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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 10am, 12.15pm at SS John & Paul Church

Masses: 9.15am at Mary Immaculate 10am at Skycourt Adoration Chapel 7pm at SS John & Paul (Thurs/Friday) **Saturday** 12 noon at Mary Immaculate, 6.30pm at SS John & Paul

You can find shannon parish on facebook ... and on Twitter too!

Live streaming from SS John & Paul Church



Sunday 29th March 2020 Dé Domhnach 29ú Márta Fifth Sunday of Lent



We extend our Prayers & Sympathy:

To the family of Catherine McLoughlin, Corrib Drive who was buried on Wednesday.

May Catherine rest in the gentle peace of Christ.

The Priests of the Parish will offer private Masses for your intentions on the webcam and Parish Radio from SS John & Paul Church with no congregation present. There will be no celebrations in Mary Immaculate Church. Masses are broadcast live on our Facebook post.

Tune in during the following times for Mass:

Monday to Friday: 10am, 7pm
Saturday: 6.30pm (vigil) 6.30pm
Sunday: 10am & 11am

Funerals: Due to new updated restrictions, funerals will now be celebrated with family members only. All funerals will be celebrated in SS John & Paul Church because of the facilities of the webcam and parish radio (105.6fm band).

Baptisms: Please note all Baptisms are cancelled up to 19th April.

The Adoration Chapel will remain open from 9am to 6pm from Monday to Friday for personal prayer but there will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Mass.

Both our Churches will remain open also for people to visit for prayer, light a candle, reflection or indeed to pray the stations of the Cross and the Rosary.

All anniversaries that are affected by the suspension will be rescheduled at a future date.

First Friday Visits: Due to restrictions at this time in terms of public ministry, First Friday visits by the Priests of the Parish are suspended. If you are a First Friday person, please be assured you will be called on when we are cleared to do so! Fr. Arnie.



Shannon Bereavement Support Group are very conscious that members of our parish community have been bereaved over the past few weeks. Since we are unable to visit you, we would like to reassure you that we remember you and your loved ones at this sad time.

Prayer for the Bereaved

God of love and mercy, embrace all those whose hearts today overflow with grief, unanswered questions and such a sense of loss. Grant them space to express their tears. Hold them close to you in the coming days. Amen.

The Parish Office is closed until further notice. If you require Mass Cards, you can call to Fr. Arnie's Presbytery or phone him (if his car isn't present) on 087 8598710.

Parish Newsletters and children's liturgy drawing pages will be left at the porch in SS John & Paul Church. You are welcome to take copies home.

Forgiveness of Sins and Easter Duty

- Catholic doctrine teaches that if a person cannot get to Confession, it is sufficient to confess one's sins to God, seeking forgiveness and with the intention of going when next possible to Confession. God forgives the sins and the person is renewed in heart and soul. When the opportunity then arises later to go to Confession, he or she should do so.

- At his morning Mass on March 20th, Pope Francis' spoke about this doctrine in words that can also help resolve any issue about fulfilling our Easter duty:

"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?'. Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

Lord, bless the sick and all those who suffer. Show them through your suffering on the Cross that in your Passion all suffering is meant to redeem the world. Give them strength, courage and patience. Grant them by your grace to shine in sickness, their suffering which contributes to the love, that transforms the suffering of others. Amen.