exterior of the Church. The Church will remain open at all times and Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7pm as usual.

Papal Visit: In August, Pope Francis will visit Ireland to participate in the World Meeting of Families. This is the first time in 39 years that the Pope has come to Ireland. It's a special event and an occasion for celebration. The second collection at all Masses next weekend is a National appeal to enable the Church to prepare and organise the Papal visit. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Safeguarding: All Clerics and Religious are Mandated persons. The Children First Act 2015 places a legal obligation on them, to report child protection concerns to Tusla - Child and Family Agency. These mandated persons must also assist Tusla, on request, in its assessment of child protection concerns about children who have been the subject of a mandate report.

Feast of Mary, Mother of The Church.

Pope Francis, earlier this year, inaugurated a new Feast of Mary, known as Mary, Mother of The Church. It is to be celebrated the day after Pentecost Sunday. It acknowledges the role Mary played in supporting the Apostles after the Resurrection and her presence at Pentecost when the Church was formed. **On Monday next at the 9.30am Mass in Mary Immaculate Church,** the new Shrine of our Lady called Mary, Mother of The Church will be dedicated and blessed. This Shrine to Mary celebrates the Golden Jubilee of our Parish and is available to people for their private prayers and devotion to Mary Mother of God. Our thanks to Michael Clancy Builders who constructed the Shrine, the Sisters of Mercy for donating the Statue of Mary. It's previous life was in

St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy, Ennis. To Colette Loughran, who painted the Statue, Fr. John Buckley, PP Kileentierna, Co. Kerry and his Parishioners who donated the candleabra, Colm Roche, Electrician and LCE, Smithstown for the graphics and signage.

Mary, Mother of The Church, pray for us.



36 Hours for The Lord

On Friday next 25 May, the people of Ireland are asked to make a decision. To help people make the right decision, there will be 36 hours of continuous prayer in The Adoration Chapel at Skycourt from 10am Mass on Thursday, continuing throughout the night vigil, concluding at 10pm on Friday night when the polls will close. We invite you to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at this very critical time in our Irish history. We are all called to be Missionaries for the cause of life, especially the life of the unborn, who do not have a voice to speak for them in this debate. Please consider pledging one hour in prayer during the 36 hour of prayer. We invite you to sign for an hour in cards that are available in both Churches and in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...She exclaimed:

"As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:42-43)



Mother & Child

A Prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, when you embraced our nature in the womb of Mary, Your Mother, the first to greet You was the unborn child, John the Baptist.

He danced for You,

and You made him holy with the life of Your Spirit.

Jesus, Lord and saviour, protect the children of Ireland.

May they never be evicted from the warm, safe place beneath a mother's heart. Amen.