

4 Márta 2018

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,353

Donations for Sick Pilgrims to Lourdes: €650 & €320

We extend our Prayers and Sympathy:



To the family of Harjeet (Harry) Singh, 65 Cronan Lawn who died last week. To Dick Carley, Tola Park on the death of his sister Rita Roche, England. To Bridget Treacy, 16 Tola Park on the death of her sister Mary Ann Walsh, Ballyhoun, Kilmallock. To Erla Harden, Drumline, on the death of her father Herman Ortner, who died in South Africa.

Thursday 8th March

Feast of St. Senan – our Parish Patron.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This Sunday at 3pm in The Jubilee Chapel of Mary Immaculate Church. Everyone welcome.



LENT IN SHANNON



Morning Prayer:

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

Four 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.

Stations of The Cross:

Each Friday after 9.30am & 7pm Masses.

Faith Friends:

The third session of this year's Faith Friends for Confirmation candidates will take place on Tuesday.



Question: What qualification do you need in order to be on the parish team for Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament? **Answer:** One hour at your disposal in a week ... and a willing heart!

Golden Wedding Celebrations: Congratulations to Hugh & Maureen McParland, Boyne Park, who celebrate 50th years of Marriage.

During the month of March, we are embracing the Irish language in our Liturgies. Labhair Gaeilge linn!

Wedding Congratulations to David Magee, 145 Finian Park & Elaine Finan, Carraroe, Co. Sligo, who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Carraroe, Co. Sligo.



The Future of the Parish

Bishop Fintan is planning a re-organisation of the Diocese which will begin to be implemented during this Summer. To help in planning these major changes, 5 area Meetings are being held across the Diocese. The meeting for our Parish and those of Tradaree, Abbey & Imeall Boirne Clusters takes place at the Inn at Dromoland this Thursday night at 7.30pm. Anyone involved in Parish life who would like to have an input into its future are welcome to attend.

Financial Report 2017

This weekend, we publish our Parish account of Income & Expenditure for year ending 31st December 2017.

A word of thanks to all Parishioners and those who worship in our Parish for your continued generosity to the running of the Parish. The accounts show income down by over €6,000 on the previous year but closer examination of the two years will show increased income. It has to be noted that the Tax Rebate for 2016 was based on the great generosity received for the building extension to SS John & Paul Church. This must be considered as once-off and the 2017 figure for Tax Rebate reflects realistically on Parish income for the year. Contributions to the offertory collection which is the main source of income for the Parish, showed a slight increase this year. This is due to the fact that Christmas Day fell on a Sunday in 2016 and reduced the number of Sundays in the year for the Parish income. Donations to Trócaire, Missions, Lourdes and WMOF all showed slight increases on the previous year. Such generosity is very much appreciated and necessary if the Parish is to continue to be vibrant and offer the best service we can to the community. The figures do not reflect the many hours of generous volunteering by Parishioners to so many aspects of Parish life. Such commitment is valued and appreciated. Our thanks to all who, each week, give generously to those who use envelopes and allow us to claim Tax rebate (at no cost to Parishioners). Without the tax rebate, our Parish would not be so financially healthy.

Thanks also to Parishioners who distribute envelopes, collect and count money each week, our Finance Committee and to Ronan Hynds, our Parish Accountant, who oversees and prepares the accounts for audit and for the Diocese and Charity Regulator.

Some people from neighbouring Parishes come to Mass in Shannon. Be assured that with reduced Masses in Parishes and varying times, you are most welcome and your Parish envelope is returned to your own Parish.

Shannon Parishioners who go to Mass outside of Shannon can use their envelope in this way also and it is returned to Shannon Parish.

Tom Ryan PP

SHANNON PARISH

Income & Expenditure Account Year end 31.12.2017

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	€	€
Income		
Offertory Collections	129,635	126,506
Tax Rebate	28,716	43,843
Shrine income	25,177	26,780
Income from Investment Accounts	2,816	2,998
Donations for J&P extension	-	5,010
Trócaire (Income)	17,543	15,153
Trócaire Famine Relief (Income)	10,065	-
Mission (Income)	3,260	3,118
Lourdes (Income)	3,430	3,232
World Meeting of Families (Income)	1,907	1,395
	222,549	228,034
Expenditure		
Parish Office	31,819	37,053
Diocesan Levy	33,172	31,153
Diocesan Bishop Ordination	-	2,000
Local Property Tax	720	610
Electricity, Heating & Oil	7,401	6,958
Insurance	6,166	6,166
Telephone, Communications	959	732
Repairs and Maintenance	30,366	30,949
Altar Supplies & Shrine Candles	2,581	4,905
Education (Parish Ministers, Pastoral Council, Theology Courses)	3,375	6,360
Sacramental Preparation	900	520
Contributions/Subsidies to Parochial Houses & Clergy	13,030	11,748
Choir/Servers	3,332	2,010
Sundry	1,535	2,625
Bank Charges, Fees & Interest	511	679
World Youth Day (Diocesan Expense)	-	300
History Book	-	600
J&P Extension	-	4,893
New Confessional in Mary Immaculate Church	-	21,070
Professional Fees	450	6,005
Trócaire (Expense)	17,543	15,153
Trócaire Famine Relief (Expense)	10,065	-
Mission (Expense)	3,260	3,118
Lourdes (Expense)	3,430	3,232
World Meeting of Families (Expense)	1,907	1,395
	172,522	200,235
Net Income over Expenditure	50,027	27,800
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