

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Glory to 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

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless . . . ' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 104)

R. He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!

[R]

2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

[R]

3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose.

[R]

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations,

the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

[R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:22 - 40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord -observing what stands written in the law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master,

you can let your servant go in peace,

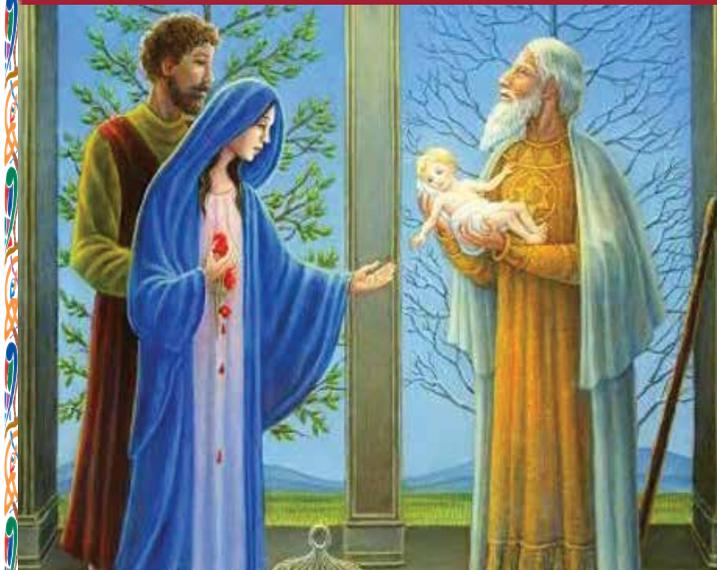


focus on sunday

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 27th December 2020

A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to pray for healing of divisions and bitterness.

We pray that we may grow in respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.



just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



There is a lot of looking after in the family. We want to care for the young and the old. It may even be embarrassing for us to have to look after the ones who looked after us. We feel it deeply when parents are in a nursing home and we cannot do much for them or visit them. We miss the care at Christmas when people cannot come home, for financial or other reasons. We miss that care too when we cannot go home ourselves.

This is part of the bond of family; it is what we can celebrate for this feast. Even in death, the bond remains. There is an intimation of eternity in family love and connections.

The gospel is about the trust Jesus' parents had to have in his future and in God's care for their son. This is part of family life as the old worry about the young, and the younger about the elders. A good daily prayer is to entrust our families to the care of God, who loves each of them more than we do ourselves.

In stressful times as we have lived through for many months now, we can both be grateful for the support and love of our families and pray that all may be held in the love of God.

Donal Neary SJ,
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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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Sunday December 27th 2020

Dé Domhnach 27ú Mi na Nollag

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Priest on Call: Fr Francis 089-4494090



Pray for Bridget Sunderland, Finian Park and Jim O'Brien, Delginis who both passed away on Christmas Eve

Anniversaries Celebrated This Week:

Kathleen Clair, Ann Mullaney (1st Anniversary), Maureen Haughey, Laura Power, Pat Hourigan, Joe Murphy, Breda and Tom Murphy, Helen McEnery.

Parish Collection Last Sunday €2323,
Gorodische €250

Online Rosary – Mon/Wed at 7.45pm.

To access email

shannonrosary@yahoo.com or call 086-1205345.

Parish Office re-open's on Tuesday
January 5th 2021

Priests' Christmas Collection 2020

Thank you for your great support to the Christmas Collection. If you haven't had the opportunity to support the collection

you're welcome to leave your donation into the Church box or Parish Office letter box. You can also use the online donate facility on the website.

Happy New Year 2021

It's fair to say everyone is looking forward to a much better and brighter 2021 than 2020 has been. Indeed, every facet of our society and world has been affected by Covid-19 in ways we could never have imagined and will be dealing with it for a long time to come. We welcome the arrival of the vaccine and encourage everyone to take it. We remember all those who lost their lives from the pandemic, those who were diagnosed and are still recovering. We encourage everyone to adhere to the safety protocols and play your part in acting responsibly in your daily lives. What will 2021 bring? No one knows, but we go forward in faith in the person of Jesus Christ, hope in the message he brings, and charity in looking out for another. Our parish wishes you a Happy New Year of health, happiness and blessing. May the next year be one of light and hope for you and yours, and may we build on the good things of 2020 and learn from the mistakes made.

Online Masses to January 12th

With the decision to move to Phase 5 of restrictions Masses will now be online until January 12th. Our Church's will be open for you to visit and light a candle. As with the previous 2 lockdown's the online Mass schedule will be as follows.

Weekday Masses

Daily Mass will be at 10am and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church broadcast on webcam and parish radio.

Sunday Masses

Sunday Masses will be at 6.30pm on Saturday evening and 10am on Sunday morning from SS John and Paul Church, while the 11am will be from Mary Immaculate Church and broadcast on the Parish Facebook live feed.

We have received tremendous feedback for our video reflections which we post on a regular basis. We will continue to do so and we hope these reflections will bring you encouragement. All video reflections can be viewed on our Parish App. All you need to do is download the free app, navigate to the Faith Formation link and click on the videos, and the reflections are there for you.

Thank you and may God bless you.