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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: 8.30am at Airport Oratory, 9am & 11am at Mary Immaculate Church, 6.30pm (Saturday Vigil) at SS John & Paul Church, 10am & 12.15pm at SS John & Paul Church.

July/August: Weekday Masses: 10am at Mary Immaculate & 12 noon on Saturday. 7pm at SS John & Paul (Thursday & Friday)

Priest on call this week (outside of Office Hours) – Fr. Francis 089 4494090

Sunday 4th August 2019

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Last week's Collection: € 1,620

Diocesan Needs Appeal: €2,207

Many thanks for your great generosity!



We extend our Prayers & Sympathy:

To the family of John Mailvaganam, late of 17 Killian Park, who died recently in London.

May he rest in the gentle peace of Christ.

Months Mind Mass

Next Saturday at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church for Kerry Kissane O'Donnell.

Next Saturday at 12 noon for Mark Mullin.

We pray for the following whose anniversaries are celebrated around this time:

Dorothy & Eddie O'Hare, Gail Connolly, Kay Prendergast & Thomas Prendergast, Michael Sexton, Ambrose Sloan, Stephen McKee, Sandy Cooke, Bernie Burke, Johnny McInerney & deceased members of the McInerney & Leahy families, Filomena Kosvdova.

Bank Holiday Monday Mass

Please note - one Mass only:

Mary Immaculate Church at 12 noon. Adoration Chapel closed for the day.

*Give God your weakness
and He will give you His strength!*

Lough Derg Pilgrimage -Time for Body & Soul:

Led by Bishop Fintan from August 5th to 7th. The Pilgrimage is all about letting go! From the moment you reach the car park at Lough Derg you begin the process of letting go and slowing down. The Island is a mobile free zone and this immediately removes us from our fast paced modern lives. The three day Pilgrimage this week is a programme of prayer, fasting (one simple Lough Derg meal each day) walking bare-footed and 24hr Vigil. Without shoes and sleep and little food in our stomachs, we are confronted with the essential aspects of life, everything else is stripped away and we can often discover our hidden strengths and what really matters in life. God bless you if you plan on going!



Wedding Congratulations: To Trevor Cassidy, Ard Caoin Court, Ballycasey, & Siobhan O'Neill, Ballyphehane, Cork, who were recently married in Kinsale.

Milford Hospice annual Harvest Fair celebrates its 134th anniversary and takes place Sunday 1st September at the University of Limerick. Fun filled programme of activities and entertainment. Items such as plants, bottles for the bottle stall, and homemade cakes along with new items for the Wheel of Fortune will be accepted on the day only. All other goods such as toys, fancy goods, designer/good quality handbags/scarves accepted at the Hospice from 19th August. More details on 061 485859/485860.

The Feast of the Assumption Annual Grotto Mass will be held on Thursday 15th August in Cratloe Grotto at 7.30pm. Bring a friend! All welcome!



Light of My Being: An exhibition of Art by Frances Bailey in Carrigoran House August 5th to 9th. Opening Monday 5th by Bishop Emeritus Willie Walsh and continues Tuesday to Friday – 11am to 7pm. Proceeds in aid of Pieta House. All very welcome!

Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2019:

The search is to recognise those who give their all to help others in their local community. For an application form, contact Helen 065 6846240. Forms must be in by 12th Sept.

Holidays? What are your plans this year?

During the summertime, we sometimes become over-concerned about ourselves. Many will have the opportunity of holidaying away from Shannon. But holidays can still be enjoyable at home – just to be with the family a little more – an occasional day at the sea or up in the mountains, an outing or a match – can often be more enjoyable than an exotic holiday abroad.

But, as we take our breaks, let us not forget those who rarely, if ever, get a break: the very poor, the housebound, the elderly, people in nursing homes or hospitals. Summer is a time for remembering them. We could call on them, perhaps bring them for a drive, keep them company. Often people feel most lonely and sad when they see everyone else enjoying themselves. Christ, who always showed such concern for the poor and the sick is surely telling us not to forget them during summertime when we are arranging our own holidays and breaks.

May the summer be a time of renewal, of Christian renewal, for all of us. May it be a time we show warm welcome to our visitors who come to Shannon and to our emigrants who return to be with their families and friends. Let's make this summer enjoyable for everyone – it is the Christian way.