

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Let not our enemies exult over us.  
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in  
what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Genesis 22.1-2. 9-13. 15-18. A reading from the book of Genesis.**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps. 115:10.15-19**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

(R)

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I:  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

(R)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

(R)

SECOND READING **Romans 8.31-34**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL **Mark 9:2-10**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**



## focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28th February 2021

**Jesus is glorified by his father and receives his mission from him. Jesus' transfiguration encourages us to be confident that we shall be with God eternally if we are faithful to him now.**



**the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

**All bow for following three lines:**

**and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom  
will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and  
the Son is adored and glorified, who has  
spoken through the prophets. I believe in  
one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins and I look  
forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults and sanctify  
your faithful in body and mind for the  
celebration of the paschal festivities.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**The mystery of faith.**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you  
come again.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**This is my beloved Son, with whom  
I am well pleased; listen to him.**



Her son had died a few months ago and her grief was obvious. She was praying as best she could, hoping for some acceptance of what had happened and for peace of mind. Although she was being helped by many, she knew she had a long journey to go to consolation and comfort. The mountain to climb was high and would be hard.

In the gospel of climbing the mountain today, I thought of her as someone at the foot of the mountain, knowing it was to be a long climb - but willing to believe in times of comfort and consolation along the way.

We face grief and anxiety in many forms - bereavement, illness of a parent or ourselves, worry about the children. Some people spend a lot of time at the foot of the mountain. In society also - the homeless, the neglected ones, the refugee. We can lose faith. We can fail exams, lose jobs. That's all on the journey. What keeps us going?

As we travel up the mountain, we have Jesus with us. And others. Can you remember times you were there? And who helped?

Jesus is the companion. He is always there - open to a bit of prayer. Others come at times and we would be lost without them. Thank God for them. Everyone here I would say has been a companion to someone else. In this time of impersonal communication, of being at the mercy of so much hardship outside our control, we need time to switch off the social media, and listen to the voice of love within us and among us.

In Lent we can give time to the better things in life like prayer, friends, family, and what gives a sense of joy and peace in your life.

Donal Neary SJ., Editor Sacred Heart Messenger



### **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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### **Tune in and Follow us on:**

Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul  
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>  
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**Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Dé Domhnach 28ú Feabhra**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Pray for Catherine (Patsy) Nolan, Tola Park, Tom Ryan, Cronan Grove, and William (Bill) Kirkby, Aidan Park who died this week.

### **Anniversaries Celebrated This Week:**

Frank Kenny, Noreen Kenefick, Brendan Hughes, Liam Mason, Charlie Connolly.

**Month's Mind Mass** for Emily Regan, Aidan Park and Alan Dowie, Aidan Park will be celebrated on Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am in SS John and Paul Church. Month's Mind Mass for Eileen Garvey, Tullyglass Hill, and Breege Sweeney, Tullyglass Hill will be celebrated next Saturday at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church

**Parish Collections February 3-19<sup>th</sup> €1742**

**Parish Office** is open for parish business, Mass bookings etc. We ask that you contact the parish office for all bookings.

Thank you for your great support to the parish collection. With the current Phase 5 restrictions, you are welcome to bring your donation to the Church box, parish office, or donate on the website at [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie) Do continue to stay safe and we urge everyone to observe the Phase 5 restrictions. Don't forget to sanitise on entry and exit when you visit the Church.

### **St Patricks Day Virtual Event**

Clare County Council invites Clare people at home/abroad to take part, by recording and submitting a performance, prizes to be won. For more details [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie)

### **Trocaire**

**A vast array of resources for families and schools to use for the season of Lent are available from [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) Trocaire boxes are available from the Church's as a way to support their Lenten campaign in South Sudan.**

### **Lenten Challenge!**

Last week we invited you to get creative and consider putting a sacred space together for the Season of Lent. This week's Lenten challenge is to pray and reflect on the daily Mass readings which trace the story of God's people and the gospel, which in some way will challenge us for the week ahead. If you do not possess the readings of the Mass, there are lots of website links that you can log into and pray the Mass. Some websites where the Mass readings can be viewed and prayed with are [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) or [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) to name just some. Many websites also offer prayer moments based on the Mass readings. Our parish app, Facebook, and website have a vast array of video prayer moments. We invite you to like/follow us on social media or download the parish app. These are just some of the suggestions you can use for this week's Lenten challenge. The purpose of the exercise is to pray a little more, where we can grow closer to the person of Christ. May God bless you!