

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

PENITENTIAL RITE

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us...**Amen..**

THE GLORIA

Glorify God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father

you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer; you are seated

at the right hand of the Father

have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9 - 14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the

throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' 'I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 23:1-6*

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.



focus on sunday

ALL SAINTS 1st November 2020

All of us know good, holy people whose quiet lives were filled with the grace and kindness of God. We know people whose names are unremembered but who were instruments of God's care and peace for many. Today we celebrate their memory and their heavenly reward with thanks.



*Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.*



An up to date approach to holiness names five qualities: that we persevere in doing good and right; that we have a sense of humour and are joyful; that we pray; that we take part in the community of the church and that we are people

of conviction. These are the elements of holiness proposed by Pope Francis in Gaudete et Exultate. In speaking to the charismatic renewal in May 2020 he notes further – that prayer and care for the poor always go together.

Our feast today reminds us of people who lived the Christian life well and personified many of these qualities. None of us has them all, but we welcome the 'holy' gifts of each of us and nourish them with prayer, practising them and welcoming the strength of the community in living a life close to Jesus Christ.

The saints were saints because they were close to God and to Jesus Christ. They were never perfect but tried to live their lives in following the gospel.

Most of them are unknown except to the people whose lives they were close to, and whose lives were enhanced by them. Today is a feast of thanks for the saints we knew and the ones we prayed to. As the saints enjoy your love O Lord in heaven, may we live in this love on earth.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm

Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses Streamed on Webcam:

10 am & 7 pm SS John & Paul Church

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Feast of All Saints Dé Domhnach 1u Samhain

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rest in Peace

Pray for Michael Delaney, Rineanna View, Mary Keane, Aidan Park and Portumna who died this week. Pray for Tom Kerr, Drogheda brother in law of Alice Magee, Tullyvarraga Hill, and Sarah O Toole, Oughterard, Galway, mother of Ann McGauley, Carrig Lia.



Anniversary Celebrated This Week:

Denis Chambers, Jim and Gerry O Dwyer, Patrick Cantillon, Peter Geraghty, Teresa Kelly, Breda Fanning, Margaret Moroney, Charlie and Kathleen Ward, Jamie Reyes,

'Covid 19-Reflections, Prayers, Poems'

'Covid-19: Reflections, Prayers, Poems' edited by Fr Arnie is available to purchase on amazon.co.uk or kindle. If you would like a print copy the parish office can order you a copy for €15 (including postage). Your welcome to contact us on 363243.

Priests' Autumn Collection and November Holy Souls

We thank you for your support and ask God to bless you with safety and protection. Your welcome to return your Priests' Autumn Collection and November Holy Souls Envelopes to the Church's and Parish Office. The online donate facility is also available on the website. Your support helps us at this time of lockdown and we are grateful. The Church's and Parish Office are open as normal.

Parish Masses Online

Daily Masses - Monday to Friday 10am and 7pm

Sunday Masses - Saturday at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10am in SS John and Paul Church, and 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

(All Masses will be broadcast on webcam, radio, and the 11am will be on Facebook live).

Parish Collections (Oct 11-30th) €1685

Feast of All Saint and All Souls

The month of November 'When We Remember' can for some be a challenging time of the year. The evening's close in early and the weather can be cold and wet. While nature falls asleep with the abundance of colour as the leaves fall off the trees, we can still live this time in faith, hope and charity. The Feast of All Saints (Nov 1st) and All Souls (Nov 2nd) helps us to connect with the holy ones and loved ones who are in heaven. We remember and reflect in a special way the lives of those who we loved and lived with, and who are now with God in heaven. Please God they are looking after us, and praying for us. This Sunday while we would normally celebrate Cemetery Sunday as a community, we will be posting on our website and Facebook, some videos of the blessing of graves which we have put together in honour of all the faithful departed. We encourage you to visit your loved one's grave, as a reminder that death is not the end. The words of the prayer come to mind this weekend: 'As we have loved them in life how could we forget them in death'. God bless you!